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The Tree of Life

In the Bible, trees are given to man for food and medicine as well as beauty and shade. Trees are an emblem of God's glory in the world and so are fitting symbols of God's people. We can flourish "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither" (Psalm 1:3). The growth of the kingdom is likened to a rising, spreading tree (Ezek. 17; Matt. 13:31-32). Adam's fall severed us from access to the Tree of Life, but united to Christ we again have access to its life-giving fruit (Rev. 22:2). The Tree of Life is a symbol of Jesus. The time between Pentecost and Advent is called Trinity Season. The color green is used to symbolize life, growth, and the maturation of Jesus' kingdom.

LORD's Day Service – July 12, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Matthew 27:17-18

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

* Call to Worship Psalm 5:1-3, 11, 12

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.

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

* Hymn Psalter, #5B

O Jehovah, Hear my Words

<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.

James 3:13-17

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

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against You, opposing Your will in our lives and breaking Your law. We have denied Your goodness in our thoughts. We get jealous and envy others. We do not love others as we love ourselves, and in so doing, we fail to love You, the Creator of all. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, and the evil we have done. Forgive us, Father in heaven, and in Your mercy change our hearts and put our sins out of Your sight. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus, Who bore our sins on the cross, that we may abide in Your love and serve only Your will. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:2-4

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!

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!

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)

Hymn

Psalter, #112B
Praise to the LORD!

Let us pray: O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for Your holy Name, for You never fail to help and govern those whom You have set upon the sure foundation of Your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

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

Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 6:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:22, 27-33

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"The Integrity of Daniel and the Envy of his Peers"

* Hymn

Trinity Hymnal, #660

Dare to Be a Daniel

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

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)

* Hymn

Psalter, #134A Lo. with Praises to Jehovah

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

* The Lord's Commission of Us

1 Peter 3:15-17

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

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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

Gloria Patri

* 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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