



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

*A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church.*

## June 19, 2016



### 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 – June 19, 2016

### Welcome & Announcements

### Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

### Silent Preparation

#### \* Call to Worship

Philippians 2:5, 8-11

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

People: **Amen!**

*Mt 28:19*

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

*Ruth 2:4*

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

*Ps 124:8*

#### \* Hymn of Praise

Trinity Hymnal, #217

*Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious*

### Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

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)*

Now lift up your heads, arise and hear the good news! Our heavenly Father, in His great mercy, has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake pardons and rescues you from all your sins in order to present you spotless before His glory with great joy!

**Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!**

### Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

*Ps 86:4, Lam 3:41*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: **It is proper and right to do so!**

*Psalm 92:1*

Pastor: Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with

the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing.

**\* Hymn of Preparation**

Trinity Hymnal, #42  
*Round the Lord in Glory Seated*

**\* Prayer**

O Lord of glory, we give you thanks for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen!

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Daniel 7:13-28**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Lesson**

**Acts 7:54-8:3; Hebrews 11:32-40**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\* Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 23:34-37; 5:43-48**

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.  
People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

**"The Stoning of Stephen, the First Christian Martyr"**

**Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes**

**\* Hymn of Consecration**

Psalter, #31E  
*In You LORD, I Take Refuge*

**\* Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Requests & Lord's Prayer**

**Peace – We Commune with God**

**Words of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Luke 22:19-23**

**We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God**

**Creed** (Inside hymnal cover)

**\* Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Trinity Hymnal, #489  
*The Son of God Goes Forth to War*

**Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us**

**\* The Lord's Commission of Us**

**Revelation 2:8b-11**

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

**Numbers 6:24-26**

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

**Doxology**

**\* Threefold Amen & Postlude**

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**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.

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*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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## Sermon Notes – June 19, 2016

### "The Stoning of Stephen, the First Christian Martyr" Text: Acts 7:54--8:3

1. The rage & strength of corruption in Stephen's persecutors (7:54,57,58)
  
2. Christ's peace & strength of grace in Stephen
  - A. Christ graciously unveils Himself to Stephen
    - 1) *He gazed into heaven & saw...Jesus – the place where \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ meet (55)*
  
    - 2) *Look! I see the heavens opened & the Son of Man standing – the heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ is superimposed upon the earthly one (56)*
  
  - B. Stephen prays to Jesus for himself & for his persecutors
    - 1) *Lord Jesus, receive my spirit – he commits his soul to a faithful \_\_\_\_\_ (59)*
  
    - 2) *Lord, do not charge them with this sin – love your enemies...\_\_\_\_\_ for them (60)*
  
3. The effect of Stephen's death on Saul & the church (8:1-3)

## Announcements

### Sunday School

Don't have a HEART OF STONE, but join us on this DAY OF THE LORD to meet in the TEMPLE and hear about the words written by our MESSIAH. Sit in the comfy pew, and not on a WATCHTOWER, while taking in a FLOOD of information as we Walk Thru the Bible during Sunday School at 11:30. It's better than a DAY IN COURT!

### Scripture Memory

James 4:6-12. This week memorize v 11 and review v 6-10.

- 6 *But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*
- 7 *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*
- 8 *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*
- 9 *Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.*
- 10 *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*
- 11 *Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge*
- 12 *There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?*

### Directory Update

A draft of the June directory is available downstairs for your review. Please indicate changes on the draft or e-mail Barb Hummel no later than June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Prayer Meeting

This Wednesday we will meet for prayer at 7 pm at the church.

### WIC Activities

- Ladies Bible Study will meet 6/27 at 7 pm. Our next study will be an audio series by R.C. Sproul, "Five Things Every Christian needs to Grow." It addresses the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, Bible study, service and stewardship. No lesson preparation is necessary – just come, learn, pray & fellowship.
- Save the date: Women's Retreat November 11-12 at Green Lake, WI.

### Marriage Solemnization

Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, Shane & Crystal Peterson invite you to be witnesses as they solemnize their wedding vows at church. A marriage potluck supper will follow downstairs.

### Set-up Teams

#### **Next Week**

June 26 Team 2 Greenwald, D\*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington, Peterson

#### **Following Weeks:**

July 3 Team 3 J Hummel,\* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman  
July 10 Team 4 J Pennington,\* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling, Sosnoski  
July 17 Team 5 Reich\*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Rucht  
July 24 Team 1 Dykema\*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke