

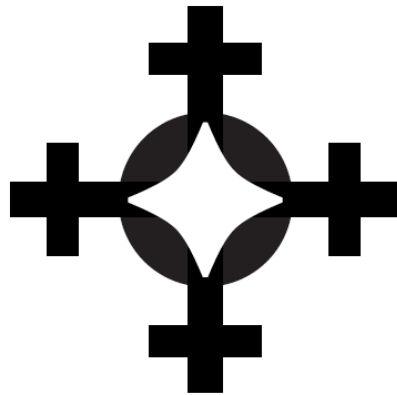


Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

January 25, 2015



The season of Epiphany reminds us of the church's world-wide mission to reveal the true God and his love for mankind in his Son. The star in the center is the star of Bethlehem. It shines to the four corners of the earth to manifest the cross of Christ to all the nations. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates how Jesus Christ manifests himself to the world as God Incarnate and King of kings – as the crucified and risen Lord.

Lord's Day Service – January 25, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

* *Call to Worship*

Psalm 135:1-4

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: Our help is in the Name of the LORD,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Ps 124:8

* *Hymn of Praise*

Psalter, #135B

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD's Name!

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 37:1-11, 23-40

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake:

[kneeling] **Eternal God, in whom I live and move and have my being, my heavenly Father, your face is hidden from me because of my sins. Cleanse me, I pray, from all my offenses, and deliver me from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that I may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing my faults and confiding in your grace, I look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen!**

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, arise, 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!

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!

Psalms 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 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, 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*

Trinity Hymnal, #174

Praise the Savior

* *Prayer*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:1-18

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson*

Mark 9:30-37

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"The Way of the Lord"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* *Hymn of Consecration*

Trinity Hymnal, #186

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

* *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 (inside hymnal cover)

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Trinity Hymnal, #200

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

2 Corinthians 5:18-20a

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us*

2 Corinthians 13:14

* *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 – January 25, 2015

“The Way of the Lord” Text: Mark 9:30-37

1. The way of the Lord is the way of the _____ (30-32). We must understand this.
 - A. Christ's continued desire to remain _____ (30)

 - B. Christ's continued teaching about the way of His passion & resurrection (31; Acts 2:23-24)

 - C. The disciples' continued lack of understanding of Christ's teaching (32)

2. The way of the Lord is the way of _____ (33-37). We must not dispute this.
 - A. Christ reckons with us for our _____ disputes & _____ thoughts (33-34)

 - B. Christ's way to be _____ is counterintuitive of man's way (35-37)

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School meets this morning at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary. We will continue studying WCF Ch 3, "Of God's Eternal Decree."

Westminster Shorter Catechism - Questions 12, 13

Q. 12. *What are the decrees of God?*

A. God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his will, whereby, from all eternity, he has, for his own glory, unchangeably foreordained whatever comes to pass in time, especially concerning angels and men.

Q. 13. *What has God especially decreed concerning angels and men?*

A. God, by an eternal and immutable decree, out of his mere love, for the praise of his glorious grace, to be manifested in due time, has elected some angels to glory; and in Christ has chosen some men to eternal life, and the means thereof: and also, according to his sovereign power, and the unsearchable counsel of his own will, (whereby he extends or withholds favor as he pleases,) has passed by and foreordained the rest to dishonor and wrath, to be for their sin inflicted, to the praise of the glory of his justice.

Scripture Memory

This week review Mark 8:34-37 and memorize verse 38,

38, *For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.*

WIC Activities

- Women's Bible study tomorrow night, 7pm; Chapter 2 will be discussed.
- Dinner Around 2015 starts in February. Once a month host families provide the main course for dinner; participants bring something to share; and the fellowship begins. Host families within the group change each month. Non-hosting participants are blended in. Contact Chery Greenwald to join a group.

Christian Authorship Forum

Literature is a key culture carrier shaping subsequent generational thinking. Join us on Saturday, February 28th, 9 – 11:30 am, as Liz Tolsma, a local Reformed author, speaks to the process of writing and publishing. A panel discussion will follow with two of our own writers, Rev. Dale Dykema and Nathan Pennington.

Set-up Teams

Next Week

Feb 1 Team 4 J Pennington*, Cox, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling

Following Weeks:

Feb 8 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti

Feb 15 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke

Feb 22 Team 2 D Greenwald*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington

Mar 1 Team 3 J Hummel*, D Dykema, Nader, Seaman