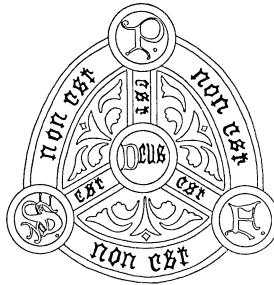


LORD'S DAY

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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for
the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make
sure all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

O God, in creation you fashion us in your image,
in Christ you reveal to us your love,
through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers;
we bow in gratitude before you.
We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it.
We daily betray your love, but still you extend it.
We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it.
Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord,
that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned,
and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 148.1-2, 11-14

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 112

PRAISE YE, PRAISE YE THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.

Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule
the nations and our small lives.

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power
and squandering your gifts.

We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God,
has resulted in shallow confession,
tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.

Have mercy on us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55.6-9

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 181

WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU

Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

1 John 1. 1-4

Sermon

“Fellowship with the Triune God”
Elder Jacob Schroeder

***Song of Response**

Hymn 355

WE ARE GOD’S PEOPLE

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Confession of Faith

Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

—The Apostles' Creed

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 521

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Romans 15.5-6

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Almighty God, you have poured upon us
the new light of your incarnate Word:
Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts,
may shine forth in our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Sermon Notes: "Fellowship with the Triune God" (1 John 1.1-4)

1. John's Testimony

2. God's Gift

3. Our Fellowship

Prayer Concerns

Bret Reller has returned from Afghanistan. Praise God for keeping him and those who served with him safe these past six months.

Tom & Melissa Manning: (Jordan) Pray for the Mannings as they return to Jordan. Pray for refreshment, guidance, and renewed vision for the vital work God has called them to.

Announcements

Anniversaries this week:

August 2 Jacob and Samantha Schroeder

Pastor Ron will return from vacation on August 3. If you have a need while he is away, please feel free to contact one of the elders.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! Please join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Anna Vander Griend & Annie Carpenter *Next Week*: Hannah Alden & Erica Leinweber

Other Gatherings

Kids' Quest, the children's catechism class taught by Pastor Ron, is on break for the summer. It will resume in September.

The Men's Group meets Thursday mornings from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office for fellowship, prayer, and Bible Study. They are currently studying Hebrews, and all men are invited.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381. Positively, two affirmations are made about each person of the Godhead. Reading from the center circle outward: God (Deus) is (est) Father (P is for Pater), God is Son (F is for Filius), and God is Holy Spirit (SS is for Spiritus Sanctus). Reading from the outer circles inward: the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Negatively, two affirmations are likewise made about each person of the Godhead. Reading clockwise and counter-clockwise from one outer circle to the other two: the Father is not (non est) the Son or the Holy Spirit, the Son is not the Father or the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son.