

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*In All Lands Rejoice Ye Christians*” tune *Werde Munterchen*, by Bach; setting by Schop.

page 151 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 525 - *we sing, standing*

page 152 - **KYRIE**

page 155 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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 128:1-6 - *we speak together*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*

Before, all sing: **Glory to You, O Lord!**
After, all sing: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN 863 - *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
“*God is Working His Purpose Out*” by Martin Shaw; arr. Medford (10:30)

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 162 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 868 and 706

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which gives us His forgiveness and makes 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 164 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** - *all standing*

page 166 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 166 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 922 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*Children of God, Rejoice*” by George Handel.

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Karen and Curt Smith. We also thank them for serving our coffee hour this morning!

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 101 Offering: \$6,720

This Week Here

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

Oktoberfest is October 20th! Sign-Up is on the bulletin board.

Help Feed The Northeast! Starting October 1 we need to be the first 100 churches to collect 500 food items for our food pantry. The food pantry will receive a monetary reward. We are combining this with our Thanksgiving food baskets. We have 2 items for 150 baskets. We will announce those items in Sunday service. Please help us reach both goals!

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Marriage Is a Sign that Manifests the Gospel of Christ and His Church Humanity is created in the image and likeness of God. “*It is not good that the man should be alone*” (Gen. 2:18). For the Lord Himself is a perfect communion of three Persons — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in one God. Therefore, “*the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs,*” which “*he made into a woman*” and brought “*to the man*” (Gen. 2:21–22). It is for this reason that “*a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh*” (Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:7). This great mystery of holy marriage signifies Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, and His Bride, the Church. Divorce and all manner of adultery contradict and undermine this sign, and in doing so, they confess a false Christ and a false gospel. “*What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate*” (Mark 10:9). In truth, Christ Jesus has atoned for all such sins, and He has perfected marriage in Himself “*through suffering,*” that He might bring “*many sons to glory*” in His resurrection (Heb. 2:8–10).