

August 2, 2020



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 – August 2, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Daniel 6:5

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

* Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-10, 19-22

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, #34C

In Every Time I'll Always Bless the LORD

<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.

Psalm 34:11-14

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 and in failing to do good to others. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, and the evil we have done. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in Your love and serve only Your will. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 34:15-18. 22

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

Trinity Hymnal, #449
The Law of God Is Good and Wise

Let us pray: O God, You have taught us to keep all Your commandments by loving You and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to You with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

Psalm 119:1-11; Daniel 6:5, 10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson

Romans 3:19 – 4:5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:9-19

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"The Law of the Living God of Daniel"

* Hymn

Trinity Hymnal, #596

Jesus Lives. and so Shall I

* 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, #145B

Jehovah very Gracious Is

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

* 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);
- 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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