

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“To Thee, Lord Jesus, Thanks we Give”* by J. S. Bach

HYMN 394 vs 1, 2, 3, 5 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING DIALOG

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? **The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?**

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; **be merciful to me and answer me.**

Teach me Your way, O Lord, **that I may walk in Your truth.**

Wait for the Lord; **be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. **O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 1 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

page 156 - **ALLELUIA** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*
Before, all sing: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!
After, all sing: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

HYMN 729 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY HYMN 684 - *we sing, seated*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 923 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Arise and Shine in Splendor”*
tune O Welt, ich muss dich Lassen” arr by
Heinrich Isaac



NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Bill and Beth Soulier in honor of Kiley's birthday.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 74 Offering: \$6,518

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30PM - Adult Bible Study
- 7:15PM - Bell Choir
- 8:00PM - Parish Choir
Thur -10:00AM- Bulletin Pick Up

Handmade Chocolates are available for purchase this morning to benefit the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July. Enjoy some chocolate while helping the youth reach their fundraising goal.

Attn Voters! A meeting is scheduled to be held here at 11:30 on Sunday, February 27.

Join Us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 during Lent for Soup and Salad, Bible Study and fellowship followed by worship at 7:30. We need volunteers to sign up for bringing soup

and helping set up/clean up. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. We need you - we want you! Join us one and all!

Volunteers Needed! Please sign up on the sign-up sheets hanging on the bulletin board if you would like to help:

- Deliver items to food pantry/Hope for Life
- Set-up clean-up Sunday coffee hour
- Helping Hands Committee
- Live stream camera operator

Our Sunday Morning Coffee Hour has resumed! Join us for fellowship between the services. If you are willing, and can serve some mornings by setting up and cleaning up, please sign up on the bulletin board. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Baked goods are always welcome and may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer to be enjoyed when needed. Questions? Please contact Pam Clark.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection - *“Cursed is the man who trusts in man,”* for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he *“shall mourn and weep”* in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But *“the man who trusts in the LORD”* is blessed with all that he needs, *“like a tree planted by water.”* When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians *“rejoice”* and *“leap for joy”* (Luke 6:21–23). *“If Christ has not been raised,”* our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as *“Christ died for our sins,”* so has He also *“been raised from the dead”* (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).