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LORD'S DAY | December 17, 2023

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 AM

Sunday School – 11:25 AM

Service of Lessons & Carols – 5:00 PM



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**PRELUDE**

*Habakkuk 2:20: But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.  
We encourage you to use the prelude as a time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

**GREETING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 117

*Lift up your hearts!*

***We lift them up to the Lord!***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*Let us worship the Triune God.*

**\*HYMN OF ADORATION:** No. 195, "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come!"

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF ADORATION:** No. 231, "Lovely Child, Holy Child"

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**THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN HIS SON**

**CALL TO REPENTANCE:** 1 John 1:8-9

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:** *We, poor sinners, acknowledge before You, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against You, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as You, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore. But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and heartily ask You for mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**\*PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS:** 1 John 2:1-2

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:** No. 199, "See, amid the Winter's Snow"

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed (page 845 in red Trinity Hymnal)

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**THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD**

**\*THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW:** Matthew 5:1-13

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:** No. 734, "Gloria Patri"

**COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** 1 Samuel 2:1-11

**NEW TESTAMENT:** Luke 1:39-56

**SERMON:** *Exaltation over Incarnation*

**\*PSALM OF THANKSGIVING:** Psalm 117 (page 828 in red Trinity Hymnal)

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** No. 214, "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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**THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING**

**\*CLOSING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF ADVENT:** No. 194, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vv. 1-3)

**POSTLUDE**

\*Congregation stands (as you are able)