

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - "A Song of Faith" by Robert Powell

page 167 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

**HYMN 793** - *we sing, standing*

page 168 - **KYRIE**

page 171 - **This is the Feast**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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 103:1-12** - *Pastor speaks odd verses  
All speak even verses*

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

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

page 173 - **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 843** - (sung to the tune of Caithness)  
*we sing, seated*

### SERMON

**NICENE CREED** - *hymnal, last page  
all standing*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*all may kneel*

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

**OFFERTORY** The Parish choir sings  
"Give me Wings" by David Sprunger  
*(10:30 Service)*

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  
618, verses 1, 2, 3, 5 and 619, verses 1, 2, 5*

*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 - **Thank the Lord** - *all standing*

page 181 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 814** - *we sing as indicated, seated*

**1** - all

**2** - all

**3** - font

**4** - pulpit

**5** - all

**6** - all

**POSTLUDE** - "*Allegro*" by Handel

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Altar Flowers** this morning are from the Clarks.

**Please Join Us** outside after service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to Karen Bailey for serving this morning.

### Last Sunday Here

Attending: 122    Offering: \$5,684

### This Week Here

Wed.- 1:30PM - Bible Study  
- 7:00PM - Parish Choir  
- 7:45PM - Bell Choir

**Choir** 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.

**Sunday Morning Greeters** are needed - please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to greet worshipers as they arrive for services. All you need is a smile as you welcome them.

**The Benevolence Fund** is a vehicle through which members can help those who are in need and by which members in need can find help. For assistance or to make a donation, please see Pastor Rowold. All transactions are kept confidential.

**Little Cherubs Christian Preschool** is now taking registration for the 2023-2024 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.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us** In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23-27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have "*mercy on your fellow servant*" and "*forgive your brother from your heart*" (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord's forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we "*are the Lord's*" (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will "*stand before the judgment seat of God,*" we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also "*will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand*" (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends "*to bring it about that many people should be kept alive*" (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: "*I will provide for you and your little ones*" (Gen. 50:21).