

August 9, 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 9, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 8

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

* Call to Worship	Revelation 5:12-14
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!
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* Hymn

Trinity Hymnal, #18 Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him 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. Isaiah 1:15-17

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

Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, Jehovah, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared....O Israel, hope in Jehovah; for with Jehovah there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Amen! (from Ps 130)

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18-19

Minister: Congregation:	Beloved, your sins are forgiven through Christ. 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, #220 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Let us pray: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, You know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

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

Old Testament Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Daniel 7:1-3, 9-14			
<i>Epistle Lesson</i> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Revelation 1:10-18			
* Gospel Lesson The Word of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ!	Matthew 24:30-31; 26:63-65			
Sermon	"An Introduction to the Prophecies Given to Daniel"			
* Hymn	Trinity Hymnal, #257 Thy Word Is Like a Garden			
* Dedication of Tithes & Offe	rings			
Prayers of the Church	Requests & Lord's Prayer			
Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table				
Sacrament of the Lord's Sup	per			
We Confess Our Faith in the	<i>Triune, Incarnate God</i> Creed (inside hymnal cover)			

* Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate

Trinity Hymnal, #267

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

* The Lord's Commission of Us	2 Peter 1:19
* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us	2 Peter 3:18
* 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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