

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“A Plea In The Wilderness”* by Gabriel Faure, arranged by Chesterton.

HYMN 657 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Jesus said: If anyone would come after Me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

Christ was wounded for our transgressions. **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

The chastisement that brought us peace was upon Him, **and with His stripes we are healed.**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. **O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 91:1-13
*Pulpit side reads odd numbered verses;
Font side reads even numbered verses.*

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

page 157 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - *all standing*

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

HYMN 424 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY
*During the gathering, we sing **HYMN 738***

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

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 718 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Cleansing Fountain” American Melody, arranged by Broughton.*

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 101 Offering: \$10,140

This Week Here
Tues - 7:00 PM - Council Meeting
Wed - 6:00 PM - Soup, Salad, Bible Study
 - 7:30 PM - Lent 1 Service
 - 8:15 PM - Parish Choir Practice
Thur - 6:00 PM - Bell Choir Practice

Please Join Us after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to Jon Rowold for serving this morning.

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study
This Wednesday, March 1, will be the start of our weekly Soup, Salad and Bible Study starting at 6:00 p.m. Look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board and plan to join us prior to our Lenten service at 7:30 p.m.

Helping Hands - If you would like to volunteer as a member of the helping hands committee by making a meal or providing a ride for someone who is in need, please call Sally Schrumm so that we may call upon you when the need arises for your assistance.

Sunday School - In this week's lesson, “A Mercy-Full Message,” Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question “Who is my neighbor?” for His followers as He challenges us to “go, and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.

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.

Lenten Devotionals for Adults and children are on the hallway counter - please help yourself to them.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes “*every temptation*” (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: “*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased*” (Luke 3:22). Jesus' victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For “*with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved*” (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, “*for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved*” (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to “*our affliction, our toil, and our oppression*” (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the “*signs and wonders*” of Holy Baptism, “*with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm*” (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.