

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“Our Refuge and Strength”* by Edward Broughton

HYMN 802 - *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 you have 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. **Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 138

*Women and girls read odd numbered verses
Men and boys read even numbered verses*

SECOND LESSON

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

page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE**

we sing, standing

GOSPEL

(bulletin back page)
Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 644 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY

“Here I am, Lord” by David Schutte
Bet & Michael Frost, Randy Raddatz, soloists

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 662 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE

- *“Now Thank we All our God”*
Tune by Cruger; setting by Schreiner

NEWS AND NOTES

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to Trish and Paul Greenhalgh for serving this morning.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 94 Offering: \$7,366

Mark Your Calendars! We will resume our two worship services on September 10. Join us at 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. and Bible Study in between at 9:10.

Sunday School - if you have a child not yet enrolled, please call the church office to register. Sunday School starts on September 10 with a Rally Day.

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.

Attn Council and Voters! There is a Council Meeting scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5. A Voters' meeting is scheduled to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 1 (postponed from September).

CLC Directory - updated directories are on the hallway counter this morning. Please help yourself to a copy.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Orphan Grain Train School Kits collection. With your help and generous donations, we assembled a total of 60 kits.

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

Coffee Hour will resume in September. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help by serving.

Kids Bulletins are always available here on the narthex table along with our regular Sunday Service bulletins. They are always linked with the day's Scripture readings. Kids - bring your own pencils.

Pew Pouches that are located in the back of the church are available for children over the age of 3. They are filled with activities that are meant to keep your child busy during the worship service. Please return them to the stand at the end of the service. Thanks!

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God - Jesus asked His disciples: *“But who do you say that I am?”* (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is *“the Christ, the Son of the living God”* (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even *“the gates of hell shall not prevail”* (Matt. 16:18-19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness *“will never be dismayed”* (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that *“joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song”* (Is. 51:3). Therefore, *“according to the measure of faith that God has assigned”* (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves *“as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God”* (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.