

THE LORD'S DAY

December 25, 2022

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*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: O Lord, our heavenly Father, seeing You are our Maker, and we are the workmanship of Your hands; seeing You are our Pastor, and we Your flock;

All: Seeing also that You are our Redeemer, and we are the people whom You have bought; finally, because You are our God, and we are Your chosen inheritance;

Minister: Let not Your anger be kindled against us, that You should punish us in Your wrath, neither remember our wickedness so as to take vengeance for it, but rather chastise us according to Your mercy.

All: We confess, O Lord, that our misdeeds have inflamed Your wrath against us, yet considering that by Your grace we call upon Your name, and make profession of Your truth,

Minister: Maintain, we ask You, the work that You have begun in us, to the end that all the world may know that You are our God and Savior.

All: You know that those You have destroyed and brought to confusion, do not praise You, but the repentant souls, the humble hearts, the consciences oppressed and laden with the grievous burden of their sins will thirst after Your grace, they shall find forgiveness in Christ. 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 Confession of Faith* Chapter 8.1-2

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man; the Prophet, Priest, and King; the Head and Saviour of his Church; the Heir of all things; and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon him man's nature,

with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalms* 24 (Insert)

ANTHEM: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

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: **Trinity 213** (Blue) - *What Child Is This*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *John* 3:16-17 (p. 888, LP p. 1055)

SERMON: "The Father Sent His Costliest Gift"

*HYMN: **Trinity 193** (Blue) - *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** (Blue) - *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.