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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 18, 2019

Preparation for Worship: Colossians 3:23

Welcome

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

\* Call to Worship Psalm 112:1-7

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 the Lord!

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

\* Hymn of Praise Psalter, #112B
Praise to the LORD

## <u>Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him</u> 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 and our heavenly Father, in You 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 sins, we confide in Your grace and mercy through Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice! And the people say...

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 fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in all places, 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 or psalter cover)

\*Hymn of Preparation

Trinity Hymnal, #301 My People, Give Ear

Let us pray: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 9:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3:17 – 4:1

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

\* Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:6-16

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

"Christ's Life Lived as God's New Humanity in Community"

\* Hymn of Consecration

Psalter, #128B Blessed the Man that Fears Jehovah

\* 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 10:15-17, 31; 11:20ff

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving

Trinity Hymnal, #555 Teach Me, My God and King

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

\* The Lord's Commission of Us

Colossians 3:17; 4:5

\* 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

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\* 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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