

Lord's Day Service – December 7, 2014
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 24:7-10

Pastor: Let us rise and worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal, #146

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*** Salutation & Responsive Scripture**

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

Pastor: Man shall not live by bread alone,

People: But by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Pastor: You shall worship the LORD your God,

People: And Him only you shall serve.

Matt 4:4, 10

Pastor: Thanks be to God!

People: Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Cor 15:57

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Pastor: Let us make confession to the Lord God, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and guilt.

People: Almighty God, my heavenly Father, you do not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live: I pray that you would be gracious to me and turn from me those punishments which I by my sins have deserved, and to grant me grace from this day forward to serve you in holiness and purity; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. (Silent prayers offered.) Amen!

* Pastor: Now arise, and hear the comforting words from the Scriptures! *“You shall call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”* (Mt 1:21) *“This is a faithful saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”* (1 Ti 1:15) Let everyone, therefore, truly acknowledge this in his or her heart and believe in Jesus Christ. May each of you truly recognize himself a humble sinner before God and believe that the heavenly Father in Jesus Christ looks upon you with favor. Unto all who in this manner repent and seek Jesus Christ as their salvation, I declare absolution in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Ps 86:4, Lam 3:41

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

People: It is proper and right to do so!

Psalm 92:1

Pastor: 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, we praise you by joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name...

*** Prayer**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen!

Lesson from the Law & Prophets

**Deuteronomy 18:15-22;
Jeremiah 5:20-22, 26-31; Isaiah 9:1-7**

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Epistle

Colossians 1:9-18

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn of Preparation**

Trinity Hymnal, #147
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*** Gospel Lesson**

Mark 8:11-21

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"No Sign, No Bread, No Understanding"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Trinity Hymnal, #256
Break Thou the Bread of Life

*** 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

John 6:41-58

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

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Trinity Hymnal, #162
Hark, the Glad Sound!

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*

Numbers 6:24-26

* *We Bless the LORD, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him*

Doxology

* *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 7, 2014

"No Sign, No Bread, No Understanding"

Text: Mark 8:11-21

1. The Pharisees seek a sign, which reveals they don't understand the _____ or who Jesus is.
 - A. What kind of sign were they seeking, that Jesus refused to give? (Dt 13:1-5)

 - B. What signs did Jesus give? (Mt 16:1-4)

2. The disciples don't remember the signs, which reveals that they don't understand that Jesus is _____ and will take care of them.
 - A. The _____ of the leaven of the Pharisees & of Herod (13-16; Jer 5:21)

 - B. The patience, goodness and promises of the True _____ from heaven (17-21; Mt 16:5-12)

Announcements

Election

Election for office of Ruling Elder will be held after the fellowship break. Darwin Greenwald is a candidate. Communing members in good standing are entitled to vote in the election of church officers. A majority vote of those present is required for election.

WIC (Women in the Church)

- The women and girls of the church are invited to the 3rd annual Christmas Party tomorrow evening, December 8th at 7pm in the church basement.
- New study starts January 12th 2015. We will be studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Pick up your book from Barb today and start working on Chapter 1.

Fellowship Meal

Next week we will have our Fellowship meal following morning services. Theme: *Sharing a Favorite Christmas Recipe* - food that is, not the instructions for making it... Each family should bring a favorite Christmas main dish to share. In addition, Teams 1 & 2 should bring a favorite Christmas salad and bread; Teams 3 & 4 should bring a favorite Christmas dessert. Team 4 is on dinner set-up, kitchen management & basement clean-up.

Consistory/Session

A Consistory & Stated Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at 7 pm. If you have a matter you would like to share with consistory, please contact one of the elders or deacons.

Carols Service

We will have a Carols Service on Sunday evening, December 21st at 7 pm. Bring a "holy-day" treat or drink to share after the singing.

Scripture Memory – Review and meditate on John 1:1-14.

Heidelberg Catechism, Part 3 Gratitude, The Lord's Prayer, Lord's Day 50

Q 125. *What does the fourth petition mean?*

- A. "Give us this day our daily bread" means: Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in you alone.

Set-up Teams – New schedule for 2015 coming soon!

NEXT WEEK:

Team 1 December 14 K Dykema*, D Dykema, D Greenwald, Jens, Kelling, Zitzke

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

Team 2 December 21 J Hummel*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Greenwald, Nagle, Ruchti

Team 3 December 28 J Pennington*, Cox, K Hummel, Nader, N Pennington, Piquette

Women of the Church

You are invited to the ...

3rd Annual Advent Party

Monday, December 8th at 7 pm
Trinity Presbyterian Church basement
Children are welcome.

Bring a snack to share!

Ornament Exchange

Each woman (13+) should bring a wrapped \$5 ornament
Each child (12 and under) should bring a \$2 ornament

Cookie Exchange

If you would also like to participate in a Cookie Exchange at the time of the party, let Sandy Pennington know by December 2nd.

Once she knows the final number, she will contact the participants with how many dozen cookies to prepare and how to package.