#### WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

# Why do we begin the service with the invocation of the Trinity?

The pastor proclaims that we are gathered to worship: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This invocation makes it clear, from the outset, who it is that we are worshipping and who it is that makes our worship possible.

God's Triune name is frequently spoken throughout the service because Father, Son, and Spirit are all active in our worship. Theologian James B. Torrance has described Christian worship as "our participation through the Spirit in the Son's communion with the Father." God has invited us to share in the love, joy, and fellowship that Father, Son, and Spirit have experienced for all eternity.

These are also the same words spoken at Holy Baptism. Thus, at the beginning of the service, we are being reminded of our true identity. God has put his name upon us. He has adopted us into his family as His beloved children. We are reminded that in baptism we have "put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27) and it is only in Christ, by the power of the Spirit, that we are able to enter into the Father's presence.

The Christian's appropriate response to all this is to proclaim that it is indeed true and we are glad for it! The Hebrew word used to express that sentiment is: "Amen!"



# April 27th, 2025

The Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Announcements

## **GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-4

†Congregational Singing #225 "Worship Christ the Risen King"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

†Collect

Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"Before the Throne of God Above"

## **GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF**

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:18

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have followed the way of the world. We have failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your

faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "The Lamb"

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD**

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
Acts 13:26, 32-35, 38-39, 44-48
†Gospel Reading
Matthew 10:5-15
†Profession of Faith
The Philippian Hymn
Sermon
Pastor David Salyer

"Paul's First Missionary Journey" Sermon Series: The Acts of the Apostles

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

# Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord's Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray: Our Father who art in Heaven...

## **GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE**

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing #186 "The Old Rugged Cross"

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer

# Nursery Volunteers: Julie LeFeber, Sylvia LeFeber

#### **CHURCH LIFE**

Sunday, April 27th - The Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service 3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

Monday, April 28th

6:00 p.m. . . . WIC Meeting

Saturday, May 3rd

9:00 a.m. . . . Platte Valley Presbytery - Lincoln

- ◆ Sunday, May 11th will be the last Sunday School class of the semester. Classes will resume September 7th. Shout out to our amazing teachers and substitute teachers: Thank you for your faithful ministry to the children of our church!
- **♦ Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$65,893.65. Received 4/13: \$3,624.12. Received year-to-date: \$51,625.53.
- ◆ April Birthdays: (21) Eric Wood, (23) Reese Hughett 2020, Solomon Preston (25) Del Brock, (30) Anne Hajda 2007
- ◆May Birthdays: (1) Mark Johnson, (6) Barnabas Anderson 2005, (7) Alice Bates, Jacob Hajda, Lynn Salyer (8) Jim Frerichs, (11) Jerry McKean, (13) Eliza Hajda 2022, (14) Kacia Hughett, (18) Jocelyn Salyer 2014, (19) Anne Lano, (21) Alyvia Goodbrake 2014, (23) Pat Butterfield, (25) Kay Johnson, (28) Jordan Hughett, (29) Marlene McKean, (30) Eleanor Scott, (31) Mike Johnson

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ That God would give us wisdom and boldness to share the love of Christ with our neighbors.
- ◆ Presbytery: Harvest Church (Pastors Jacob Gerber and Andrew Lightner); and Grace Central (Pastors Eric Tonjes and Tim Janiszewski) in Omaha.
- ♦ Missions: Rick and Betty Aschmann MTW Ecuador
- ◆ For our expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm.

### STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

**Elders:** Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano **Deacons:** Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah Holl (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

**WIC:** Kacia Hughett (President), Servant Support (Julie LeFeber), Vacant (Nursery), Sarah Salyer (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Megan Holl (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood Custodian: Charlotte Hajda