



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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

December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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 – December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship: *2 Peter 3:10-13*

Prayer: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by Your daily visitation, that Your Son Jesus Christ, at His coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself; Who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

Welcome & Announcements

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

* *Call to Worship*

Psalm 97:1-6, 10-12

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

Congregation: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Behold the days are coming, declares Yahweh,

Congregation: When I fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel!

Pastor: I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,

Congregation: And He shall execute Justice and righteousness!

* *Hymn of Praise*

Psalter, #97A

God Reigns! Earth Rejoices

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.

Beloved, let us make confession to the Lord God, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and guilt. *(Those unable to kneel may be seated.)*

Almighty God, you sent your Son into the world to deliver your captive people; Surely you have done great things for us; Yet we continue to ignore what you have done. We turn our backs on what you are doing, and we forget about what you will do; Forgive us of our sinful apathy; grant to us the assurance of salvation; cause your Holy Spirit to work in us genuine repentance and wholehearted obedience.

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

Now arise and hear the good news! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ Who came and died for you, to pardon you, in order to accept you now as righteous in His sight and to receive you spotless before His glory on the last day. 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 fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For You have proven Your faithfulness in fulfilling the promise of the birth and ministry of Jesus, and because of this we anticipate the completion of Your plan for us and Your world in the future. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

**The Sanctus* (inside hymnal & psalter cover)

**Hymn of Preparation* Trinity Hymnal, #242
That Day of Wrath, that Dreadful Day

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 102:23-28; Isaiah 65:13-19; 66:18-24
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson 2 Peter 3:1-13
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Revelation 3:1-6
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon "The Day of the Lord"

* *Hymn of Consecration* Psalter, #96A, B (tune: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*)
O Sing a New Song to the Lord (6 verses; refrain after each)

* *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 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving* Psalter, #98A (tune: *Joy to the World*)
O Sing a New Song to the LORD

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

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* 2 Peter 3:17-18a

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

* *We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him* *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

* *Threefold Amen*

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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