

LORD's Day Service – January 14, 2024

Preparation for Worship: *Luke 2:46-47, 51-52*

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

* *Entrance Hymn* Songbook, #1
Opening Acclamation

* *Call to Worship* Psalm 19:1-6, 14

Minister: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Congregation: Amen!

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

* *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #104
The Heav'ns Declare Thy Glory

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Call to Confession Psalm 32:3, 9

Hymn of Confession Trinity Hymnal, #409
Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I keep silent, my bones grow old. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me. I acknowledge my sin to You, and do not hide my iniquity. I will confess my transgressions to You, Lord, and You forgive the iniquity of my sin. For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You. You are my hiding place. You surround me with songs of deliverance. For Jesus' sake, have mercy upon me. Amen! (*Silent prayer*)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 32:7, 10, 11

Almighty and merciful Lord forgive you of all your sins, and grant you true repentance, amendment of life, with grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!

Minister: Truly it is proper, right and our bound duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven and with Your Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, singing:

* *Sanctus* Songbook, #79

* *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #631
Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord

Let us pray: **Father in heaven, Who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit; Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Proverbs 10:11,13,18-21,31-32;
13:2-3; 18:20-21; 30:32; 31:1,8-9
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson James 3:1-5
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 12:31-37
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "The Power of Words"

* *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #54
Forever Settled in the Heav'ns

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Petitions & the Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

