

Lord's Day Service – December 21, 2014
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

* *Call to Worship*

Luke 1:26-35

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: My soul declares the greatness of the Lord,

People: And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Pastor: For the Almighty has done great things for me,

People: And holy is His name.

Lk 1:26,27 29

Pastor: Let us sing to LORD a new song...and declare His Praise!

Is 42:10,12

* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #165
Savior of the Nations, Come

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. We turn our backs on what you are doing, and we 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! Mark 2:5,10. 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...

* *Hymn of Preparation*

Holy Is His Name (Magnificat, Luke 1:46-50)

Solo: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exalts in God my Savior.

For he has looked with mercy on my lowliness, and my name will be forever exalted.

For the mighty God has done great things for me, and his mercy will reach from age to age.

Refrain: And holy, holy, holy is his name.

* *Prayer*

Almighty God, purify our conscience, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen!

* *Gospel Lesson*

Mark 8:29-33

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Lesson from the Prophets

Isaiah 52:7-10; 53:1-12

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Peter's Confession & Rebuke of Jesus"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* *Hymn of Consecration*

Trinity Hymnal, #150

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

* *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 **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God **Creed** (See insert)

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

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* **Romans 16:19**

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* **Romans 16:20, 25-27**

* *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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Christmas Confession

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Who sent His Son as our Savior on Christmas.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, proclaimed by the shepherds, adored by the wise men, who lived to suffer, die and rise again, to free me from sin, death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, and by whose continuous work in my heart, I am ever to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love, and live under Him as my King, now and for evermore.
Amen.

Sermon Notes – December 21, 2014

“Peter's Confession & Rebuke of Jesus” Text: Mark 8:29-33; Matt 16:16-20

1. Peter's _____ confession of Jesus (29; Lu 2:11)
 - A. The miracles & doctrine of Jesus _____ that He is the true Messiah (Jn 20:30-31).
 - B. It is only by divine _____ that we can make the good confession (Mt 16:17).
 - C. This bedrock confession is the basis of the real authority of the Church, both of _____ and _____ (Mt 16:18-19; Jn 20:22-23).
2. Peter's rebuke of Jesus _____ & _____ message (31-33)
 - A. The miracles of Jesus assure us that He is _____ in the cross (31).
 - B. The _____ of the cross of Christ (32).
 - C. Our offense to Christ—when we _____ His calling (Mt 16:22-23). Christ's grace to us – rebuking us and _____ our enemies for us (33).

Announcements

Sunday School

No Sunday School today. Help would be appreciated in moving the communion table, pulpit and riser for tonight's Lessons & Carols service. Those reading in the service tonight, please gather up front after the worship for brief instructions

Lessons & Carols Service

We will have a Lessons & Carols Service tonight at 7 pm. Come early for a Recorder Duo prelude. We'll sing some carols, read the prophecies and accounts of the birth of the Christ. Bring a "holy-day" treat or drink to share after the service.

Parking

Handicap parking is marked out front, where the concrete apron opens to the ramp. Please leave that slot open.

Men's Forum

Next Sunday evening, Dec 28, Men's Forum will meet at 6 pm at the church. Andy Moore, stepson of Scott Seaman, will speak. He is presently employed by the U.S. Military.

WIC (Women in the Church)

The new women's Bible study starts January 12, 2015, 7pm. We will be studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Be prepared to discuss Chapter 1. Contact Barb if you still need a book.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for snow removal from the church walks. Please let Deacon Reich know if you can cover some weeks in January or February.

Directory Update

Several updated directory drafts will be available downstairs for the next couple of weeks. Please review your information and make any changes on the draft.

Heidelberg Catechism, Part 3 Gratitude, The Lord's Prayer, Lord's Day 52

Q 127. *What does the sixth petition mean?*

- A. "And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one" means: By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

Set-up Teams

New Set-Up Teams as of Jan 1, 2015. See your Team Leader for details.

Dec 28	<u>Team 3</u>	J Pennington*, Cox, K Hummel, Nader, N Pennington, Piquette
Jan 4	<u>Team 5</u>	Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti
Jan 11	<u>Team 1</u>	Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke
Jan 18	<u>Team 2</u>	D Greenwald*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington
Jan 25	<u>Team 3</u>	J Hummel*, D Dykema, Nader, Seaman
Feb 1	<u>Team 4</u>	J Pennington*, Cox, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling