



**May 13, 2018**



**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.

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

**Lord's Day Service – May 13, 2018**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**Preparation for Worship: Acts 1:4-11**  
 Welcome & Announcements

**Entrance – God Call Us; we gather together and praise Him**

\* *Chant of the Month* Psalm 47B (See insert)

\* *Call to Worship* Romans 8:31-39

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen!**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Congregation: He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,

**Congregation: Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.**

Pastor: Sing praises to God, sin praises!

**Congregation: Sing praises to our Kin, sing praises!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

\* *Hymn of Praise* Trinity Hymnal, #212  
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

**Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him and are forgiven in Christ**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. *(Those unable to kneel may be seated.)*

**Lord our God, we come to You as Your sons and servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, and yet aware of our continuing need of Your grace. We confess that we have sinned against You and fall short of Your glory. We have broken Your commandments. We have not loved You with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We rightly fall under Your curse and judgment. For this reason, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and receiving Your grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!**

*(Silent, personal confession of sin)*

Arise and hear the good news! 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. Believe this and rejoice!

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

**Ascension – God Consecrates Us: we listen to Him and offer our works and lives to Him**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is proper and right to do so!**

Truly it is proper, right, and our greatest joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who ascended on high; Whom You highly exalted by seating Him at Your right hand, where He makes intercession for us, and makes us more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name.

*Hymn of Preparation*

Trinity Hymnal, #211

*See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph*

*Prayer*

**Grant, we ask You, Almighty God, that just as we believe that Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens to sit at Your right hand, so may we also in heart and mind even today ascend with Him, and so continually dwell in Your presence, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

*Old Testament Lesson*

Joshua 10:16-43

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*New Testament Lesson*

Hebrews 1:1-4, 13; 2:5-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*\* Gospel Lesson*

Matthew 22:41-46; 26:63-64; 28:18-20

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Sermon*

"Israel's Successful Campaign in Southern Canaan"

*\* Hymn of Consecration*

Trinity Hymnal, #665

*Conquering Now and Still to Conquer*

*\* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

*Prayers of the Church*

Requests & Lord's Prayer

**Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table**

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

Mark 14:22-26

*We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God*

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

*\* Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Trinity Hymnal, #213  
*Golden Harps Are Sounding*

**Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him**

*\* The Lord's Commission of Us*

Romans 12:1-2

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

Romans 16:20

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

*Gloria Patri*

*\* Threefold Amen*

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

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