

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - "Our Refuge and Strength" by Barret; oboe soloist, Althea Madigan

page 203 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

**HYMN 795** - we sing, standing

page 204 - **KYRIE**

page 204 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**GREETING, followed by PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(please be seated)*

**FIRST LESSON** *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 67**

*men read odd numbered verses*

*women read even numbered verses*

**SECOND LESSON** *(bulletin back page)*

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page 205 - **ALLELUIA** - we sing, standing

**GOSPEL** *(bulletin back page)*

Before, all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN 649** - we sing, seated

**SERMON**

**NICENE CREED** - all standing

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

**OFFERTORY** - "Come Holy Ghost, our Souls Inspire" tune *Veni Creator Spiritus*

page 208 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 208 - **SANCTUS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

page 209 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PEACE OF THE LORD**

page 210 - **AGNUS DEI**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**  
*During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 770 and 910*

*All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - as signs of his forgiveness and of our Christian family solidarity.*

*All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.*

page 211 - **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** - all standing

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Altar Flowers** this morning are given by Curt and Karen Smith in loving memory of their infant son, Michael.

**This Week Here**

Wed - 1:00PM - Bible Study (remotely)

**Last Week Here**

Worshiping: 25 Offering: \$4,480

**Communion** - if you are in the church building, an usher will let you know when to go up to the altar to receive communion. If you are at home, watching the service online, you are welcome to drive to the parking lot entrance to the building where you will be able to receive communion between 10:30 and 11:30.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy** - By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23-26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27-28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (Rom. 11:29), and His Law "has consigned all to disobedience" for the very purpose "that he may have mercy on all" (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman's faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with "the children's bread" in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26-27). He has brought us to His "holy mountain," and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

## BENEDICTION

**HYMN 922** - we sing, standing

**POSTLUDE** - "An Affirmation of Faith" by F. Ritter

**Reminder** - the office is open every Thursday morning from 10:00 - 12:00 for those who want to pick up the following Sunday's bulletin and inserts, and/or drop off offerings.

**Heavenly Herald** articles are due to Beth Soulier this Friday, August 21.

**Little Cherubs Christian Preschool** is now taking registration for the 2020-2021 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the church office.