

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“Our Redeemer and our Lord”*
arr. A. Schreiner

HYMN 816 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all.

These all look to you, **to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, **and you renew the face of the ground.**

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.

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

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

Let us pray. **Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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 119:81-88 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

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we sing, standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

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

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

HYMN 655 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY HYMN 678 - *we sing, seated*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 813 vs 1, 2, 3, 7 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Rock of Ages”*

by Thomas Hastings

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to the Rowold family for serving this morning.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 80 Offering: \$4,696

This Week Here

Mon - 12:00 PM - Lunch on the Lawn
Thur - 10:00 AM - Bulletin Pick Up

Volunteers Needed this morning after service. If you have the time, we could use your help clearing out furniture and other items from Little Cherubs in preparation of floor polishing. Then, the following Sunday, July 24, we could use help putting everything back in the classroom. Thank you in advance!

Lunch on the Lawn - join us this summer for fellowship. Bring a chair and your lunch and

meet us by the columbarium (weather permitting). The remaining days that we will meet (12:00) are on August 15 & 29.

Book Case needed! Little Cherubs preschool is looking for a book case. If anyone has one that they are looking to find a new home for, please contact JoAnn 203-272-1150 or the church office, 203-272-5106. Thank you!

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - we will begin collecting school supplies needed to complete 50 school kits starting Sunday July 3rd through August 21st. A poster with tags of items needed will be located in the narthex. Your donations can be placed in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. Cash donations directed for this purpose can be placed in the red box on the counter above the bins. These funds will be used for purchasing items needed to complete the 50 kits or you can request that your donation be directed toward the shipping costs. Thank you, Nancy Engelhardt, Social Welfare Deacon

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division - The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is *“like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces”* (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able *“to interpret the appearance of earth and sky”* (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on *“Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,”* and *“run with endurance the race that is set before us”* (Heb. 12:1-2).