

# March 22, 2015



## **Christus Victor**

The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCOYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

We symbolize Christ's Lordship with purple banners as we anticipate through the suffering and death of Jesus, the coming Easter festival and hope of newness that we celebrate in His resurrection on Easter Sunday, and every Lord's Day of the year.

# Lord's Day Service – March 22, 2015

#### Welcome & Announcements

# Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

### Silent Preparation

\* Call to Worship

Isaiah 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!

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the LORD,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Ps 124:8

\* **Hymn of Praise** Trinity Hymnal, **#119** 

O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

\* New Testament Lesson Revelation 3:14-22

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

# Purification - We Confess Our Sins to God

Dearly beloved, *let us kneel before the LORD our Maker* with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake:

Most merciful God, I confess to you that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

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.

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!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so! Psalm 92:1

Pastor: It is right, and good and our greatest joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By His grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but for Him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the saints in heaven, who forever sing to the glory of your Name:

\* Hymn of Preparation

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

# \* Prayer

Pastor:

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-18

Ps 86:4. Lam 3:41

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

\* Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:46-52

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"The Saving of Poor, Blind Bart"

# Tribute - We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

\* Doxology & Presentation/Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn of Consecration

Trinity Hymnal, **#133**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v 1-5)

6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. Glory to God, and praise and love Be ever, ever given By saints below and saints above, The church in earth and heaven.

# Peace - We Commune with God

Words of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Luke 22:14-23

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

**Creed** (inside hymnal cover)

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving

Lift High the Cross (See insert)

# **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

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:

- 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);
- 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 - March 22, 2015

# "The Saving of Poor, Blind Bart" Text: Mark 10:46-52

1.	Trouble in "Paradise" – the irony of Jericho's fertility and wealth is that she is (46)
2.	The "son of honor" begs for mercy of <i>the Son of David</i> – Who is poor, blind Bart? (46-48; cp 10:13)
3.	The Son of David calls the "son of honor" and it is an (49-50; cp 10:21)
4.	Today salvation is come to poor, blind Bart, because he also is a son of (51-52; cp 10:17-22, 36)

## **Announcements**

# **Sunday School**

Sunday School will meet at 11:30 in the sanctuary. We will study WCF chapter 10, "Of Effectual Calling."

# **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Questions 29-31, Trinity Hymnal, p. 667.

# **Scripture Memory**

This week memorize Mark 10:44-45, and review verses 42-43.

- 42 Jesus...said to them, 'You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.
- 43 'Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.
- 44 'And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.
- 45 'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.'

#### **WIC Activities**

- Women's Bible study will meet tomorrow night, 7 pm. Chapter 6 of the study book will be discussed.
- Dinner Around Fellowship groups continue to meet March and April.

# **Good Friday Service**

We will have a Tenebrae program on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.

# **Set-up Teams**

# Next Week

Mar 29	<u> Leam 2</u>	D Greenwald*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington		
Following Weeks:				
April 5	Team 4	J Pennington*, Cox, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling		
April 12	Team 3	J Hummel*, D Dykema, Nader, Seaman		
April 19	Team 5	Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti		
April 26	Team 1	Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke		
May 3	Team 2	D Greenwald*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington		