

May 12, 2019



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 12, 2019

Preparation for Worship: Colossians 1:12-13

Welcome, Announcements & Catechism Review

Entrance - God Calls Us; we gather together and praise Him

* Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia

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.

* Hymn of Praise Psalm 27 (See insert.)

The Lord Is My Light and Salvation

<u>Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him</u> 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.)

God of love, it is Your will that we should love You with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from You: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by Your holy Word, and make Your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to Your glory. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice! And the people say...

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

<u>Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him</u> <u>and offer our works and lives to Him</u>

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 all places, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. 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 or psalter cover)

*Hymn of Preparation

Psalter, #119M O How I Love Thy Law

Let us pray: We thank You, heavenly Father, that You have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son; and we pray that, as by His death He has recalled us to life, so by His love He may raise us to eternal joys; Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:18-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 1:9-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1-15

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

"Prayer for Wisdom in God and Gratitude for Him"

* Hymn of Consecration

Psalter, #138A

With All My Heart My Thanks I'll Bring

* 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

Matthew 26:26-30

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

Psalter, #106A O Praise the LORD!

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

* The Lord's Commission of Us

Ephesians 4:1-3

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

Ephesians 3:30-21

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

Gloria Patri

* 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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