

The Lord's Day

April 27, 2008

Prelude

◆Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Leader: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down;*

People: *let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

Leader: *For he is our God,*

People: *and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

Prayer for God's Blessing

◆Hymn of Adoration: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Trinity Hymnal #53

Call to Confession:

Isaiah 43:24

But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, 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 offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

(Silent confession)

O Lord, in your mercy and for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

◆Hymn of Praise: "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

Trinity Hymnal #465

◆Our Scriptural Profession of Faith

—from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

◆Hymn of Preparation: "Spirit of the Living God"

Trinity Hymnal #726 (sing through twice)

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-9

New Testament: Colossians 2:1-5

Sermon: "True Wisdom in the Midst of Conflict"

◆Hymn of Response: "Jesus, I Live to Thee"

Trinity Hymnal #516

◆Benediction

◆Doxology: "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow"

Trinity Hymnal #731

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

Greeter this week: *Angela Belden*

Greeter next week: *Fred Williams*

Pianists: *Natalie Doran, Emily Doran, Jennifer Frank*

☐ **The Wednesday Night Community Group** meets at the home of Mark and Nancy Doran 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 Chapter 12.

☐ **Family Camp**...The Thirteen Annual OPC Family Camp will be held from August 11-15, at Camp Concordia in Greenville. Registration deadline is May 31, and forms can be mailed with your check to Betty Ann DeVries; 823 Brentwood St., Jenison, MI 49428. Any questions?...you can e-mail Betty Ann at cabadv@aol.com, or phone her: 616-667-1887. This year's adult speaker is Pastor Kevin DeYoung, senior pastor at University Reformed Church near the campus of MSU. His topic for the morning sessions will be, "*The Will of God: If God has such a wonderful plan for my life, why doesn't he tell me what it is?*" See you in August!!

☐ **Annual COPC Picnic**...will be held Sunday, June 1, after the morning worship service, at Milford Park. We are waiting for confirmation, so the date may change. More information will follow.

☐ **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.

☐ **COPC Directory Update**... Copies of the updated COPC directory are on the Information table. A copy in "pdf" format was sent to each family for you to print off. If the information is incorrect or it changes, please contact Marie Stults at mrstults@sbcglobal.net or 517-546-3137.

Upcoming Events

Wed, April 30 – Wednesday Night Community Group, at Doran's 7-9pm

Sat, April 26 – Ladies' Tea at Milford Park Nursing Home

Sun, May 18 – Lord's Supper

Sun, June 1 – Annual COPC picnic, Milford Park 12pm

Mon-Fri, Aug 11-15 – OPC Family Camp