



**March 4, 2018**



The simple, unadorned cross reminds us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is *"the message of the cross...to us who are being saved is the power of God"* (1 Co 1:18).

The color used in the sanctuary in anticipation of Easter is purple or violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

## Lord's Day Service – March 4, 2018

### Preparation for Worship

*Upon entering the sanctuary, please make sure electronic devices are off or in silent mode.*

### Prayer

Almighty God, You know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen!**

### Welcome & Announcements

**God Calls us into His presence; we respond with praise.**

\* *Call to Worship*

Psalms 124

\* *Greeting*

Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* *Hymn of Praise*

Psalter, #135B

*Hallelujah! Praise the LORD's Name*

**God Calls us to confess our sins; we respond with thanksgiving.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. *(Those unable to kneel may be seated.)*

**Almighty God, You sent Your Son into the world to deliver Your captive people; Surely You have done great things for us; Yet we continue to ignore what You have done. We turn our backs on what You are doing, and we forget about what You will do; Forgive us of our sinful apathy; grant to us the assurance of salvation; cause Your Holy Spirit to work in us genuine repentance and wholehearted obedience. We ask this through Him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!** *(Silent, personal confession of sin)*

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. Believe this and rejoice!

**Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

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

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by Whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him Who died for us and rose again. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name.

**God Calls us to be consecrated by his Word;  
we respond by giving ourselves to Him.**

*Hymn of Preparation* Trinity Hymnal, #42  
*Round the Lord in Glory*

*Old Testament Lesson* Joshua 2:1-24  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*New Testament Lesson* Hebrews 11:31; James 2:24-26  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*\* Gospel Lesson* Luke 7:36-50; Matthew 1:1, 5  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Sermon* "Rahab & the Sovereign God"  
(a spy story with a shady lady & Yahweh)

*\* Hymn of Consecration* Trinity Hymnal, #514  
*Now Israel May Say*

*\* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

*Prayers of the Church* Requests & Lord's Prayer

**God Calls us to commune with Him at his Table; we respond with joy.**

*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* Psalter, #136A (3 verses)  
*O Thank the LORD (stanzas 1&2, 9&10, 11&12)*

**God Calls us to go out into the world and serve as faithful  
ambassadors of His kingdom; we respond with doxology.**

*\* The Lord's Commission of Us* Mark 5:19

*\* 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* Doxology

*\* Threefold Amen*

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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 – March 4, 2018

### "Rahab & the Sovereign God" (a spy story with a shady lady & Yahweh)

Text: Joshua 2:1-24

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ of YAHWEH'S GRACE (1); spies commissioned by Joshua; God elects Rahab
  
2. Protection of the spies (2-7); Rahab's treason & lie
  
3. THE CONFESSION of YAHWEH'S SOVEREIGNTY – Rahab's truth
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Yahweh – the basis of her faith (8-10)
  
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Yahweh – the conviction of faith (11; Dt 4:39)
  
  - C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Yahweh – the evidence of faith (12-14)
  
4. Protection of Rahab & family (15-21); the oath & scarlet cord
  
5. THE \_\_\_\_\_ in YAHWEH'S FAITHFULNESS (22-24); spies return to Joshua; Rahab, ancestress of Jesus Messiah (Mt 1:5)

## 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 to consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> concern: the role of women in the church.

### **Prayer Meeting**

Jim & Barb Hummel will be hosting this Wednesday's prayer meeting at 7 pm. A sign-up sheet to host future prayer meetings is available downstairs.

### **Time Change**

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday.

### **Fellowship Meal**

Next Sunday we will have our Fellowship meal. Each family should bring a main dish to share (in equal portion to serve their family). In addition, Teams 1 & 2 bring a vegetable dish or salad & bread; Teams 3, 4 & 5 bring dessert. Team 1 will manage the kitchen and clean-up.

### **Women's Study**

Women's study will meet this Thursday at 6:30 pm. Lesson 10 of the video series "Who Is the Holy Spirit" will be viewed and discussed.

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

This week's focus is WSC 62, "Which is the fifth commandment?" Family Worship Helps are available on the back table and by email.

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

Exodus 20:12, *Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.*

### **Set-up Teams**

#### **Next Week**

March 11      Team 1      Dykema\*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer

#### **Following Weeks**

March 18      Team 2      Greenwald, D\*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson  
March 25      Team 3      J Hummel,\* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman  
April 1      Team 4      J Pennington,\* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, A Pennington, Sosnoski  
April 8      Team 5      Reich\*, D'Alessio, DiFrances, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera