

# THE LORD'S DAY

April 23, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Isaiah* 12:2-6

\*INVOCATION

\*HYMN: **Trinity 12** - *Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Merciful God, we come before You to confess our sin. Christ has died to set us to free and to become our greatest treasure. But we have forgotten our freedom to serve You and have lived as slaves to the law.

**All: Forgive us, O God.**

Minister: We have used our freedom in Christ to further our own ends.

**All: Forgive us, O God.**

Minister: We have failed to do all we can to further the spread of Your gospel.

**All: Forgive us, O God**

Minister: Help us to walk in Your freedom, finding in You our greatest joy and our greatest treasure.

**All: And help us to do all that we do for the sake of the gospel that we may share in its blessings. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *1 Corinthians* 6:11

\*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. 161-163

Q. 161. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

**A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not by any power in themselves, or any virtue derived from the piety or intention of him by whom they are administered, but only by the working of the Holy Ghost, and the blessing of Christ, by whom they are instituted.**

Q. 162. What is a sacrament?

**A. A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ in his church, to signify, seal, and exhibit unto those that are within the covenant of grace, the benefits of his mediation; to strengthen and increase their faith, and all other graces; to oblige them to obedience; to testify and cherish their love and communion one with another; and to distinguish them from those that are without.**

Q. 163. What are the parts of a sacrament?

**A. The parts of a sacrament are two; the one an outward and sensible sign, used according to Christ's own appointment; the other an inward and spiritual grace thereby signified.**

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalms* 23 (Insert)

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBER: *Noah Waldrop*

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 46** - *The Lord's My Shepherd (Ps 23)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Acts* 21:17-26 (p. 930, LP p. 1106)

SERMON: "Discerning Gospel Freedom and Deference"

\*HYMN: **Trinity 565** - *All for Jesus!* (Stanzas 1-3)

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

\*HYMN: **Trinity 565** - *All for Jesus!* (Stanzas 4-5)

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.