

## The Lord's Day

March 2, 2008

### Prelude

#### ◆Call to Worship

*Isaiah 12:4-6*

Leader: *Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name!*

People: ***Make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.***

Leader: *Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.*

People: ***Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you!***

#### Prayer for God's Blessing

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** *"Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #54*

#### Call to Confession

*Psalm 130:3-4*

*If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness;  
therefore you are feared.*

#### Prayer of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

*Psalm 130:7-8*

*O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.*

◆**Hymn of Praise:** *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #648*

#### ◆Our Profession of Faith

— The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

We 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.

We 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.

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

**Old Testament:** Jonah 1:17-2:10

**New Testament:** Matthew 12:38-42

**Sermon:** "Second Chances!"

◆**Hymn of Response:** *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #528*

#### ◆Prayer of Benediction

◆**Doxology:** *"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"*  
*Trinity Hymnal #731*

#### Postlude

## Sermon Notes:

**Greeter this week:** *Jamie Belden*  
**Greeter next week:** *Elizabeth & Sarah Fink*  
**Pianists:** *Emily Doran & Marie Stults*  
**Flowers for today:** *Doll family*

☐ **The Wednesday Night Community Group...** Jonathan and Margaret Falk, OPC missionaries, will be visiting us at the Doran's home at 7pm. They will be discussing their mission experiences in Eritrea, Africa. In the Spring of 2007, their congregation, including all of the indigenous ordained officers, were arrested following a worship service, and the Falks were expelled from the country. It is estimated that presently more than 2000 Christians in Eritrea are being held in prison for the name of Christ. You are all invited to come and hear about their experiences and about the present situation in Eritrea.

☐ **Soup n' Salad Luncheon...** Ladies of Covenant Church, you are invited to a Soup n' Salad luncheon at Belinda Doll's home, this Saturday, March 8 at 11:00am. Please bring an item for the salad, and let Belinda know what you plan to bring, 810-225-8063.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Next Sunday, March 9, Daylight Savings time begins, so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, so you won't be late for church.

☐ **New Horizons magazine...** Copies of this month's *New Horizons* magazine are on the Information table. Please feel free to take extra copies to pass out among family, friends, co-workers, etc.

☐ **Coming Up...The Irish Taco Luncheon** is back this year on Sunday, March 16 after the morning worship service, so mark the date on your calendars. More details will follow.

☐ **Fellowship time...** All members and regular attendees are encouraged to participate in bringing refreshments for the fellowship time. You may bring either homemade or store bought cookies, brownies, muffins, bread, fresh vegetables, etc. Please bring your snacks on/in a serving dish or container.

### Upcoming Events

Wed, March 5 – Wednesday Night Community Group, 7-9pm  
Sat, March 8 – Ladies Soup n' Salad Luncheon, 11am, at Doll's home  
Sun, March 9 – Daylight Savings Time begins  
Sat, March 15 – Men's Prayer Breakfast at Doran's, 8:30-10am  
Sun, March 16 – Irish Taco Lunch, 12pm  
Sun, March 16 – Lord's Supper