



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

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

## August 6, 2017



### 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 6, 2017

### Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

#### Silent Preparation for Worship

#### Call to Worship

**Psalm 47**

#### \* **Salutation & Responsive Scripture**

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*Mt 28:19*

People: **Amen!**

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

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

*Ps 124:8*

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

*Ruth 2:4*

#### \* **Hymn of Praise**

**Psalter, #47A**

*All Peoples, Clap Your Hands for Joy*

### 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!**

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

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

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, we praise You by joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name. Let us sing...

**\* Hymn of Preparation**

Psalter, #2  
*Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?*

**\* Prayer**

Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen!

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Psalms 59**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Lesson**

**Acts 23:23-35**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\* Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 23:4-12**

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

**"Paul Sent to Felix"**

**Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes**

**\* Hymn of Consecration**

Psalter, #71B, C  
*Do Not Reject Me* (6 verses: Ps 23B)

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

**Doxology**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Requests & Lord's Prayer**

**Peace – We Commune with God**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

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

**Creed** (inside hymnal cover)

**\* Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalter, #44A  
*O God, We with Our Ears Have Heard*

**Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us**

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

**Romans 13:1, 7**

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

**Jude 24-25**

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

**Gloria Patri**

**\* Threefold Amen**

**\* 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 – August 6, 2017

### "Paul Sent to Felix" Text: Acts 23:23-35

1. A duty of rulers is to provide \_\_\_\_\_ for the righteous against the wicked; *for rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil...* (23-24; Ro 13:3)
  - A. Claudius Lysias (23-30)
  - B. The Jews & their Council (27-30)
  - C. Governor Felix (31-35)
  - D. Messiah Jesus (23:11)
  
2. A duty of rulers is to justly \_\_\_\_\_ law; *for he is God's minister to you for good...* (25-30; Ro 13:4)
  - A. Man's laws versus God's laws in relationship to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the one, true God (29-30).
  
  - B. Biblical theology is not \_\_\_\_\_ concepts. Paul's theology is worked out from God's law (revelation), and it answers what God is doing right now in a turbulent world (Ro 13:1-7).

## Announcements

### **Welcome**

We are so glad you came today. If you have any questions about Trinity Presbyterian Church, please call 262-894-8768. We ask visitors to fill out a card from the pew rack and leave it in the offering basket on the back table.

### **Children**

We love kids and encourage their presence in the entire Lord's Service. In the basement we do have an area for nursing moms and a cry area to attend to a child's need.

### **Prayer**

An important part of worship is intercessory prayer. Each Sunday morning one of the officers prays for the congregation. If you have a request, please fill out a prayer card on the back table and put it in the offering box prior to the service.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary at 11:30 am.

### **"Swing for Kids"**

The golf fundraiser for Bethany Christian Services is September 15. This is the major, annual fundraiser for Bethany. A pledge sheet will be circulated today.

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

This week's focus is WSC 29, "How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?" Family Worship Helps are available on the back table and by email.

### **Scripture Memory for this Week**

Titus 3:5-6 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

### **Fellowship Meal/Picnic**

Next Sunday, we will have our Fellowship picnic on the back lawn of the church. Bring your own beverage and meat, as well as a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Team 1 will set up serving & eating tables with chairs. Bring your lawn chairs if you like.

### **Vacation**

Pastor and his family will be on vacation Aug 7-15. If you have a prayer request or other need, please contact Elders Dykema or Greenwald.

### **Women's Activities**

Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 pm at the church – Baby Shower for Leigh Ann Pennington.

### **Set-up Teams**

|                        |               | <b>Next Week</b>   |
|------------------------|---------------|--|
| August 13              | <u>Team 1</u> | Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer                                |
| <b>Following Weeks</b> |               |  |
| August 20              | <u>Team 2</u> | Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson           |
| August 27              | <u>Team 3</u> | J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman                   |
| September 3            | <u>Team 4</u> | J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, A Pennington, Sosnoski    |
| September 10           | <u>Team 5</u> | Reich*, D'Alessio, DiFrancis, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera |