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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 – October 11, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Leviticus 9:2-4

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

* Call to Worship Isaiah 6:1-7

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 Trinity Hymnal, #42

Round the Lord in Glory Seated

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

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 53:6

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

Almighty and merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep; we have followed our own desires; we have transgressed Your holy laws and left undone what we should have done, and we have done things we should not have done. Lord, have mercy upon us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen!

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 119:174-176

Beloved, your sins are forgiven through Christ.

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: 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, #119X

Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson Daniel 8:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 5:1-3, 7:21-28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson Revelation 1:3-6, 17-19

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Daniel's Second Vision: the Ram and Male Goat

and the Continual Sacrifices"

* Hymn Psalter, #10B Arise, O LORD!

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church Requests & Lord's Prayer

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* Hymn

Psalter, #56 Be Gracious unto Me, O God

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

* The Lord's Commission of Us

Hebrews 13:12-16

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

Hebrews 13:20-21

* We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him

Gloria Patri

* Threefold Amen

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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