

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*More Love to Thee*” tune by Doane; arr. Paxton

HYMN 793 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

I cry to You, O Lord; **in the morning my prayer comes before you.**

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and **uphold me with a willing spirit.**

My mouth is filled with Your praise, and **with Your glory all the day.**

Every day I will bless You and praise Your **name forever and ever.**

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. **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 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

HYMN 952 - Alleluia - *we sing, standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 851 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY - *during the gathering (10:30) the Parish Choir ensemble sings “Father Welcomes all His Children” by Robin Mann*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 814 - *we sing as indicated, standing*

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| 1 - all | 2 - all |
| 3 - men | 4 - all |
| 5 - women | 6 - all |

POSTLUDE - “*In You is Gladness*” tune *In dir ist Freude; Beck*

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Barbara, Scott and Nancy Carson in honor of the anniversary of their parents, Grace and George Carson.

This Week Here

Wed - 7:15PM - Bell Choir - bring mask
- 8:00PM - Parish Choir - bring mask

Last Week Here

Worshipping: 33 Offering: \$12,115

Orphan Grain Train Health Kits - Collection of health kits has begun and will continue through mid October. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 kits is located in the narthex for those of you worshipping on Sunday and will be available outside for those of you who stop by on Thursday. The following items are listed on the tags: 1. five adult toothbrushes; 2. five bath size soap; 3. box of 3/4” band-aids; 4. three sturdy combs.

Collection for Troops - Our annual collection for the troops is being held during the

month of September and will be mailed to Afghanistan in October. If you would like to contribute, please drop items off on Sundays (if you attend church) or Thursdays (between 10:00 and noon). Also, monetary gifts would be appreciated; checks can be made out to CLC with the note “Troops”. Some suggested items are: snacks, gum, candy, disposable razors, tooth brushes and covers, dental floss, eyeglass wipes.

Reminder - the office is open every Thursday morning from 10:00 - 12:00 for those who want to pick up the following Sunday’s bulletin and inserts, and/or drop off offerings. Also, if you plan to attend Sunday’s service, this is the time designated to call the office to put your name on the attendance list.

Heavenly Herald newsletters are on the narthex and hallway tables. Please help yourself to a copy to keep current on what’s going on here at CLC.

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).