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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 – August 12, 2018

Preparation for Worship: *John 1:16*

Prayer: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; 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, #127B

Entrance – God Call Us; we gather together and praise Him

* *Call to Worship*

Psalms 76

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, #76A

God the Lord Is Known in Judah

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.)*

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)

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* (inside hymnal & psalter cover)

**Hymn of Preparation* Psalter, #105D (6 stanzas with 19-22 of 105E)
When Israel to Egypt Came

Old Testament Lesson Joshua 24:1-14
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 11:30-38
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

** Gospel Lesson* John 1:14-18
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon "Covenant Renewal at Shechem"
(Part 1, review of covenant history)

** Hymn of Consecration* Trinity Hymnal, #228
Who Is this that Comes from Edom

** Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Requests & Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism Esther Brummund

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Luke 22:19-20

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God Creed (inside hymnal cover)

** Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Psalter, #116A

I Love the LORD (5 stanzas with 6-9 of 116B)

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

** The Lord's Commission of Us* Matthew 28:17-20

** We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* 2 Corinthians 13:14

** 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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