THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Lamb of God, our Savior" by J. S. Bach

HYMN 842 - 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. O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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 131 - we read in unison

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

page 173 - ALLELUIA VERSE we sing, standing

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

HYMN 411 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover

OFFERTORY

"Built on the Rock"
Tune by Lindeman; Bruce Emerick, soloist

Text:

Build on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in every land. Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the Young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest everlasting

We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation. He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation. Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell With all His grace and His favor.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: Hear our prayer!

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 850 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Christ is Our Cornerstone" Tune Darwell's 148th; setting Barlow

NEWS AND NOTES

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

This Week Here

Thur -10:00 AM - Bulletin Pick Up

Mark Your Calendar! Our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services schedule resumes on September 11.

Attention Council and Voters! A Council meeting is scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6. A Voters' meeting is scheduled to be held after the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 11.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour - Join us for fellowship between the services starting September 11. If you are willing, and can

serve some mornings by setting up and cleaning up, please sign up on the bulletin board. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Baked goods are always welcome and may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer to be enjoyed when needed. Questions? Please contact Pam Clark

Sunday School Rally Day will be held on September 11. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be music, prayer, trivia and food. Sunday School classes will resume on September 18.

Book Case needed! Little Cherubs preschool is looking for a book case. If anyone has one that they are looking to find a new home for, please contact JoAnn 203-272-1150 or the church office, 203-272-5106. Thank you!

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ - "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled," Jesus proclaims, but "he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and "at the resurrection of the just," He will say to you, "Friend, move up higher" (Luke 14:10, 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you "in the presence of a noble," where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, "do not neglect to do good and to share what you have" (Heb. 13:16), and "do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers" (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.