



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

December 6, 2015

First Sunday of Advent – Peace



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. Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are purple. Violet or purple is the royal color. During Advent season we pray for and reflect upon the ways in which Christ our King comes to serve us.

Lord's Day Service – December 6, 2015
Second Sunday of Advent – Peace

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

** Call to Worship*

Luke 24:45-53

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

People: **Amen!**

Mt 28:19

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Ruth 2:4

Pastor: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and
the government will be upon His shoulder. And His
name will be called.

People: **Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Of the increase of His government and peace there will
be no end, upon the throne of David and over His
kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and
justice from that time forward, even forever.

People: **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

Is 9:2,6,7

Pastor: Behold, Your King is coming to you!

Zech 9:9

People: **O come, let us worship Him!**

Ps 95:6

** Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #147

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

O Almighty God, heavenly Father, I have sinned against you and against my neighbor, in thought, word and deed, in the evil I have done and in the good I have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through my own deliberate fault. I am truly sorry and repent of all my sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, forgive me all that is past; grant that I may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news from Jeremiah 31:31-34! 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 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, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing.

* *Hymn of Preparation*

Trinity Hymnal, #146

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

* *Prayer*

Merciful God, our heavenly Father, you 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!

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-8; Ezekiel 34:22-31

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* *Gospel Lesson*

John 14:25-31

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:1-14

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Ascension & Accord"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* *Hymn of Consecration*

Trinity Hymnal, #153

Behold, A Branch Is Growing

* *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*

Of the Father's Love Begotten (See insert)

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

Romans 12:16-18

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

2 Thessalonians 3:16

* *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 6, 2015

"Ascension & Accord"

Text: Acts 1:6-14

1. The ascension of Jesus the Christ into heaven (1:9-11)
 - A. What does His resurrection & ascension tell us about heaven and earth? (Re 21:1-4)

 - B. How does His resurrection & ascension answer the apostles' question, "Are we there yet?" (Da 7:13-14)

2. The accord of the Christians on earth (1:12-14)
 - A. Why does Luke list the names of these? (cp 1:1,2 w Lu 1:1-4)

 - B. What is the first & most important response to this extraordinary, unprecedented event? (14; Lu 24:52-53)

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School meets today at 11:30. The lesson is chapter 1 of *The Kingdom & the Power: Rediscovering the Centrality of the Church*. Prepare for next week's lesson by reading Chapter 2, "I Saw Satan Fall," p 23-40 and answer the questions that will be emailed.

Advent Services

Advent service this Thursday evening at 7 pm – the theme is peace. On Christmas Eve, the service will be at 3:30 pm.

Fellowship Meal

Tis the Season – so next week for Fellowship meal, please bring your favorite festive food for main dish and/or assigned side. If your contribution has a particular name or story to it, feel free to make a note to set out as well. In addition to main dish, Teams 1 & 5 should bring salad and bread; Teams 2, 3 & 4 should bring dessert. Team 4 manages the kitchen.

WIC Activities

- December 12th – Baby shower 2:30-4:30 pm for Katie Piquette at the church.
- Christmas party for all women & children on Monday, December 14th. See insert.
- January 9th – Bridal shower for Leigh Ann Nader
- Monday, January 11th study will reconvene at 7pm to discuss Hebrews 4.

Youth Snow Camp

"Assignment: Faithfulness" Snow Camp 2016, Jan 15-17, for 6th -12th graders from WI OPC and PCA churches. Cost: \$100. Lake Lundgren Bible Camp. Activities: carpetball, tubing, broomball, praise worship, fellowship, ice skating, ping pong, cc skiing, Bible teaching, friends! Register by Dec 29 at tinyurl.com/snowcamp2016.

Set-up Teams

Next Week

December 13 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling

Following Weeks:

December 20 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti

December 27 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke

January 3 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington

January 10 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, Seaman