

THE LORD'S DAY

December 10, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Ezekiel 37:26-28*

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 203** - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, You have made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for Your own possession, Your holy people, the new Israel. You have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light that we may proclaim Your excellencies. You have come to dwell as God with us to be our salvation and to empower us to fulfill Your will. Yet we have continued to exercise the works of darkness in our lives. We have failed to shine forth Your marvelous light. We have not been a city on a hill. Forgive us for our sins, we pray. Help us in our thoughts, words, and deeds to live by Your marvelous light to the praise of You and Your kingdom. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, cleanse us of our transgression. For we pray in His name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Isaiah 12:1-2*

*GLORIA PATRI - **Trinity 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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21-22*

Q. 21. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in his word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Ghost works by the gospel in my heart; that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

Q. 22. What is then necessary for a Christian to believe?

A. All things promised us in the gospel, which the articles of our catholic undoubted Christian faith briefly teach us.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 11:1-9* (Insert)

ANTHEM: *Cherish That Name*

HYMN: **Bible Songs 49** - *The Character of Heavenly Citizens* (Psa. 24)

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Revelation 9:13-21* (p. 1033, LP p. 1224)

SERMON: "God's Judgment that Leads to Hardening"

*HYMN: **Trinity 194** - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Stanzas 1-3)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (**Bread** is gluten free; **Wine** is on the outer ring)

*HYMN: **Trinity 194** - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Stanzas 4-5)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY - **Trinity 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.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son, And the fellowship of God the Spirit, keep our hearts and minds within his love. And to him be praise for his glorious reign from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n, We declare the name of the Lamb once slain, Christ eternal, the King of Kings.

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, if able*

*If you are visiting with us, please complete a **Visitor's Card** and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!*

If you need **prayer**, an **elder** is available following the service by the door to the anteroom.