

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church

July 8, 2018



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 - July 8, 2018

**Preparation for Worship:** *Psalm 31:14-16* 

Prayer: O God, You have taught us to keep all Your commandments by loving You and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to You with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen!** 

Welcome & Announcements

\* Chant of the Month Psalter, #19E

### Entrance - God Call Us; we gather together and praise Him

\* Call to Worship Psalm 136:1-6, 23-26

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of Yahweh, Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

\* Hymn of Praise Trinity Hymnal, #20
Give to Our God Immortal Praise

# <u>Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him and are forgiven</u> in Christ

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.)

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before You, our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against You, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news...!

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

#### Ascension - God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him and offer our works and lives to Him

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 proper, right, and our greatest joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing....

\*The Sanctus

\*Hymn of Preparation

Psalter, #108B God Spoke in Holiness

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 18:1-10: 19:49-51

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 9:1-5, 11, 13-15, 22-24

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

\* Gospel Lesson

John 2:13-22

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

"More Theology from Dividing the Remaining Land"

\* Hvmn of Consecration

Psalter, #44A

O God. We with Our Ears Have Heard

\* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

#### Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune. Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

\* Hvmn of Thanksgiving

Trinity Hymnal, #581 To Thee, O Lord, I Fly

#### Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him

\* The Lord's Commission of Us

Numbers 13:30: 14:9

\* 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

#### 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);
- 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);
- 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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