

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*” tune *Adoro te devote*; setting *Walter Pelz*

HYMN 796 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all.

These all look to you, **to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, **and you renew the face of the ground.**

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. **Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, 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 34:1-8 - *we read in unison*

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 843 *(tune S Peter)* - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY

“With the Help of the Spirit of God”
by Jayne Cool
Soloists: Althea Madigan and Beth Soulier

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 695 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*To God be the Glory*” tune

Doane; arr. Dirchwood

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Jim and Margie Mertz in celebration of their anniversary.

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

Reminder! There are no open office hours this Thursday, August 5.

Refreshment Servers Needed! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to serve refreshments following our **August 15 or 29** services. Everything you need, including the prepared iced tea / lemonade, will be in the kitchen.

CLC Member Directory - please look at the draft copy of the directory on the hallway counter and verify that your family information is up to date and correct. Thank you!

Lunch on the Lawn - join us this summer for fellowship. Bring a chair and your lunch

and meet us by the columbarium (weather permitting). The remaining dates that we will meet are on August 16 & 30, 12:00.

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - we are collecting school supplies through August 22nd. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 school kits is located in the narthex. Your donations can be placed in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. Cash donations directed for this purpose can be placed in the red box on the counter above the bins. These funds will be used for purchasing items needed to complete the 50 kits or you can request that your donation be directed toward the shipping costs.

Little Cherubs Preschool is looking for a teacher to join our staff starting this coming school year. The hours available are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00/1:30. Please contact JoAnn Holstein, Little Cherubs Director, if you or someone you know qualify and would like to discuss the position.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Feeds Us with His Flesh, in Order to Strengthen Us with His Own Life - God the Father sent His Son into the world, so that the world might have life in Him. Now He “*draws*” you to His Son, Christ Jesus, by the preaching of His Gospel. “*Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father*” comes to Jesus, who will never cast him out but “*will raise him up on the last day*” (John 6:44–45). He is “*the bread of life*,” who “*comes down from heaven*” in the flesh, that you may eat of Him and “*live forever*” (John 6:48–51). Although “*the journey is too great for you*,” in the strength of this food you shall come to “*the mount of God*.” Do not be afraid, and do not despair, but “*arise and eat*” (1 Kings 19:5–8). And “*no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds*” (Eph. 4:17), but “*walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us*” (Eph. 5:2). In Him, you have been “*created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness*” (Eph. 4:24). Therefore, “*be imitators of God, as beloved children*” (Eph. 5:1), by “*forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you*” (Eph. 4:32).