

THE LORD'S DAY

December 31, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm* 145:10-13

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 295** - *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: O God who has made everything and rules over all, we come before Your throne in humility.

All: We confess that our praise of Your majesty has often been faint. Our life as citizens of the heavenly kingdom has been treasonous.

Minister: Lord Christ, we confess that our wills are rebellious, our faith is often more show than substance, and our hearts are in need of cleansing.

All: You who were and are and will be to come, have mercy on us, weak, needy, and helpless sinners.

Minister: Help us to come before Your throne and lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are.

All: Help us, O God, to trust in Your grace and mercy to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, and to receive us as Your subjects and children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Colossians* 1:21-23a

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. 25-26

Q. 25. Since there is but one divine essence, why speakest thou of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?

A. Because God hath so revealed himself in his word that these three distinct persons are the only true and eternal God.

Q. 26. What believed thou when thou sayest, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth?"

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (who of nothing made heaven and earth, with all that is in them, who likewise upholds and governs the same by his eternal counsel and providence,) is for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father; on whom I rely so entirely, that I have no

doubt but he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul; and further, that he will make whatever evils he sends upon me in this valley of tears turn out to my advantage; for he is able to do it, being Almighty God, and willing, being a faithful Father.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalm* 2 (Insert)

HYMN: **ARP Psalter 2:** *Why Do Gentile Nations Rage?* (Insert)

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 42** - *The Coming Triumph of the Gospel* (Psa. 51)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Revelation* 11:15-19 (p. 1034, LP p. 1225)

SERMON: "God's Kingdom Has Come"

*HYMN: **Insert** - *Facing a Task Unfinished* (Stanzas 1-2)

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

*HYMN: **Insert** - *Facing a Task Unfinished* (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.