

LORD's Day Service – April 16, 2023

Preparation for Worship: *Romans 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 15:20*

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

- * *Entrance* Songbook, #1
Opening Acclamation
- * *Call to Worship* Isaiah 64:1-5
- Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Congregation: Amen!**
- Minister: Alleluia. Christ is risen!
- Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- Minister: Rejoice! Do not be afraid!
- Congregation: Hosanna in the highest!**
- * *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #204
Alleluia! Alleluia

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Call to Confession Ezekiel 22:23-29

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

O most merciful God, since You have given Your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for His sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen! (*Silent prayer*)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 32:5

The Almighty and merciful Lord forgive you of all your sins, and grant you true repentance, amendment of life, with grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

- Minister: The Lord be with you.
- Congregation: And also with you.**
- Minister: Lift up your hearts!
- Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!**
- Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!**
- Minister: It is right to praise You, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly we are

bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, our Savior; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, Who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, singing:

- The Sanctus* Songbook, #79
- Hymn* Songbook, #88
Thine Is the Glory

Let us pray: **Almighty and everlasting God, Who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Leviticus 23:1-14
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:20, 35-49
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 28:1-10
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Going on from the Resurrection of the Son of God" – Part 1

Hymn Songbook, #32
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

* *We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God*

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Petitions & the Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Luke 22:14-20

Let Us Stand and Proclaim the Mystery of the Faith! **Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ is coming again!**

* *Hymn* Songbook, #66
Our God Reigns

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

- * *The Lord's Commission of Us* Matthew 28:19-20
* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* 2 Thessalonians 3:16
* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him* Psalter, #72D



Announcements

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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The simple, unadorned cross reminds us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus, he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is *"the message of the cross...to us who are being saved is the power of God"* (1 Co 1:18).

The color used in the sanctuary in anticipation of Easter is purple or violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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