



# Trinity Presbyterian Church

*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

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

## September 17, 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 17, 2017

### Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

#### Silent Preparation for Worship

#### Call to Worship

**Psalm 47:1, 2, 8, 9**

#### \* **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**

Trinity Hymnal, #32  
*The God of Abraham Praise*

**\* Prayer**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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**

**Psalm 105**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Lesson**

**Acts 26:1-11**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**\* Gospel Lesson**

**John 15:26 – 16:11**

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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

**Sermon**

**"Paul's Answer to Agrippa"**

**Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes**

**\* Hymn of Consecration**

Psalter, #105 A&B (7 v; tune: Ps 105A)  
*O Thank the LORD, on His Name Call*

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

**Prayers of the Church**

**Requests & Lord's Prayer**

**Peace – We Commune with God**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Mark 14:22-26**

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

**Creed** (inside hymnal cover)

**\* Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Trinity Hymnal, #604  
*Jerusalem the Golden*

**Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us**

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

**1 Peter 3:15-16**

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

**1 Peter 5:10-11**

**\* 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 – September 17, 2017

### "Paul's Answer to Agrippa" Text: Acts 26:1-23

1. Introductory remarks
  - A. Agrippa grants \_\_\_\_\_: "Paul...speak for yourself." So Paul...answered for himself (1)
  - B. Paul requests \_\_\_\_\_: *I think myself happy...because you are expert...* (2-3)
2. Paul's conversion story / defense to Agrippa is grounded upon his origin and training:
  - A. In \_\_\_\_\_, his religion was built upon *the promise of God made unto the fathers* (4-5)
    - 1) He was a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's law, not ignorant.
    - 2) He was a man of \_\_\_\_\_, not decadent.
    - 3) He was \_\_\_\_\_, not a deist or skeptic.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_, for the main principles of his religion he is as zealous for them as ever:
    - 1) His religion \_\_\_\_\_ built upon *the promise made of God unto the fathers* (6).
    - 2) His religion consists in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's promise to the fathers (6).
    - 3) His faith was not only according to the Scripture but also to the testimony of the \_\_\_\_\_ (7a).
    - 4) \_\_\_\_\_ was what he was now suffering for & what he would persuade all to embrace (7b-8).
3. Paul's conversion story/ defense to Agrippa is an acknowledgment that he was a bitter enemy to the Christ & to His:
  - A. He confesses his sins of \_\_\_\_\_ against *Jesus* (9)
  - B. He confesses his sins of \_\_\_\_\_ against *the saints* (10-11)

## 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.

### **Men's Forum**

Next Sunday evening (9/24) Men's Forum will meet at 7 pm. The Session will be presenting concerns that relate to our presbytery and the PCA, and options that the Session have/are considering. The concerns relate to such matters as creation, God's law, education of covenant children, role of women in church, racism, etc.

### **Women's Study**

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> the women will meet at 6 pm for the second lesson of Sinclair Ferguson's video study called "Who Is the Holy Spirit?"

### **Life Chain**

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> is this year's Life Chain. Our congregation will participate at the same location as last year (on the north sidewalk of Bluemound, NW of Brookfield Square). Deacon Reich will have the signs and instructions. A \$1/person donation is requested and will be given to Life Chain when the event is over.

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

This week's focus is WSC 35, "What is sanctification?" Family Worship Helps are available on the back table and by email.

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

Romans 8:1, *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

### **Set-up Teams**

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

### **Next Week**

**September 24** **Team 4** J Pennington,\* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, A Pennington, Sosnoski

### **Following Weeks**

October 1	<b>Team 3</b>	J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Team 2</b>	Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson
October 15	<b>Team 5</b>	Reich*, D'Alessio, DiFrances, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera
October 22	<b>Team 1</b>	Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer
October 29	<b>Team 2</b>	Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson