MORNING WORSHIP

December 15, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Prelude Greeting

APPROACHING GOD

(Lord, may your holy name be praised in all the earth!)

*Call to Worship

(In the bulletin) Psalm 98:1-6

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn

Trinity Psalter #299

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

*Confession of Faith

Larger Catechism Q162, 165

Q162: What is a sacrament?

Answer: A sacrament is an 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.

Q165: What is baptism?

Answer: 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.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

(Lord, forgive us our sins according to your steadfast love.)

God's Standard of Righteousness

(p. 197) Deut. 10:12-16

Prayer of Confession

God's Grace in Christ

Hebrews 10:19-23

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Trinity Psalter #300

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

(Lord, teach us your Word, that we may walk in your truth.)

Scripture Reading

(p. 1199) Romans 6:1-14

Sermon Text

(p. 1252) Colossians 2:11-12

Sermon

"CIRCUMCISION AND BAPTISM"

RESPONDING TO GOD

(Lord, we gladly give you our praise, our gifts, and our lives.)

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn of Response

Trinity Psalter #448

Union with Thee

Prayer of Intercession

COMMUNING WITH CHRIST

(Lord, form Christ in us so that we would reflect your glory.)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Closing Hymn

Trinity Psalter #570

Doxology

*Benediction

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS: It is a joy to have you join us in fulfilling man's highest calling, namely the worship of our holy God!

^{*}Congregation Standing

Psalm 98:1-6

¹Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

²The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

SERMON NOTES

Both circumcision and baptism point to your union with Christ