

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We commune with the Lord & with one another, joyfully passing the peace.

*After the Eucharist - A Table Blessing*

† *Pastor:* May the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life eternal. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

### OUR GOD COMMISSIONS US

*Leader:* Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!

**All: Let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever. AMEN!**

† **Congregational Singing:** *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*—234-35

### BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

*Of the Father's Love Begotten v.7 (p. 247)*

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to Thee,  
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

**Visiting Pastor—Sunday, December 31**—Pastor Gradon Schaub will be filling our pulpit.

**Fellowship Meal—January 6, 2024**—Our next fellowship meal will be the 1st Sunday in January which will coincide with Epiphany. We'll celebrate with a "kingly feast" as our theme, more details coming soon.

**Head of Household Vote & Poll—Sunday, January 14**—Member Heads of Household will vote and be polled on calling Pastor Dane Jóhannsson as our pastor and matters concerning salary. Please plan to attend this very important meeting in the life of our congregation.



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# CHURCH OF THE TRIUMPHANT KING

God is Renewing His Covenant with His People  
Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 24, 2023

## OUR GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM & CLEANSSES US

LIGHTING OF FOUR ADVENT CANDLES

† *Leader:* Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.**

There will come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse; and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

**Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.**

Isaiah 9:2 & 60:1

† **Congregational Singing:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*—243

*Pastor:* Dearly beloved, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Come, let us worship and bow down!

**And kneel before the Lord our Maker.** (If you are able, please kneel)

*Pastor:* Most merciful God,

**All: We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Father, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults and restore those who are penitent according to Your promises in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Hear us and forgive as we continue in prayer, confessing our sins...** (continue kneeling in silent confession)

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Pastor:* Rise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. On this day know surely your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!**

† **Congregational Singing:** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*—239

† The congregation is invited to stand

† RESPONSIVE PSALM—PSALM 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock;

**You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!**

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up Your strength,

**And come and save us!**

Restore us, O God;

**Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in great measure.**

You have made us a strife to our neighbors,

**And our enemies laugh among themselves.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;

**Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!**

You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

**You have cast out the nations, and planted it.**

You prepared room for it,

**And caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land.**

The hills were covered with its shadow,

**And the mighty cedars with its boughs.**

She sent out her boughs to the Sea,

**And her branches to the River.**

Why have You broken down her hedges,

**So that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit?**

The boar out of the woods uproots it,

**And the wild beast of the field devours it.**

Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts;

**Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine**

And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted,

**And the branch that You made strong for Yourself.**

It is burned with fire, it is cut down;

**They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.**

Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand,

**Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.**

Then we will not turn back from You;

**Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

**Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is proper and right to do so.**

Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome, and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

† **Congregational Singing:** *Sanctus*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done in 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.**

OUR GOD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 7:10-16

SCRIPTURE LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 1:1-7

*“This is the Word of the Lord”*

**“Thanks be to God!”**

† **Gospel Lesson**—Matthew 1:18-25

*“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”*

**“Praise be to Christ!”**

† **Congregational Singing:** *Gloria Patri* — 436

SERMON

**Luke 1:46-56**

*Reversals*

Pastor Gradon Schaub

Granbury, TX

† **Congregational Singing:** *What Child Is This*—250

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

WE PRESENT THE LORD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

† **Congregational Singing:** *Doxology* — 437

As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, voices in thankful praise.

OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

We declare a portion of our faith — *The Nicene Creed*

† *Pastor:* Christians in Whom do you believe?

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made.**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

\*Meaning *universal* or *worldwide* as well as *complete* in Jesus Christ