

May 31, 2020



The Church celebrates a "week of weeks" (seven weeks) during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive victory and redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. The season ends with the festival of the outpouring or baptism of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). This ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Red symbolizes the tongues of fire that sat upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost when the exalted Christ poured out the Holy Spirit as He promised.

LORD's Day Service - May 31, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Ezekiel 36:22-28

Entrance - God Calls Us; we gather together and praise Him

* Call to Worship Isaiah 11:1-2, 9b-10; 12:1-2

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Christ is ascended!

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He is ascended indeed!

Alleluia! Christ is King!

Congregation: He is King indeed!

Minister: Alleluia! Christ has poured out His Spirit.

Congregation: Come. Holy Comforter, and never from us depart.

Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

* Hymn of Praise Psalter, #139A (5 stanzas)

LORD. Thou Hast Searched Me

<u>Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him</u> and are forgiven in Christ

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. (Those unable to kneel may be seated.)

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, personal confession of sin)

Assurance of Pardon Ezekiel 36:25-27; 29a

Minister: Beloved, your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord! Congregation:

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is proper and right to do so! Congregation:

Truly it is our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in every situation, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God; Only You can cleanse us and fill us with joy. Therefore, with all saints on earth and the heavenly host, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song, singing:

*The Sanctus

(inside hymnal and psalter cover)

Let us pray: Almighty God, on this day You opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of Your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth: Grant us the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things: through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen!

God Consecrates by His Word: we listen & offer ourselves to Him

* Old Testament Lesson Daniel 4:1-19

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

* New Testament Lesson Acts 2:1-47

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson John 16:7-15

The Word of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ!

* Hymn Trinity Hymnal, #253 O Spirit of the Living God

Sermon "The Spirit of the Holy God, the Alarm of

Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel's Dismay"

* Hymn of Consecration Trinity Hymnal, #567

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church Requests & Lord's Prayer

* Hymn Trinity Hymnal, #352 A Little Child the Savior Came

Sacrament of Baptism Psalmody Snow Peterson & Jonathan Stonewall Pennington

Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune. Incarnate God Creed (inside hymnal cover)

Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him

* The Lord's Commission of Us

Matthew 28:18-20

* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us

Romans 15:13

* We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him

Doxology

* Threefold Amen

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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