



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

September 18, 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 18, 2016

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

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, #54B

By Your Name, O God, Now Save Me

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. 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, #604
Jerusalem the Golden

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 54

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

New Testament Lesson

Acts 12:1-5

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

*** Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 20:20-28

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

*** Prayer**

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen!

Sermon

"The True King Rules" Part 1: The serpent's seed strikes again – martyrdom of James

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

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

*** 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

Matthew 26:26-35

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (Inside hymnal cover)

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Trinity Hymnal, #487
Faith of Our Fathers

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

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

Hebrews 12:2-4

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

Hebrews 13:20-21

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

Gloria Patri

*** 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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Sermon Notes – September 18, 2016

The True King Rules – Part 1: the serpent's seed strikes again -- martyrdom of James Text: Acts 12:1-5

1. The serpent's seed strikes again: What makes a ruler act violently toward his subjects?
 - A. Herod acts violently toward some from the church (1)
Who is he? (heritage, character, reputation, motivations, leadership style)
 - B. Herod kills James the brother of John (2)
Which James? Why is he killed?
 - C. Herod imprisons Peter during Passover (3-4), but the church prays for him (5)
 - Peter's arrest explains further motivations of Herod (significance of Passover)
 - What men can do to our body vs what the Body can do for one another

Announcements

Sunday School

There will meet in the sanctuary at 11:30 am for a Bible geography lesson beginning at the Beginnings.

Scripture Memory

1 Corinthians 13:1-13. This week review v 1-10 and memorize v 11.

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.*
10. *But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.*
11. *When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

Prayer Meeting

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

WIC Activities

- Women's Bible Study will meet September 26th at 7 pm at the church.
- Bridal Shower for Bethany Burie Saturday, October 1 at 1 pm. Please RSVP to Heather today if you haven't done so. Also, a food signup sheet is being circulated this week and next.
- Women's Retreat November 11-12 at Green Lake, WI. On-line registration is now open. Registration deadline is October 3rd. Let Barb Hummel know if you would like to help at the book table.

LAMP Seminary

LAMP Seminary provides an opportunity to receive graduate level seminary training, for those who have a Bachelor's degree or only a high school diploma or equivalent. Courses can be taken for credit or audit. The courses offered this November are: The Doctrine of God and Ministry of the Deacon. To take courses, you must be registered with LAMP. Now is the time to request an application packet! For info, contact Bill Acker, LAMP facilitator, at [920-915-3991](tel:920-915-3991) or billacker@jacobsowellgb.org. LAMP website: lampseminary.org.

Set-up Teams

Next Week

September 25 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti

Following Weeks

October 2 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke

October 9 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson

October 16 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman

October 23 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling, Sosnoski