



December 25, 2016 Christmastide



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. We symbolize Christ's Lordship with purple. Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are purple. During the Advent season we pray for and reflect upon the ways in which Christ our King comes to serve us.

Lord's Day Service – December 25, 2016 Christmastide

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

- 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: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God!
- People: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,**
- Pastor: The glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!**

** Hymn of Praise*

Trinity Hymnal, #151
O Come, All Ye Faithful

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinfulness from our guilt in Adam's sin and because of what we have done. We have transgressed Your holy laws. We sin against You in thought, word, and deed; doing what we shouldn't, leaving undone what we should have done. But for the glory of Your mercy You have sent Your Son into the world to rescue us from our sin. You have promised us forgiveness of sin through His blood, if we believe in Him, and by true repentance turn unto You. Lord have mercy upon us. Amen.

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

Arise, lift up your heads and hear the comforting words of the Gospel! (Matthew 1:21) 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!

** Hymn of Response*

Trinity Hymnal, #160
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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 God. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory so that knowing you in the Person of your Son, we may be drawn to love you and your people. Therefore, we praise you by joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your Name...

*** Hymn of Preparation**

Trinity Hymnal, #158

See, Amid the Winter's Snow (v 1, 2)

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 3:15

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Lesson

Galatians 4:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*** Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor: The Gospel of Lord Jesus.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*** Prayer**

Almighty God, you have given your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen!

Sermon

"The First Promise"

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration**

Trinity Hymnal, #158

See, Amid the Winter's Snow (v 3-6)

*** Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace – We Commune with God

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, #168

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (5 verses, see insert)

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

*** The Lord's Commission of Us**

Luke 2:17, 20

*** 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 in excelsis Deo

*** 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 – December 25, 2016

"The First Promise"

Text: Genesis 3:15

1. Promise of cosmic _____ of the world -- *I will put enmity between you and the woman*

2. Promise of the _____ of Christ -- *her Seed*

3. Promise of the _____ of Christ -- *you shall bruise His heel*

4. Promise of the _____ by the risen Christ -- *He shall crush your head*

Announcements

Sunday School

No Sunday School today.

Next Lord's Day

Lord's Day service next week will be at the regular hour of 9:30 AM.

WIC Activities

The women will begin their next Bible Study series on January 9 at 7 pm. The book is "Idol Lies" by Dee Brestin. If you need a book, see Cheryl, Sandy, or Barb.

LAMP Seminary

Beginning Jan 17, 2017 LAMP Seminary will offer a course on Hermeneutics, which is the study about how to interpret the Bible. LAMP will also offer the course, The Doctrine of Man, which will begin on Jan 19, 2017. Students may take these courses for credit or audit the courses. For information about requirements for taking a LAMP course, tuition and fees, or other related questions, please contact Bill Acker at billacker@jacobsowellgb.org.

Set-up Teams

Next Week

January 1 Team 4 J Pennington,* Eternick, K Hummel, Jens, Kelling, Sosnoski

Following Weeks

January 8 Team 5 Reich*, D'Alessio, Leskinen, Piquette, Ruchti, Talavera

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

January 22 Team 2 Greenwald, D*, Dietzel, B Dykema, N Pennington, Peterson

January 29 Team 3 J Hummel,* D Dykema, Nader, S Pennington, Seaman