



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

December 28, 2014

Christmastide



No symbol can adequately comprehend the richness of the reality and abundant life of our Triune God. This shield depicts something of the Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity that is the living and true God in whom we trust. At the center is *Deus* (Latin for "God"). Reading out from the center along the three spokes, the unity of the Godhead is represented: *Deus est Pater* = God is the Father and the Father is God; *Deus est Filius* = God is the Son and the Son is God; *Deus est Spiritus Sanctus* = God is the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is God. Reading around the circumference of the circle, the distinctions between the Persons are noted: *Pater non est Filius* = The Father is not the Son; *Filius non est Spiritus Sanctus* = The Son is not the Holy Spirit; *Spiritus Sanctus no est Pater* = The Holy Spirit is not the Father.

Lord's Day Service – December 28, 2014 Christmastide

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Silent Preparation

* *Call to Worship*

Psalm 100:1-2; Luke 2:14

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: Unto us the Christ is born!

Is 9:6

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

Ps 95:6

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

Is 42:10,12

* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #151
O Come, All Ye Faithful

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: **Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge before you our sins and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days. Amen!**

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

* Pastor: Now 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. (1 John 1:9)

* 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** Trinity Hymnal, #160
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

* **Prayer**
Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson **Psalm 139**
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson **Romans 11:33 – 12:2**
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

* **Gospel Lesson** **John 1:1-13**
Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon **"On Being Known and Loved"**

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* **Hymn of Consecration** Trinity Hymnal, #33
Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

* **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** (hymnal cover)

* **Hymn of Thanksgiving** Trinity Hymnal, #74
The Man Who Once Has Found Abode

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* **The Lord's Commission of Us** **Mark 16:15**

* **We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us** **Numbers 6:24-26**

* **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 28, 2014

On Being Known and Loved

Text: Psalm 139

- We mark this _____ Psalm in which the _____
_____ inspires King David to prophesy a prayer of _____
_____ to His _____ in heaven. The prayer expounds the
provident _____ and _____ of His Father. (vs.7-12)
 - It praises the Father for His _____ (vs.13) and _____
(vs.15) and birth.
 - Tells of the infinite thoughts that make up their _____
_____ together (vs.17-18)
 - All of it applies to each of us who are _____ Christ, covered by His
_____ and covenant _____.
1. We are fully, intimately, exhaustively _____. (vs.1-6)
 - a. Can we know _____ fully?
 - b. How much do we want to be known?
 - c. Even Paul, the Lord's apostle, had trouble _____
(Rom.7:18ff)
 2. We are never _____. (vs.7-12)
 - a. In _____ we are no longer of our _____ the devil.
 - b. When God knows us we are born from _____.
 3. We are wonderfully _____. (vs.13-18)
 - a. God thinks about _____ in His Son, all the _____.
 - b. The Father's _____ is perfect with the _____ and
with _____ who are in the Son.
 4. Overwhelmed with God's wisdom, grace and love we begin to see
disobedience and wickedness as He does and to think His thoughts after
Him. (vs.19-24)
 - a. In Christ we begin to acknowledge our own _____.
 - b. In Christ we want God to _____.
 - c. In Christ we pray that God will judge and _____
_____. (vs.19-20)

Announcements

Worship

Rev. Dale Dykema will be ministering the Word and sacrament this morning

Speaker

Andy Moore, son of Scott & Nancy Seaman, will be speaking. Andy is presently employed by the U.S. Military.

New Year's Eve Fellowship

Ring in the New Year with fellowship, food, 8 pm until next year. Bring a game, snack and/ or beverage to share. Location to be determined.

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.

Directory Update

Updated directory drafts are 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 128. *What does the conclusion to this prayer mean?*

- A. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever" means:
We have made all these petitions of you because, as our all-powerful king,
you are both willing and able to give us all that is good; and because your
holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

Q 129. *What does that little word "Amen" express?*

- A. "Amen" means: This shall truly and surely be! It is even more sure that
God listens to my prayer than that I really desire what I pray for.

Set-up Teams

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

Next Week

Jan 4 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti

Following Weeks:

Jan 11 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer, Zitzke

Jan 18 Team 2 D Greenwald*, Dietzel, B Dykema, Nagle, N Pennington

Jan 25 Team 3 J Hummel*, D Dykema, Nader, Seaman

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