

THE LORD'S DAY

December 18, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (Handbells)

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Matthew* 1:20-23

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 214** (Blue) - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before You, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often have we indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued, and have left our duty unperformed. O Lord, be merciful to us for Your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification, for we pray in His name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *1 Peter* 2:9-10

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: *Westminster Larger Catechism* Q. 131-133

Q. 131. What are the duties of equals?

A. The duties of equals are to regard the dignity and worth of each other, in giving honour to go one before another; and to rejoice in each others' gifts and advancement, as their own.

Q. 132. What are the sins of equals?

A. The sins of equals are, besides the neglect of the duties required, the undervaluing of the worth, envying the gifts, grieving at the advancement or prosperity one of another; and usurping pre-eminence one over another.

Q. 133. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment, the more to enforce it?

A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, in these words, That thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, is an express promise or long life and prosperity as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good, to all such as keep this commandment.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalms* 148 (Insert)

ANTHEM: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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.

***BIBLE SONG 303** (Green) - *The Excellency of God* (*Psalms* 145)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Acts* 15:1-21 (p. 923, LP p. 1097)

SERMON: "No Distinction Between Jews and Gentiles in Christ"

*HYMN: **Trinity 211** (Blue) - *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* (Stanzas 1-2)

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

*HYMN: **Trinity 211** (Blue) - *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* (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.