



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

A Southeastern Wisconsin PCA (Presbyterian Church of America) church.

January 8, 2017 Epiphany Sunday



Christus Victor

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.

Lord's Day Service – January 8, 2017 Epiphany Sunday

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

Let us stand and bless the Lord our God!

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of Yahweh,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The eyes of all look expectantly to You,

People: **And You give them their food in due season.**

Pastor: You open Your hand

People: **And satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

* *Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #164

Sages, Leave Your Contemplations (verses 3-5)

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

My dear God, teach me not to begin faith by my own efforts, nor to attempt to destroy my sin with my own repentance. I might do this before the world and its judges, but with you, O God, there is an eternal wrath which I cannot satisfy, and before it I would despair. Therefore I thank you that Another has seized and carried my sins and has made atonement for them. With joy I wish to believe this. It seems so very right and comforting to me. But I cannot believe it by myself; Lord, help me. Give me the power and gift to believe. I cannot create the sun and moon, or make them shine brightly in the heavens, any more than I can make my heart clean or give myself a right spirit, a strong and firm frame of mind that is unbending and unwavering and that will not doubt or mistrust your Word. Though the world should topple and all conspire against me, by your divine help let me remain in the Gospel. Amen!

Luther's Prayers, ed by Herbert Brokering

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession of sin)

Arise, lift up your heads and hear the comforting words of the Gospel! Our heavenly Father, in His great mercy, has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake pardons and rescues you from all your sins in order to present you spotless before His glory with great joy!

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

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

People: It is proper and right to do so!

Pastor: Truly it is right and our greatest joy to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore, we praise you by joining our voices with angels and archangels and all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name...

* *Hymn of Preparation*

Trinity Hymnal, #154
As with Gladness Men of Old

* *Prayer*

O God, by the leading of the star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-12

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Acts 15:1-11

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson*

Matthew 2:1-23

Pastor: The Gospel of Lord Jesus.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Conflict in the Church over Circumcision"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

* *Hymn of Consecration*

Trinity Hymnal, #403
Not What My Hands Have Done

* *Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace – We Commune with God

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:17-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Trinity Hymnal, #270
The Church's One Foundation

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

Galatians 5:1, 6

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

Galatians 1:3-5

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

Doxology

* *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 basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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Sermon Notes – January 8, 2017

"Conflict in the Church over Circumcision"

Text: Acts 15:1-11

1. _____ / _____ question: what is necessary for salvation & membership in Christ's church?
 - A. If keeping the law is necessary, it ties man's salvation to _____ which means: (1,2a,5)
 - 1) Man gets the _____
 - 2) Man's assurance is _____
 - 3) The light of the church is _____
 - B. Why do we believe that we are saved by God's _____ alone through _____ alone? (4)
 - 1) God _____ (7)
 - 2) God _____ (8-9)
 - 3) God's _____ (10-11)
2. Church _____ & _____: what methods should we take uphold the truth & keep the peace?
 - A. The strength of _____: knowing what you believe & why
 - B. We cannot be squeamish over _____ war & controversies about _____.
 - C. *The servants of the Lord must not quarrel but be _____ to all... (2 Ti 2:24).*
 - D. Christ's servants must *avoid foolish & ignorant _____ (2 Ti 2:23)*
 - E. *In the _____ of counselors there is safety (2b-6; Pro 10:19 w 11:14)*

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary at 11:30 AM this morning.

Fellowship Meal

Please join us downstairs following the morning services for a Fellowship Meal.

Vacation

Pastor and his family will be out of town on vacation tomorrow through the following Monday, Jan 16. If you have a prayer request, contact one of the elders so that it can be passed along to the congregation.

Next Sunday

Rev. Mike Wenzler will be preaching the Word and administering the sacrament next Sunday. During Sunday School, he will give a report on the RUF ministry at UWM.

WIC Activities

The women will begin their next Bible study series tomorrow at 7 pm. The book being used is "Idol Lies" by Dee Brestin. If you need a book, see Cheryl or Barb.

Set-up Teams

In order to keep the carpets clean, set-up teams should place full garbage bags outside the church and not on the carpet. Frequently the bags leak coffee.

Next Week

January 15 Team 1 Dykema*, Burie, N Greenwald, Hammer

Following Weeks

January 22 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson
January 29 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman
February 5 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling, Sosnoski
February 12 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera