

Worship Spotlight

Why do we confess our sins?

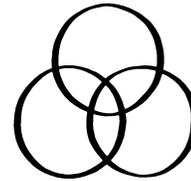
Being called into the presence of a righteous and holy God makes us painfully aware of our own sinfulness and guilt. We think of the prophet Isaiah who cried out: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:5, compare Revelation 1:17).

God made a way for the people of Israel to approach Him through sacrifice. The first sacrifice was the *sin offering* or *purification offering* (Lev. 9:7,15; 2 Chr. 29:21). This sacrifice dealt with the sin in a worshipper's life at the very beginning of the service, so that he could continue to approach God knowing the penalty for his sin had been paid by the animal who died in his place. We still approach God on the basis of a sacrifice. But in our case that sacrifice was the crucifixion of Christ. His sacrifice on our behalf has dealt with our sin once and for all (Heb. 7:27, 9:12, 10:10).

The importance of confessing sins is taught throughout the Scriptures. Many of these passages appear in our worship service as the "Call to Confession," reminding us not only of the need to confess, but of God's promise to forgive us when we do. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (John 1:8).

We confess our individual sins silently to God. But because we are one body in Christ we also join our voices in a corporate confession of sin. These traditional prayers of confession are based on Biblical teaching. For example: "We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves." This is a prayer based on Jesus' summary of the Law (Matt. 22:36-40, etc.).

The other reason we confess our sins is because the Bible teaches us that repentance leads to joy (Psalm 51:8, 12; Luke 15:17)! Having been honest about our sin we have the joy of receiving God's forgiveness in the next portion of our service: The Assurance of Forgiveness.



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 1st, 2021

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-4

†Congregational Singing

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

†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!

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"Every Promise"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:14-16

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have

done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“His Mercy is More”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Exodus 19:1-6, 16-20; 20:1-4, 7-8, 12-21

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 2:9-10

†Gospel Reading John 12:27-32

†Profession of Faith Ephesians 1:3-10

Sermon Pastor David Salyer

“The LORD Came Down on Mount Sinai”

Sermon Series: Exodus

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of Dedication

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.

Once the Pastor has prayed for the bread and wine, we will process down the center aisle to partake. Parents, please help distribute to your communing children. You may eat and drink at the front of the sanctuary, depositing empty cups in the baskets on either side, or you may take the bread and cup to your seat to partake. Use the outside aisles to return to your seat.

We encourage words of blessing during this time: “Peace be with you” (Jn. 14:27) or “Christ be with you” (Rom. 16:20), and the response: “And also with you.”

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing “Speak O Lord”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Freitag

Nursery Volunteers: NA

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, August 1st - *The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

Monday, August 2nd

5:00 p.m. . . . Session Meeting

- ❖ **Pastor Chad** and family will be taking a sabbatical this summer from June 20th-August 8th for a time of rest and refreshment. Please pray for them over these weeks and direct any needs to Pastor David or the elders.
- ❖ **Pastor Dave** and family will be on vacation August 8th-17th. Please pray for safe travel and for refreshment.
- ❖ All students going into 6th-12th grades are invited to join bi-weekly **Youth Group** meetings, 3:00-4:30 Sunday afternoons at the church. The next meeting will be August 8th. We'll continue our investigation into the truth of Jesus' resurrection. Contact Eric Wood with any questions.
- ❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,508.27. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$105,248.10. Received 7/25: \$1,996.98. Received year-to-date: \$108,880.06.
- ❖ **August Birthdays:** (3) Tim Hajda, (5) Howard Bass, Lydia Hajda 2000, (7) Peregrine Salyer 2016, (12) Jake Riley, (15) Amy Bates, (17) Luke Riley 2011, (22) Nancy Larsen, (25) Amy Freitag, (26) Gary Elliott, (27) Josiah Wood 2008

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ That God would raise up young men to shepherd Trinity and that we, as a church, would patiently equip them for ministry and support them in their work.
- ❖ Presbytery: Church Plant in the Omaha area - Tree of Life (Pastor Tower Kunze).
- ❖ That God would deliver us from the Coronavirus and, through us, bring healing, comfort, and hope to all who are afflicted or bereaved.
- ❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Anika Fong

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