

THE LORD'S DAY

April 30, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm* 68:1, 3-4

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 642** - *Be Thou My Vision*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, nor have we sought to show love to our enemies. We have shrunk in fear from the calling You gave to Your Church. In Your mercy forgive the sin that so easily entangles us. Cleanse us and make us fit and ready to declare the glory of Your grace to a world that is dying, that we may bring glory to Your holy name, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Romans* 5:9-11

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. 164-166

Q. 164. How many sacraments hath Christ instituted in his church under the New Testament?

A. Under the New Testament Christ hath instituted in his church only two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's supper.

Q. 165. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

Q. 166. Unto whom is baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, and so strangers from the covenant of promise, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him, but infants descended from parents, either both or but one

of them professing faith in Christ, and obedience to him, are, in that respect, within the covenant, and to be baptized.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalm* 59 (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.

*HYMN: **Bible Songs 117** (Alt. Tune ST. ANNE) - *God Praised For Deliverance* (*Ps* 59)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Acts* 21:27-22:21 (p. 931, LP p. 1106)

SERMON: "Always Being Prepared to Make a Defense of the Gospel"

*HYMN: **Trinity 444** - *O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling* (Stanzas 1-2)

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

*HYMN: **Trinity 444** - *O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling* (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.