

Lord's Day Service – December 14, 2014
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

*** Call to Worship**

Isaiah 29:18-19, 23-24

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

People: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

Pastor: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

People: My soul shall be joyful in my God;

Pastor: For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

People: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. *Is 61:10*

Pastor: Let us sing to LORD a new song...and declare His Praise? *Is 42:10,12*

*** Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal, #119
O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

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, you sent your Son into the world to deliver your captive people; Surely you have done great things for us; Yet we continue to ignore what you have done, turn our backs on what you are doing, and forget about what you will do; Forgive us of our sinful apathy; grant to us the assurance of salvation; cause your Holy Spirit to work in us genuine repentance and wholehearted obedience.

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

People: We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

* Pastor: Now arise, and hear the comforting words from the Scriptures! John 3:16
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. Psalter, Ps 100A, v1,3 *a capella*

*** 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!

*** Hymn of Preparation**

Trinity Hymnal, #148
Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

*** Gospel Lesson**

Mark 8:22-30

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Lesson from the Law & Prophets

Isaiah 42:1-9

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Epistle

Revelation 3:14-22

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Eye Salve: that You May See"

Ordination & Installation to Office of Ruling Elder

Darwin Greenwald
(See insert)

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Trinity Hymnal, #158
See, Amid the Winter's Snow

*** 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, #159
Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

*** The Lord's Commission of Us** **1 Thessalonians 5:16-22**

*** We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us** **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28**

*** We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him** **Gloria Patri**

*** 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 14, 2014

"Eye Salve: that You May See"
Text: Mark 8:22-30

1. Jesus' strange, parabolic _____ - _____ healing of the blind man of Bethsaida (22-26; Isa 42:2,7; Jer 31:32-33)
 - A. Similarities between this healing sign (8:22-26) & healing the deaf-mute (cp 7:31f)
 - B. Similarities between this healing sign & His subsequent question of His disciples
 - C. Spiritual significance of this physical healing sign -- _____ sight/ understanding (cp 8:17-18)
2. Jesus' straight-forward _____ - _____ question of His disciples on the road (27-30)
 - A. Evaluating the _____ _____ opinion the people had of Jesus (27-28)
 - B. Understanding the disciples' _____ of Jesus (29)
 - C. The _____ *strict warning* of Jesus (30)

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School will be held at 11:30 in the sanctuary. Our lesson is "Geezer Time" from Ecclesiastes 11:7--12:14.

Fellowship Meal

After our morning services, please join us as we practice some Eccl 8:15 *enjoyment!*

Consistory/Session

A Consistory & Stated Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec 17th at 7:15 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.

WIC (Women in the Church)

The new women's Bible study starts January 12th 2015. We will be studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Be prepared to discuss Chapter 1.

Heidelberg Catechism, Part 3 Gratitude, The Lord's Prayer, Lord's Day 51

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

A. "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" means: Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

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

NEXT WEEK:

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

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

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

Ordination & Installation to Office of Ruling Elder

Darwin Greenwald

Questions (vows) proposed to Darwin Greenwald

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Question addressed to members of the church (answer in affirmative by holding up their right hands)

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

Darwin set apart with prayer & laying on of hands by Session & given the right hand of fellowship

Pronouncement & exhortation