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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 – October 13, 2019

Preparation for Worship: 1 Peter 4:8-10

Welcome

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

* Call to Worship

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.
	And also with you.
Pastor:	Our help is in the Name of the Lord!
Congregation:	Who made heaven and earth!

* Hymn of Praise

Psalter, #51E (and v 1 of #51D) From My Sins Hide Thou Thy Face

Isaiah 53:4-7, 11

* Old Testament Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

and are forgiven in Christ

If we say that we have fellowship with God, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. (Those unable to kneel may be seated.)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have transgressed Your holy laws and left undone what we should have done, and we have done things we should not have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life to the glory of Your holy Name. 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!

<u>Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him</u> 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

Psalter, #85B I'll Hear what God the LORD Will Speak

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray; and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

* New Testament Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Philemon 1-22
* Gospel Lesson The Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Praise to You, O Christ!	Matthew 10:38-42
Sermon "Paul's Request of Phile	emon" Part 2: Onesimus and Phileomon
* Hymn of Consecration	Trinity Hymnal, #447 Blest Are the Undefiled in Heart
* 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, #588 Come, We that Love the Lord

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

* The Lord's Commission of Us	1 John 4:7-10
* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us	Philemon 25
* 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);
- 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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