

THE LORD'S DAY

March 26, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm* 68:32-35

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 4 (Blue)** - *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: O Lord, God over all. We confess that we have worshipped too many other gods instead of putting You first in our lives.

All: We have visited sanctuaries which are not Yours, laid sacrifices of our lives on altars besides Yours, given our loyalty to others besides You.

Minister: We have made idols of our occupations, our families, our recreations, and our security.

All: We turn to You, and to You alone, to be our only God. We would turn to You alone, O God.

Minister: Make us see our divided hearts. Show us where we have turned away from You submitting wholly to You.

All: Turn us away from idols to Your greatness and glory. Forgive our iniquities, though they are great. And in Your greater mercy, turn our hearts to You alone. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *1 John* 5:18-20

*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. 155-157

Q. 155. How is the word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Q. 156. Is the word of God to be read by all?

A. Although all are not to be permitted to read the word publicly to the congregation, yet all sorts of people are bound to read it apart by themselves, and with their families: to which end, the holy scriptures are to be translated out of

the original into vulgar languages.

Q. 157. How is the word of God to be read?

A. The holy scriptures are to be read with a high and reverent esteem of them; with a firm persuasion that they are the very word of God, and that he only can enable us to understand them; with desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them; with diligence, and attention to the matter and scope of them; with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalm* 96 (Insert)

ANTHEM: *With Lifted Hands*

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 196 (Green)** - *Adoration and Submission* (Psalm 95)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: Acts 19:21-41 (p. 928, LP p. 1103)

SERMON: "Idolatry's Opposition to the Gospel"

*HYMN: **Insert** - *Behold the Lamb* (Stanzas 1-2)

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

*HYMN: **Insert** - *Behold the Lamb* (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.