

# The Lord's Day

## December 24, 2017

Welcome and Announcements (10:55 AM)

\*Call to Worship: *Luke* 1:31-33

\*Invocation

\*Hymn: **Trinity 208** - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Confession of Sin

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, who died that we might live, who became sin that we might become the righteousness of God, who conquered death that we might reign with You eternally, hear our earnest prayers of confession.

**All: We have failed in our love to You and our neighbor, we have sinned against Your redeeming love; we are not worthy to be called Your sons and daughters.**

Minister: Please forgive us and enable us to walk in the light of Your living presence. Renew our joy and our desire to serve You.

**All: Revive our hearts, that we may hereafter give You glory, through Jesus Christ, who is our resurrection and our life. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: *1 John* 4:9-10

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

\*Affirmation of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism* 40-42 (Responsively)

Q. 40. Why was it necessary for Christ to suffer death?

**A. Because, by reason of the justice and truth of God, satisfaction for our sins could be made no otherwise than by the death of the Son of God.**

Q. 41. Why was He buried?

**A. To show thereby that He was really dead.**

Q. 42. Since then Christ died for us, why must we also die?

**A. Our death is not a satisfaction for our sin, but only a dying to sins and entering into eternal life.**

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting (Love): *Malachi* 3:1-2; 4:2a

Anthem: *Mary Did You Know*

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 18 (Back)** - *Free My Heart from Sin*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: *Luke* 2:25-33 (p. **857**; LP p. **1019**)

Sermon: "Simeon's Song: Light to the Gentiles"

\*Hymn: **Trinity 196** - *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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.*

	<u>12-24-2017</u>	<u>12-31-2017</u>
Flowers	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
Nursery	Shannon & Trust Winters	
Ushers	Gene Wicker, Mike Birochak, Andre Jennings, David Jennings	