

Lord's Day Service
December 11, 2011
Third Sunday of Advent

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 98
Trinity Hymnal, page 644

*** Hymn of Praise**

Trinity Hymnal, #147
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*** 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

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you, our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in wandering from your ways, in not enjoying your gifts, in complaining, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults, through my Lord Jesus Christ. 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 so to do! *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**

Trinity Hymnal, #146
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

*** Prayer**

Merciful God, who 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.

*** Lesson from the Old Testament**

Isaiah 40:1-11

*** Lesson from the New Testament**

Luke 1:57-80

Sermon

“JOY”

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Trinity Hymnal, #166
From Heaven High I Come to You

***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, #149
Joy to the World

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

Luke 1:77-79

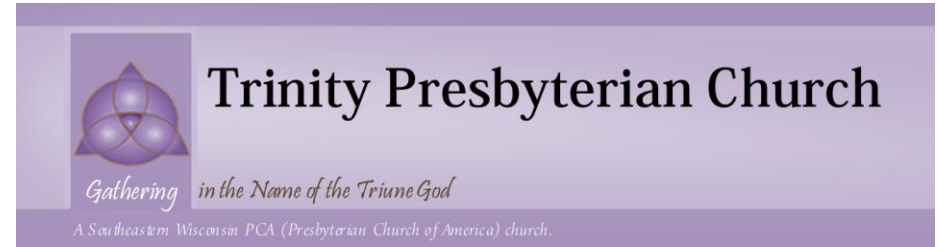
* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us*

Jude 24-25

* *We Bless the LORD, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him*

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

* *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 Lakeside.

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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JESUS IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

In the name of the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ welcome: to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; and to whomever will come.

We assemble together each Lord's Day as a gathering of God's children with each other, but primarily, as a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people. God is present with us by His omnipresence but, much more intimately, as the faithful covenant Savior. Christ is the Mediator by whom alone we can come unto God. He is the head of the church. He rules over public worship. In corporate worship – when God meets with His people, Christ with His bride, the Spirit with His temple – we receive God's grace through the Word and sacrament, and we respond to Him with thanksgiving, faith, and love.

Sermon Notes – December 11, 2011

"Joy"

1. Joy to you and me, *to you is born a Savior*: the _____ of joy (Jn 15:11; 16:20-24)
 - A. Joy is a _____ of God (Eccl 2:24-26; 5:18-20; 9:7-9)
 - B. There is a Christmastide worldliness that drives out joy, _____
 - C. Refusal to _____ what God gives and to share it is disobedience (1 Ti 6:17-18)
2. Joy to the world, the Lord has come to _____ the world (Jn 3:17; 1 Jn 2:2).
 - A. Watts, the inspired _____ book, and joy to the world (Ps 67:1-4; Ps 98)
 - B. Don't be joyless, fearful or slow of heart to believe all that the _____ have spoken

Announcements

Welcome & Directory Update

Welcome to Clara Noel, the newest addition to the Gerth family. Please add the Gerths to your directory: Jerrod, Mandi, Owen, Samuel, Gabriel, Nora & Clara Gerth.

Christmas Program Practice

After fellowship time, Ladies Choir and play participants will meet in at the front of the church for rehearsal. The cast will break for lunch and continue rehearsing until 4 pm.

Catechism

This week review Westminster Shorter Catechism 101-102.

Ladies' Study

Ladies Study will meet at 7 pm this Tuesday, December 13th in Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Chapter 13 of "The Excellent Wife" by Martha Peace.

Christmas Program & Carols

At 7:30 pm on Sunday evening, December 18th we will have a play, "Miracle at Christmas," and a carol sing. Bring family and friends.

Holiday Service Times

Lord's Day service will begin at 9:30 am on Christmas Sunday and at 10:30 am on New Year's Day Sunday.

New Year's Eve

Ring in the New Year with a game night at the church. Festivities begin at 7 PM. Bring your favorite games and snacks.

Cold Fusion Snow Camp 2012

Cold Fusion Snow Camp 2012 for Reformed teens, January 20-22, 2012. See brochure in back.

Set-up Teams

Beginning next week, December 18th hopefully, we will be back on regular set-up schedule with refreshments for Fellowship Break. Set-up teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If unavailable on your assigned week, please swap with another family and notify both team leaders (*).

NEXT WEEK:

Team 5 December 18 S Reich*, Burie, Dietzel, King, Reynoso

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

Team 1 December 25 Kingsley*, Cotey, K Hummel, Markert, Santarelli
Team 2 January 1 K Dykema*, Greenwald, Jens, Kelling, Ruchti
Team 3 January 8 J Hummel*, Cox, B Dykema, D Dykema, Zitzke
Team 4 January 15 J Pennington*, Nader, Nagle, N Pennington