

The Lord’s Day
December 17, 2017

Welcome and Announcements (10:55 AM)

*Call to Worship: *Matthew* 1:20-23

*Invocation

*Hymn: **Trinity 214** - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms* 103:8-12

****Gloria Patri*** - **Trinity 735**

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism* 37-39 (Responsively)

Q. 37. What dost thou understand by the word, suffered?

A. That all the time He lived on earth, but especially at the end of His life, He bore, in body and soul, the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race; in order that by His passion, as the only propitiatory sacrifice, He might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtain for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.

Q. 38. Why did He suffer under Pontius Pilate, as judge?

A. That He, being innocent, might be condemned by the temporal judge, and thereby deliver us from the severe judgment of God, to which we are exposed.

Q. 39. Is there anything more in His having been crucified, than if He had died some other death?

A. Yes: for thereby I am assured, that He took on Himself the curse which lay upon me; because the death of the cross was accursed of God.

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting (Joy): *Isaiah* 7:14

Hymn: **Trinity 211** - *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Psalter: **Bible Songs 303** - *The Excellency of God*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: *Luke* 1:76-80 (p. **856**; LP p. **1018**)

Sermon: “Zechariah’s Song of John: The Rising Sunshine”

*Hymn: **Trinity 193** - *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

****Doxology*** - **Trinity 731**

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: ***Threefold Amen*** - **Trinity 740**

Postlude

**Please stand, if able*

Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please see a Deacon for help.

*Greetings! Our church family extends a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are visiting with us, please allow us to get to know you by completing a **guest card** in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate. Pastor Seth will greet you in the Main St. vestibule following the service.*

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Flowers	Poinsettias	
Nursery	Frances Brown, Rachel Faulkenberry	
Ushers	George Farris, Cecil McRacken, Joseph Yi, Aaron Eising	