

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Leave all to God's Direction"
By Neumark; setting by Saxton

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.

HYMN 540 vs 1, 2, 5, 6 - *we sing, standing*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. **O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 95:1-9 - *see insert sheet*
We sing "Come, Let us Praise the Lord"
Setting by John Darwall

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 849 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

8:00 - **APOSTLES' CREED**
hymnal, back cover

10:30 - **BAPTISMAL HYMN 592**
we sing, seated

10:30 - page 268 - **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** - *Evelyn Grace Merrow*

OFFERTORY
During the gathering, we sing HYMN 762 vs 1, 2, 3, 4

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

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 648 - *we sing as indicated, standing*
2 - Font Side **3 - Pulpit Side**

POSTLUDE - "Glory in the Cross"
By Southbridge

NEWS AND NOTES

Baptized this morning is Evelyn Grace Merrow, daughter of Matthew and Andrea (Schrumm) Merrow.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 108 Offering: \$13,199

This Week Here

Wed - 6:00 PM - Soup, Salad, Bible Study
- 7:30 PM - Lent 3 Service
- 8:15 PM - Parish Choir Practice
Thur -10:00 AM- Bulletin Pick Up
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir Practice

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study

Join us this Wednesday for 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.

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is now taking registration for the 2023-2024 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a

child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the church office.

Food Pantry - No family should go without food and basic needs. Please assist local food pantries throughout and beyond our own community. Items should be deposited in the blue plastic containers located under the hallway counter. Thank you for your support!

Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for March 18 (indoors) and April 15 (outdoors). Please lend a hand to make our building and grounds beautiful - signup sheets for inside cleaning are on the bulletin board. Join us either or both days any time starting 9:00 a.m. and stay as short or long as you wish. It would be helpful if cleaning supplies were brought (brooms, trimmers, etc.)

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel - Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, "all the congregation of the people of Israel" grumbled against Him because "there was no water for the people to drink" (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at "about the sixth hour" (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is "the gift of God" (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we "worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). "We rejoice in hope of the glory of God" because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:2, 5).