



July 15, 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 15, 2018

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 46:1, 7

Prayer: O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us Your mercy; that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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*

Psalter 62:7, 8

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*

Psalter, #46C

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him and are forgiven 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.)*

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ Your Son. 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, #62B

Surely in Silence My Soul Waits on God

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 20:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 2:9-18; 6:17-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

** Gospel Lesson*

John 17:11-19

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

"Cities of Refuge – Christ Our Refuge"

** Hymn of Consecration*

Trinity Hymnal, #421

Rock of Ages (1st tune)

** 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

Mark 14:18-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

** Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Psalter, #31E

In You, LORD, I Take Refuge

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

** The Lord's Commission of Us*

1 Thessalonians 5:13b-15

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

1 Thessalonians 5:23

** 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);
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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