

THE LORD'S DAY

December 19, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Luke* 2:10-14

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 208** (Blue) - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CONFESSION OF SIN

You, O Lord, have promised that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive us. Humbly we come, seeking Your forgiveness that we may know the joy of Your presence, the light of Your face. You alone know our hearts, how often we have dishonored You, how often we have insulted others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought, every false word, every wrong act. Forgive us for we have lived not for You, but for ourselves. Forgive us for failing to give You thanks, for our neglect of prayer, our ignorance of Your Word, our loss of purpose. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Matthew* 1:21

*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. 45-47

Q. 45. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering, all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

Q. 46. What was the estate of Christ's humiliation?

A. The estate of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein he, for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, took upon him the form of a

servant, in his conception and birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.

Q. 47. How did Christ humble himself in his conception and birth?

A. Christ humbled himself in his conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, he was pleased in the fulness of time to become the son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalms* 92 (Insert)

ANTHEM:

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 18 BACK (Green) - *Free My Heart from Sin* (*Psalms* 51)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Galatians* 4:1-7 (p. 974, LP p. 1156)

SERMON: "How the Gospel Makes Slaves into Sons"

*HYMN: **Trinity 203** (Blue) - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (Stanzas 1-2)

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

*HYMN: **Trinity 203** (Blue) - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (Stanza 3)

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*