



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

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

## September 4, 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 – September 4, 2016

### Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

#### \* *God's Word*

**Psalm 65:1-4**

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*

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

**People: Amen!**

*Mt 28:19*

#### \* *Hymn of Praise*

**Psalter, #65A**

*Praise Waits for Thee in Zion!*

### 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)*

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, #253  
*O Spirit of the Living God*

**Old Testament Lesson**

Joel 1:28-32

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**New Testament Lesson**

Acts 11:1-18

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**\* Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 3:1-12

Pastor: The Gospel of Lord Jesus.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

**\* Prayer**

**Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

**Sermon "Contention from the Circumcision & Peter's Defense"**

**Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes**

**\* Hymn of Consecration**

Trinity Hymnal, #372  
*Arm of the Lord, Awake*

**\* 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 22:19-20

**We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God** **Creed** (Inside hymnal cover)

**\* Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Trinity Hymnal, #270  
*The Church's One Foundation*

**Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us**

**\* The Lord's Commission of Us** 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15

**\* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us** 2 Thessalonians 3:16

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

**\* Announcements**

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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 – September 4, 2016

### "Contention from the Circumcision & Peter's Defense"

Text: Acts 11:1-18

1. Those who wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ circumcision contend with Peter about what he did with Cornelius.
  - A. Who were *those of the circumcision*? (1-2)
  
  - B. What was their contention & prejudice? (3)
  
2. Peter's defense of the work of God:
  - A. He \_\_\_\_\_ *from the beginning* (4)
  
  - B. He shows at every step that the Holy Spirit left him with no \_\_\_\_\_ but to do what he did (5-15)
  
  - C. He \_\_\_\_\_ a few, new details to his repetition of what happened (12,14,15,16)
  
  - D. He states the \_\_\_\_\_ of the defense & it is accomplished (17,18)

## Announcements

### Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School today.

### Scripture Memory

1 Corinthians 13:1-13. This week review v 1-8 and memorize v 9.

- 1 *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.*
- 2 *And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.*
- 3 *And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.*
- 4 *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;*
- 5 *does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;*
- 6 *does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;*
- 7 *bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*
- 8 *Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.*
- 9 *For we know in part and we prophesy in part.*

### Prayer Meeting

We will meet for prayer this Wednesday evening, 7 pm at the church.

### Fellowship Picnic

Next Sunday we will have our Fellowship Picnic at the Jim Hummel home. Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share, and your own meat to grill and beverage. Grills will be provided. A patriotic program will be held following the picnic, and the volleyball net ready.

### WIC Activities

- Women's Bible Study will meet September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the church.
- Bridal Shower for Bethany Burie Saturday, October 1 at 1 pm.
- Women's Retreat November 11-12 at Green Lake, WI.

### Bethany Golf Outing

If you pledged money for Bethany Christian Services for their Golf-athon, and haven't given a check to Deacon Reich yet, please give it to him today. Checks are to be made payable to Bethany Christian Services.

### Set-up Teams

#### **Next Week**

September 11 Team 3 J Hummel,\* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman

#### **Following Weeks**

September 18 Team 4 J Pennington,\* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling, Sosnoski  
September 25 Team 5 Reich\*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti  
October 2 Team 1 Dykema\*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke  
October 9 Team 2 Greenwald, D\*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson