



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

September 3, 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 – September 3, 2017

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:8-19

* **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, #72A

O God, Thy Judgments Give the King

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

from Psalm 51

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me....Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You....O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. 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, #83C

Do Not Be Silent, God (v 1, 4)

*** Prayer**

Grant, O merciful God, that Your church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may show forth Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; 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 72

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Acts 25:1-12

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*** Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 10:25-42

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Festus, Divine Providence & Paul's Appeal to Caesar"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Psalter, #35B

Without a Cause Their Net They Hid

*** 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

Matthew 26:26-30

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

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Trinity Hymnal, #243

O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

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

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

*** 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 – September 3, 2017

"Festus, Divine Providence & Paul's Appeal to Caesar"

Text: Acts 25:1-12

1. Christ's most powerful, secret governing providence & the mind of _____ (1-6)
2. Christ's most holy, gracious, saving providence & God's _____ (7-8)
 - A. Paul's _____ under the law
 - B. Paul's _____ under Christ
3. Christ's most wise, preserving providence & the required use of _____ (9-12)
 - A. Paul defends himself by _____.
 - B. Discernment: waiting for God to act & proper human _____

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.

Fellowship Meal

Details will be sent by email.

"Swing for Kids"

The golf fundraiser for Bethany Christian Services is September 15. Please get your pledges to Deacon Reich.

Reformation Day

Looking for 8 men and a few women to participate in a Reformation Day play. See Jessica or Barb if you are interested.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

This week's focus is WSC 33, "What is justification?" Family Worship Helps are available on the back table and by email.

Scripture Memory for this Week

Romans 4:4,5 *Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.*

Set-up Teams

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

Next Week

September 10 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, DiFrancis, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera

Following Weeks

September 17	<u>Team 1</u>	Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer
September 24	<u>Team 4</u>	J Pennington, * Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, A Pennington, Sosnoski
October 1	<u>Team 3</u>	J Hummel, * D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman
October 8	<u>Team 2</u>	Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson
October 15	<u>Team 5</u>	Reich*, D'Alessio, DiFrancis, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera