

⁴ And we are writing these things so that our[a] joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 214
Find in Trinity Hymnal

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-21 (Pew pg. 857/LP pg. 1069)

Heidelberg Catechism #31-32

31. Q. Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

32. Q. Why are you called a Christian?

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in His anointing, so that I may as prophet confess His Name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with Him eternally over all creatures.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* by Longfellow and Colkin

***Doxology**

No. 731

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Preparation**

Away in a Manger

No. 204

Find in *Trinity Hymnal*

Sermon *The Plan*

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (Pew pg. 613/LP pg. 770)

1. Victory

2. Clarity

3. Mystery

Questions:

1. What are some of the ways that you have missed seeing Jesus Christ as He truly presented to us in Scripture?
2. Why is it important to be as clear as possible about Jesus work and earthly ministry?
3. In 53:2, why do you think Jesus was meant to NOT have any majesty or beauty?
4. How do we start to make sense of the mystery of God the Father crushing His Son?

***Hymn of Response** *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* No. 195
Find in Trinity Hymnal

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri** No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude *Joy to the World Reprise*

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

Musician Chris Erickson

Intercessory Prayer Andrew Gretzinger

Advent Readers Franz & Kelli Stagl

Calendar

SUN 12/24

No Sunday School

Christmas Eve

10:30 AM

Worship Service

5 PM

Christmas Eve Service

SUN 12/31

No Sunday School

New Year's Eve

10:30 AM

Worship Service

5 PM

Hymn Sing

SUN 1/7

9:20

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Worship Service – LORD's Supper

WED 1/10

6 PM

Family Night

Serving the Lord

	12/24	12/31	1/7
AM Nursery	Beth Siderius & Cordie Armstrong	Grace Martin & Robbin Kern	Cassy Erickson & Angela Collins
Greeters	Dar Stam	Martha Lietchy	Robbin Kern
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Grayden Lash	Joel Tummond	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Andrew Gretzinger	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg
Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Yon Lindborg
Officer on Duty	Jim Martin (Morning/Evening)	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson

Announcements

- **Sunday School:** Sunday School will not meet next week, 12/31 and will reconvene the following week, January 7, 2024

Adult Sunday School will be beginning a new study in the new year on Covenant Theology entitled "Understanding God's Unfolding Promises to His People". This is a basic guide to God's historical covenants. We will be using the book, "Covenants Made Simple" by Jonty Rhodes. Books are currently backordered, but hopefully will be available to you by January 7. This twelve week class will run through the end of March 2024. After that we will be embarking on another 12 week study on "The Temple of God", tracing this most wonderful building of God's Kingdom from Genesis to Revelation. So mark your calendars today! It's going to be a great time learning together.

- **Youth Jan event:** If you are interested in the youth toboggan trip please sign up at the welcome desk so we know which date is best for everyone.
- **Choir:** Both choirs will meet at 4:30pm in sanctuary to practice before the evening service.
- **Next Hymn Sing:** Save the date- our next hymn sing will be on Dec 31st (new year's eve). Hymn request sheet on the welcome desk.
- **Jan Family Night:** Family night moved from 1/3 to 1/10 due to Gretzinger travels.

**JOIN US TONIGHT AT 5PM FOR
OUR CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE!**

