

THE LORD'S DAY

May 14, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm* 91:1-4

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 30** - *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, our Father, we confess that we fill our lives with worry, though You call us to trust You completely for all that we need. Your Word teaches us that we have been set free from the fears of this world, but we so easily cower to the daily fears of our lives. Although You have declared victory over sin and death we live in fear of both. Forgive us for being drawn back to the kind of security which the world idolizes. Forgive us for not seeking first Your kingdom and the life-giving righteousness of Christ. Transform us so that we may love You more dearly. Teach us to realize that You Yourself are our shelter, our rock, and our greatest treasure, and give us faith to believe Your promise to bring us safely before Your throne through Christ Jesus. For we pray in His name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Psalm* 103:8-13

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. 168-169

Q. 168. What is the Lord's supper?

A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, his death is showed forth; and they that worthily communicate feed upon his body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness, and engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship each with other, as members of the same mystical body,

Q. 169. How hath Christ appointed bread and wine to be given and received in the sacrament of the Lord's supper?

A. Christ hath appointed the ministers of his word, in the administration of this sacrament of the Lord's supper, to set apart the bread and wine from common use, by the word of institution, thanksgiving, and prayer; to take and break the bread, and to give both the bread and the wine to the communicants: who are, by

the same appointment, to take and eat the bread, and to drink the wine, in thankful remembrance that the body of Christ was broken and given, and his blood shed, for them.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalm* 61 (Insert)

HYMN: **Bible Songs 120** - *God a Sheltering Rock* (Ps 61)

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: **Insert** - *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Acts* 23:12-35 (p. 932, LP p. 1108)

SERMON: "The Lord is Our Fortress"

*HYMN: **Trinity 32** - *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (Stanzas 1-2)

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

*HYMN: **Trinity 32** - *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (Stanza 3)

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.