

LORD's Day Service – December 17, 2023 – Third Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 16:1-4a, 11*

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

- * *Entrance* Trinity Hymnal, #147 (v 3-5)
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- * *Call to Worship* Psalm 30:1-5
- Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Congregation: Amen!**
- Minister: Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.
- Congregation: For there is born to us in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord.**
- Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,
- Congregation: Have mercy upon us, for You alone are holy.**
- Minister: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
- Congregation: His mercy endures forever.**
- Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!
- Congregation: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen!**

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

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

Call to Confession Lamentations 5:15-18

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

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions...Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones which You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation...then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. We confide in Your grace and mercy through Your Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen! (from Ps 51) (Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 12:1-3

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* Psalter, 112B
Praise to the LORD!

Let us pray: **Stir up Your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; that we may greet with joy the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ our Redeemer; to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 6:1-25
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson James 2:11-20
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Luke 1:6-17, 26-47
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Work-less, Demonic, Worthless Faith"

* *Hymn* Songbook, #87 (1 Sam 2:1-10)
Song of Hannah

* *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 Ecclesiastes 9:1a,7-8; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

* Hymn

Trinity Hymnal, #149
Joy to the World

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

Isaiah 55:10 – 56:2a

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

Romans 15:13

* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him*

Psalter, #72D

Announcements

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 wood box on the rear wall of the sanctuary.

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)



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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.

White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.