

## LORD's Day Service – December 31, 2023

Preparation for Worship: *Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:21*

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

- \* *Entrance Hymn* Songbook, #23 (tune: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*)  
*Glory Be to God the Father*
- \* *Call to Worship* Luke 2:15-20
- 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, #151  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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

- Call to Confession* Habakkuk 2:4, 12-14, 20
- Hymn of Confession Songbook, #97  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
- Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.
- Most merciful God, Who are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, we come before  
You in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our multiple  
transgressions of Your righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, Who desires not the  
death of a sinner, You are ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners. Look  
upon us in mercy; make us deeply sensible of the great evil of our sin; and forgive  
us our debts for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer.  
Amen! (Silent prayer)**
- Assurance of Pardon* Habakkuk 3:13, 17-18
- 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* Songbook, #101  
*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Let us pray: **Eternal Father, You gave to Your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to  
be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of Him Who is the  
Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; Who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen!**

- Old Testament Lesson* Ecclesiastes 12  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**
- Epistle Lesson* 1 John 3:1-10  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**
- \* *Gospel Lesson* John 15:18-27  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**
- Sermon* "Practicing Righteousness"  
Elder Shane Peterson, Pastoral Intern
- \* *Hymn* Songbook, #87  
*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* 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 10:31

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

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

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

Psalter, #72D

**Announcements**

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**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.

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*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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*Gathering in the Name of the Triune God*

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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.