

January 5, 2014 Epiphany Sunday

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 – Epiphany Sunday January 5, 2014

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

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship				
* Call to Worship		I Timothy 3:16; Psalm 93		
* Hymn of		Trinity Hymnal, #164 , from the Realms of Glory		
* Salutation & Responsive Scripture				
Minister:	In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and Spirit!	the Holy		
People:	Amen!	Matthew 28:19		
Minister:	Arise, shine; for your Light has come!			
People:	And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.			
	The Gentiles shall come to your light,			
People:	And kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:1,3			
Minister:	O praise the LORD, all you nations!			
People:	Praise Him, all you peoples!			
	For His merciful kindness is great toward us			
People:	And the truth of the LORD endures forever the LORD!	er. Praise Psalm 117		
Minister:	Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,			
People:	Who made Heaven and earth.	Psalm 124:8		
Minister:	I said, I will confess my transgressions to the			
People:	And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.	Psalm 32:5		

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

O most merciful God, since you have given your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. 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
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Minister: Truly it is good, right and beneficial that we should give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory so that knowing you in the Person of your Son, we may be drawn to love you and your people. 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, **#154** As with Gladness Men of Old

* Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Lesson from the Old Testament		Psalm 72:8-19
Minister:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	

* Lesson from the New Testament

Matthew 2:1-18

Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"The Perfect King (part 2) – Of the increase of His Government"

Tribute - We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* Hymn of Consecration

Psalter, **#72B** (tune: of Ps 72A) The Nomads Bow to Him as King

*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	Luke 22:14-20	
We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate G	God Creed	
* Hymn of Thanksgiving	Hail to the Lord's Anointed (See Insert)	

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* The Lord's Commission of Us	Romans 12:1; Luke 2:38
* We Dessive Cadle Disseins Ilis Cand Ward to Us	Luka 2.20 22. 2 Car 42.44

* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us Luke 2:29-32; 2 Cor 13:14

* 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 – January 5, 2014

"The Perfect King" (pt 2) – Of the increase of His government Text: Psalm 72:8-19

- 1. The universal ______ belonging to Messiah Jesus boundless realm (8; Ge 15:18; Ex 23:31; 1 Kg 4:21)
 - A. Strangers will own Him desert dwellers (9)
 - B. Enemies will yield to Him dust lickers (9)
 - C. Kings will serve Him *gift givers* (10-11; 2 Chr 9:23-24; Mt 2:11; Ro 15:16)
- 2. The beneficent _____ bought by Messiah Jesus compassionate king (12-14; 1 Kg 12:4; Mt 11:28f)
- 3. The perpetual _____ praise of Messiah Jesus endless blessing
 - A. His government makes Him beloved by all His subjects (15; He 7:8,25)
 - B. His government yields a wonderful increase of meat and mouths (16; 1 Kg 4:20)
 - C. His government shall be perpetual to His honor & the happiness of His subjects (17; Ge 12:2)

Doxology & conclusion of Book Two of the Psalms (18-20)

<u>Announcements</u>

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet today at 11:30. We resume our study on the church, particularly the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Fellowship Meal

Next Sunday after the morning services we will have our Fellowship Meal. Each family should bring a main dish to share. In addition, Teams 1 & 2 should bring a side dish of salad and bread; Teams 3 & 4 should bring a dessert. Team 3 is on dinner set-up, kitchen management & clean-up.

Men's Forum

Men's Forum will meet Sunday night, January 26.

Ladies Study

Ladies should complete Chapter 1 of the book, *John: that you may believe,* written by Kathleen Nielson. Study will be held on Monday, January 13th at 7 pm.

Heidelberg Catechism Review

Lord's Day 1:

- Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?
- A. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.
- Q 2. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?
- A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Scripture Memory of the Week: John 4:32-34

32, But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

- 33, Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"
- 34, Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

Set-up Teams

The 2014 Set-up Team schedule is available today from your team leader. Please read over all of the instructions as some things have changed.

Teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If your family cannot set-up on your assigned week, please swap with another family; both team leaders should be notified of the change.

	NEXT WEEK:
January 12	K Dykema*, D Dykema, Greenwald, Jens, Kelling, Zitzke
	FOLLOWING WEEKS:
January 19	J Hummel*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, Ruchti
January 26	J Pennington*, Cox, K Hummel, Nader, N Pennington
February 2	S Reich*, Burie, Gerth, Hammer
	January 19 January 26