December 24, 2023 This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24



Fourth Sunday in Adve

Prelude Ode to Joy by Tonioli /Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Nelson

#### Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Good Christian Men, Rejoice by Neale

#### \*Call to Worship

Ephesians 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

*Hymn of Praise	O Come, All Ye Faithful	No. 208
-		Find in Trinity Hymnal
*Prayer of Invocat	ion & Adoration	

**Reading of the Law** Deuteronomy 5:22-27 (Pew pg. 150/LP pg. 189)

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Prayer of Confession: Almighty Father, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. In lifting him up, we humble ourselves before you. We confess to you, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what you forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb. And strengthen us by your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise you that he was born like us that we might become like him. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

<sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our[a] joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> 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 Hav	e Heard on High	No. 214
		Find in Tr	inity Hymnal
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1-21	(Pew pg. 857/L)	P 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. Hymns from *Trinity Hymnal* used by permission of Great Commission Publications.

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of	Preparation	Away in a Manger	No. 204
			Find in Trinity Hymnal
Sermon	The Plan	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (I	Pew pg. 613/LP pg. 770)
1. Victo	ory		

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?

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Gloria Patri

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. Hymns from *Trinity Hymnal* used by permission of Great Commission Publications.

Joy to the World Reprise

\* Congregation: Please stand as able.

Musician

Postlude

**Intercessory Prayer** 

**Advent Readers** 

Chris Erickson

Andrew Gretzinger

Franz & Kelli Stagl

No. 735

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

## <u>Calendar</u>

SUN 12/24		No Sunday School
Christmas Eve	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	5 PM	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
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!

