

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “Arioso” by Corelli, arr. by Broughton.

HYMN 821 vs 1, 2, 4, 5 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

DIALOG

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name; **make known God's deeds among the peoples!**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; **I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, **and let us exalt His name together!**

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 and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 146

Women read odd numbered verses

Men read even numbered verses

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 738 - *we sing seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover, all standing*

OFFERTORY -

During the gathering, we sing HYMN 512 vs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 728 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “America” by Samuel Ward, *tune Materna.*

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 121 Offering: \$8,290

This Week Here

Today - 11:30 AM - Voters Meeting
Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir
Sat - 9:00 AM - Quilts of Valor

Join Us following this morning's service of worship for refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to Terri Daly for serving this morning.

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Don and Diane Drust in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary, family, and to the Glory of God.



Helping hands: Handouts are on the counter in the narthex. Please help yourself, see what volunteer opportunities are available; complete the form, indicating what you would like to help with and place the form in the purple folder with my name on it.

THANKSGIVING WILL BE HERE before you know it, along with our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Join us that night at 7:30 PM and remember to bring a loaf of bread for the loaf exchange.

The **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be on Sunday, **December 8**, during the 10:30 AM service. Until then, the Sunday School children will be rehearsing during the Sunday morning Education Hour. Please remember to practice your lines at home, and if you have misplaced your Script, contact Tricia Rowold for a replacement.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Freely Feeds and Provides for Us with Everything He Has Those who contribute “large sums” from “out of their abundance” have done very little. They cannot purchase God’s favor with their money. But the “poor widow” with her two small coins, who “out of her poverty has put in everything she had,” entrusts herself and her life to the mercy of God (Mark 12:41–44). Such faith is not disappointed, for the Lord is faithful, and He provides for His people by His grace. Thus was the poor widow of Zarephath able to feed the prophet Elijah “for many days,” as well as herself and her household, “according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah” (1 Kings 17:15–16). He feeds us, too, by His Word, not only with daily bread for this body and life, but unto the life everlasting in Christ Jesus. “By the sacrifice of himself,” by the giving of His body and life and all that He had, He has entered “into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf” (Heb. 9:24–26). He is our great High Priest and the Temple of God, as well as the priestly food with which He feeds us.