

THE LORD'S DAY

December 17, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm* 103:20-22

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 218** - *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, at Your birth the angels gave glory to God in the highest heaven, and offered peace on earth to all mankind.

All: But we continue to fail giving all glory and honor to You, O God.

Minister: We fail to live and proclaim that You have created peace between God and man.

All: In Your great mercy, forgive us for these and all our sins, for not rejoicing in Your glorious salvation.

Minister: Strengthen us to join the angels' song that we may proclaim glory and honor to You.

All: And make us to be the instruments of Your peace on earth, now and always. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Ephesians* 2:14-17

*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. 23-24

Q. 23. What are these articles?

A. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Q. 24. How are these articles divided?

A. Into three parts: the first is of God the Father, and our creation; the second

of God the Son, and our redemption; the third of God the Holy Ghost, and our sanctification.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah* 40:1-9 (Insert)

ANTHEM: *Here I Am to Worship with Joy to the World!*

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.

HYMN: **Bible Songs 303** - *The Excellency of God* (Psa. 145)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Revelation* 10:1-11 (p. 1033, LP p. 1224)

SERMON: "A Bitter-Sweet Prophecy"

*HYMN: **Trinity 193** - *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (Stanzas 1-2)

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

*HYMN: **Trinity 193** - *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (Stanzas 3-4)

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.