

Lord's Day Service

November 25, 2012

Prelude: We silently prepare our hearts to worship our Lord

We appreciate the sounds of friends greeting each other and the words of welcome that are exchanged. They are evidence of the love and care we have for one another. However, when the musical prelude begins, we ask that our conversations be brought to a close and our attention turned to some quiet meditation in preparation to worship our Lord.

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 100, Selection 49
Trinity Hymnal, page 645

*** Hymn of Praise**

Psalter, #95C
Come, Let Us Sing unto the LORD!

*** Salutation & Responsive Scripture**

Minister: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! *Luke 24:6, 34*

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you! *Ruth 2:4*

Minister: Our help is in the name of Yahweh,

People: Who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen! *Matthew 28:19*

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth; we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for our transgressions of Your holy law. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, O God, after Your great goodness. According to the multitude of Your mercies, do away our offenses and cleanse us from our sins. And grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Minister: 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.

People: Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Minister: Lift up your hearts! *Psalm 86:4*

People: We lift them up to the Lord! *Lam 3:41*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

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

Minister: Truly, it is proper, right, and our duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. 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**

Psalter, #98A
O Sing a New Song to the LORD

*** Prayer**

Blessed Lord, who breathed out the holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*** Lesson from the Old Testament**

Psalm 19

*** Lesson from the New Testament**

John 3:22-30

Sermon

"Ministry Fail"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Psalter, #111A
O Praise the LORD!

***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**

Psalter, #29A (tune: *Let All Things Now Living*)
O Give to Jehovah (2 verses per each stanza of tune)

Announcements

Welcome

We welcome Rev. Daniel Breed this morning. Dan will be proclaiming God's Word and administering the sacrament this morning. Dan was called by the WI Presbytery to plant a church in Appleton. After our fellowship break, Dan will report on the church-planting work in Appleton.

Scripture Memory

Our Scripture memory/ review text for the rest of 2012 is the Luke 2 narrative of the birth of Christ. This week review v 1-3 and learn v 4-5. The text is the Authorized or KJV:

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Calvin: "If Mary had not been constrained to do otherwise, she would have chosen to bring forth her child at home...but the governor, unknown to himself, is God's herald, to call Mary to the place which God had appointed...Luke's whole narrative may well lead believers to acknowledge, that Christ was led by the hand of God *from his mother's belly*, (Ps 22:10). Mary was drawn suddenly, and contrary to her own intention, to Bethlehem, that *out of it might come forth* (Micah 5:2) the Redeemer, as He had been formerly promised."

Ladies Study

The ladies of the church will meet for Bible Study this Tuesday, November 27th, 7pm at the church. Be prepared to discuss Lesson 11 from "Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches."

Hospitality Reminder

Hebrews 13:2, *Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.* The word for "hospitality" in the NT actually means "love to strangers." Obviously, we are hospitable to our friends and family, but the word refers especially to those outside that circle. Strangers in the ancient world had no protection under the law, no legal rights. Remember the story of Lot helping two strange men who came to Sodom (Ge 19:1-11). Lot knew the streets weren't safe for these "strangers" and provided hospitality to angels unawares. But don't make a mechanical absolute out of this command either. We usually find in the Scriptures that the stranger referred to in the command is a believer or at least a God-fearer of some kind--not a criminal or a dangerous man (cf Matt 25:40).

Lessons & Carols

Lessons & Carols Service, Sunday night, December 23.

Catechism

In January we will be encouraging families and individuals re-memorize and review the Westminster Shorter Catechism (two questions/week), which is a workable summary of what we confess that the Scriptures teach. We have copies of the WSC and the Children's Catechism in west hall bookshelf.

Set-up Teams

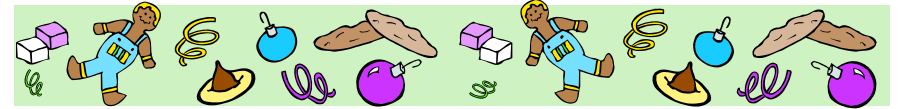
Set-up teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If your family cannot set-up on your assigned week, please swap with another family and notify both team leaders (*).

NEXT WEEK:

Team 5 December 2 S Reich*, Burie, Gerth

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

Team 1 December 9 Kingsley*, Cotey, K Hummel, Markert
Team 2 December 16 Dykema*, Greenwald, Jens, Kelling, Ruchti
Team 3 December 23 J Hummel*, Cox, B Dykema, D Dykema, Zitzke
Team 4 December 30 J Pennington*, Dietzel, Nader, Nagle, N Pennington



Women in the Church

Please join us for a

Christmas Party

On Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm
in the church basement.
Children are welcome.

Ornament Exchange

Each woman (13+) should bring a wrapped \$5 ornament to exchange
Each child (12 and under) should bring a \$2 ornament to exchange

Cookie Exchange

If you would also like to participate in a Cookie Exchange
at the time of the party, let Sandy Pennington know by December 2nd.

Once she knows the final number, she will contact the participants with
how many dozen to prepare and how to package.

