

The Lord's Day
March 16, 2008

Prelude

◆ **Call to Worship**

Psalm 96:1-3

*Sing to the LORD a new song
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆ **Hymn of Adoration:**

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"
Trinity Hymnal #26

Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:15-16

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize
with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been
tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence
draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of need.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 7:25

*Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God
through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*

◆ **Hymn of Praise:** *"Arise, My Soul, Arise"*
Trinity Hymnal #305

◆ **Our Profession of Faith**

— Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Old Testament: Jonah 4:1-11

New Testament: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon: "A Questionable Ending"

◆ **Hymn of Preparation:** *"Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands"*
Trinity Hymnal #427

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution

◆ **Hymn of Response:** *"Father, I Know That All My Life"*
Trinity Hymnal #559

◆ **Benediction**

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

Sermon Notes:

Greeter this week: *Chuck Krueger*
Greeter next week: *Noah Doran & Nathan Fink*
Pianists: *Natalie & Emily Doran, Marie Stults*
Flowers for today: *Krueger family*

The Irish Taco Luncheon... will be held after the morning worship service today! Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and great food.

The Wednesday Night Community Group... meets at the Doran's home from 7-9pm. Pastor Doll is leading the study from the book, *Trusting God...Even When Life Hurts*, by Jerry Bridges. This week's lesson is from Chapters 6 & 7



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Please Note: The church directory is currently being updated. If any of your information such as address, telephone number, or e-mail has changed, please see Marie Stults.

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.

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 19 – Wednesday Night Community Group, 7-9pm
Sat, April 12 – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30-10am
Sun, April 20 – Lord's Supper