



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

August 20, 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 20, 2017

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 5

* **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, #54B

By Your Name, O God, Now Save Me

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Most merciful God, I confess to You that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, but which are all known to You. For this reason, I flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring and receiving Your grace, through my Lord Jesus Christ. 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, #35C
False Witnesses against Me Stood

*** Prayer**

Almighty God, You have given Your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of His redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 6:16-19; 26:23-28

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

New Testament Lesson

Acts 24:1-9

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

*** Gospel Lesson**

Luke 23:1-5

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

Sermon

"Tertullus Accuses Paul before Felix"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Psalter, #22C & D (tune Ps 22C, 5 verses)
Be Not Far Off, for Grief Is Near

*** 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

Luke 22:19-20

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalter, #56
Be Gracious unto Me, O God

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

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

1 Peter 3:10-12

*** 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**

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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Sermon Notes – August 20, 2017

Tertullus Accuses Paul before Felix Text: Acts 24:1-9

1. *Many seek the ruler's favor/ face...* (Pro 29:26a) – the plain, simple case of Tertullus (the Jews) against Paul.
 - A. Tertullus seeks favor of Felix by flattering him for his great _____ (1-4)
 - B. Tertullus seeks favor of Felix by accusing Paul of _____ among the Jews throughout the empire (5-9)
2. *...But justice for man comes from the LORD* (Pro 29:26b) – the real, theological problems beneath the surface
 - A. Felix did not _____ the portrait that Tertullus painted of him
 - B. The Jews not Paul were the real troublemakers in the empire (6-9)
 - 1) The effects of the _____ of Christ (5)
 - 2) The charge of sedition was serious to the _____ (5)
 - 3) The charge of profaning the temple – the _____ of the early Christians to the Temple (6; 7:44-50; 21:26)
 - 4) The way man gets at truth to do justice versus divine _____

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.

Women's Activities

Please RSVP to Sandy or Michelle by next Sunday, August 27th for Leigh Anne's baby shower on Thursday, August 31st, 6:00 pm at the church.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

This week's focus is WSC 31, "What is effectual calling?" Family Worship Helps are available on the back table and by email.

Scripture Memory for this Week

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 *...God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Set-up Teams

Note the **order** changes identified in **bold print**.

Next Week

August 27 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman

Following Weeks

September 3 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, A Pennington, Sosnoski
September 10 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, DiFrancis, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera
September 17 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer
September 24 **Team 4** J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, A Pennington, Sosnoski
October 1 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman
October 8 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson