



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church.

December 15, 2013

Third Sunday of Advent

JESUS IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

In the name of the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ welcome: to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; and to whomever will come.

We assemble together each Lord's Day as a gathering of God's children with each other, but primarily, as a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people. God is present with us by His omnipresence but, much more intimately, as the faithful covenant Savior. Christ is the Mediator by whom alone we can come unto God. He is the head of the church. He rules over public worship. In corporate worship – when God meets with His people, Christ with His bride, the Spirit with His temple – we receive God's grace through the Word and sacrament, and we respond to Him with thanksgiving, faith, and love.

Lord's Day Service – Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2013

Prelude – We silently prepare our hearts to worship our Lord.

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 96:1-3

*** Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal, #165
Savior of the Nations, Come

*** Salutation & Responsive Scripture**

Minister: Behold, you King comes to you!

Zechariah 9:9

People: **O come, let us worship Him!**

Psalm 95:6

Minister: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

People: **Amen!**

Matthew 28:19

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with You!**

Ruth 2:4

Minister: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord,

People: **Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!**

Isaiah 40:3

Minister: According to his promise, we wait for a new heavens and a new earth,

People: **In which righteousness dwells!**

2 Peter 3:13

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you, our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults, through my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Minister: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news! God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us. He has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us of all our sins.

People: **Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Minister: Lift up your hearts! *Psalm 86:4*

People: We lift them up to the Lord! *Lam 3:41*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so! *Psalm 92:1*

Minister: Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For you have proven your faithfulness in fulfilling the promise of the birth and ministry of Jesus, and because of this we anticipate the completion of your plan for us and your world in the future. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

*** Hymn of Preparation** *Trinity Hymnal, #122*
Of the Father's Love Begotten

*** Prayer**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*** Lesson from the Old Testament** *Psalm 98*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Lesson from the New Testament** *Luke 1:46-55*

Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon *"Cantate Domino" (O Sing to the Lord)*

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration** *Psalter, #98A*
O Sing a New Song to the Lord

***Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Prayers of the Church *Requests & Lord's Prayer*

Peace – We Commune with God

Words of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper *Matthew 26:26-30*

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God *Creed (inside hymnal cover)*

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving** *Trinity Hymnal, #149*
Joy to the World

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

*** The Lord's Commission of Us** *Matthew 28:19-20*

*** We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us** *Ephesians 3:20-21*

*** We Bless the LORD, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

*** Threefold Amen & Postlude**

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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Sermon Notes – December 15, 2013

"*Cantate Domino*" (O Sing to the Lord, Savior & King) Text: Psalm 98

1. *My soul doth magnify the Lord* (1-3), Why should we praise Yahweh? the _____ of God
2. *Joy to the earth the Savior reigns* (4-6), How should we praise Yahweh? the _____ of man
3. *Joy to the world the Lord is come* (7-9), Who should praise Yahweh? the victory-chorus of _____

Announcements

Lessons & Carols

Ladies who want to sing in the Christmas Lessons & Carols service, please gather at the front at 11:15, to practice *The Holly and the Ivy*. Each Sunday until the service, a practice will be held at this time before Sunday School.

Sunday School

Sunday School will be held in the sanctuary at 11:30.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Review

Catechism review for this week:

Q. 106. *What do we pray for in the sixth petition?*

A. In the sixth petition, (which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,*) we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Q. 107. *What does the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?*

A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, (which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen,*) teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him. And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.

Ladies Study

Ladies Study resumes Monday, January 13th. We will be studying the book *John: That You May Believe*, written by Kathleen Nielson. Books will be approximately \$9.50. Let Barb know by the evening of December 16th if you want a book.

Save the Date

- December 29 – Lessons & Carols service, Sunday night
- December 31 – New Year's eve fellowship

Church Cleaning

Volunteers are needed to help clean the church on a routine basis. Please see additional information posted on the bulletin board downstairs, and sign up to serve.

Set-up Teams

Teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If your family cannot set-up on your assigned week, please swap with another family and notify both team leaders.

NEXT WEEK:

Team 2 December 22 J Hummel*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, Ruchti

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

Team 3 December 29 J Pennington*, Cox, K Hummel, Nader, N Pennington

Team 4 January 5 S Reich*, Burie, Gerth, Hammer

Team 1 January 12 K Dykema*, D Dykema, Greenwald, Jens, Kelling, Zitzke