



March 18, 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 18, 2018

Preparation for Worship

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

Prayer

Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant Your people grace to love what You command and desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

Welcome & Announcements

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

* Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1-15
Trinity Hymnal, p 626

* 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

Trinity Hymnal, #239
The Mighty God, the Lord

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.)*

Eternal God and our heavenly Father, in Whom we live and move and have our being; do not hide Your face from us because of our sins, but have compassion on us, and subdue our iniquities. Cleanse us from all our offenses; deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may draw near to You, in lowliness and meekness. Confessing our faults, we confide in Your grace and mercy through Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

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; Who does command Your faithful people sanctify their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by Your Word and sacraments, we may come to the fullness of grace which You have prepared for those who love You. 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, #5
Mighty God, while Angels Bless Thee

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 4:1-24

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 6:1-4

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

** Gospel Lesson*

Luke 2:41-52

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

"Twelve Memorial Stones" (crossing Jordan, part 2)

** Hymn of Consecration*

Psalter, #2
Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?

** 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

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

** Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Psalter, #25C
The LORD Is Good and Just

**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*

Deuteronomy 32:3b, 4, 7

** 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*

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 – March 18, 2018

"Twelve Memorial Stones" (crossing Jordan, part 2)

Text: Joshua 4:1-24

1. Israel gathers 12 stones to remember how Yahweh dried up the Jordan for them.
 - A. Yahweh's command establishes the _____ of remembering (1-3)
 - B. Our forgetfulness emphasizes our _____ for remembering God's works (4-7)
 - C. A God-given memorial is of equal importance to _____ (8-9)
2. The writer recounts Israel's obedience & Yahweh's order in crossing the Jordan.
 - A. Joshua, all Israel & _____ fulfilled all that Yahweh said (10,12,14)
 - B. Israel preserved the honor & performed the duties of order as _____, _____ & _____ (10-14)
 - C. Yahweh completes His wonderful work with _____ (15-18)
3. Joshua sets up the 12 memorial stones as a sign to the nations & to God's people (19-24)
 - A. Timing is everything & *a time for every purpose under heaven* (19-21)
 - B. "Remember the signs" (22-24)

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. Downstairs we 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

We will meet in the sanctuary at 11:30 am to continue our consideration of the concerns regarding views of creation and also the role of women in the church.

Prayer Meeting

Neil & Susan Greenwald will be hosting this Wednesday's prayer meeting at 7 pm. A signup sheet to host future prayer meetings is available downstairs.

Women's Study

Women's study will meet this Thursday at 6:30 pm. Lesson 11 of the video series "Who Is the Holy Spirit" will be viewed and discussed.

Easter Sunday

We will start with a breakfast fellowship meal at 8 am. A signup sheet for food and attendance is available downstairs. Lord's Service will begin at 9:30. We will not have Sunday School, and the set-up team will not need to bring snacks for break.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

This week's focus is WSC 65, "What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?" Family Worship Helps are available on the back table and by email.

Scripture Memory for this Week

Ephesians 6:1-3, Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "*Honor your father and mother,*" which is the first commandment with promise: "*that is may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.*"

Set-up Teams

Next Week

March 25 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman

Following Weeks

April 1 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, A Pennington, Sosnoski
April 8 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, DiFrances, Leskinen, Piquette, Rucht, Talavera
April 15 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer
April 22 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson