THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *"In Christ There is no East or West" tune St. Peter; setting by Reinnagle*

page 167 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 795 - *we sing, standing*

page 168 - **KYRIE**

page 171 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
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 - *"God of Mercy, God of Grace" tune Dix; text by Lyte*
see insert ; we sing, seated

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

page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *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 649 - *we sing as indicated, seated*
1 - all **2 - font side**
3 - all **4 - pulpit side**
5 - all

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page all standing*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY
"The Road Home" by Stephen Paulus
Solo Quartet - Bet Frost, Lauren Nash, Michael Frost, Randy Rode

page 177 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 178 - **SANCTUS**

LORD'S PRAYER

page 179 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 180 - **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; are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and believe with us that we receive and share our Jesus' very Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which bring us his gift of forgiveness and make us one Christian family.
All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 181 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE -** *all standing*

page 183 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

BENEDICTION

HYMN 922 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *"Thy Kingdom Come" by R. G. Thompson*

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 Tricia Rowold for serving this morning.

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 97 Offering: $7,713

Lunch on the Lawn - join us tomorrow and the following Monday at 12:00 for fellowship. Bring a chair and your lunch and meet us by the columbarium (weather permitting).

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - Thank you for your generous donations to the school kit project. Collections have concluded this week. Please place your donations 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.

Reminder! Heavenly Herald newsletter articles are due to Beth Soulier this week.

Choirs will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6 - Bell Choir at 7:00; Parish Choir at 7:45. If you like to sing, you are encouraged to attend the rehearsal to try out this worship experience. We also welcome anyone who would like to join the Bell Choir. Speak with Martha, if interested.

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).