

### Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southeastem Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church

### **September 16, 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 – September 16, 2018

Preparation for Worship: 2 Peter 1:3-9

*Prayer:* O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!** 

Welcome & Announcements

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

\* Call to Worship Psalm 93

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.

Chant Psalter, 93B

\* Hymn of Praise Psalter, #32C

What Blessedness for Him Whose Guilt

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

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. 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!

## <u>Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him and offer our works and lives to Him</u>

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 Trinity Hymnal, #427

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (2nd tune)

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 5:1-5, 23-33

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson 2 Peter 1:1-2. 12-21: 3:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

\* Gospel Lesson Mark 9:1-13

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus. **Praise to You, O Christ!** 

Sermon "A Letter of Reminder"

\* Hymn of Consecration Trinity Hymnal, #440
Fountain of Never Ceasing Grace

\* 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)

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving

Trinity Hymnal, #441 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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

\* The Lord's Commission of Us

2 Peter 3:17-18a

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

2 Peter 1:2; 3:18b

\* 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);
- 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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