

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Watch and Wait" by Samuel Wesley

HYMN 603 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name; **make known God's deeds among the peoples!**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; **I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, **and let us exalt His name together!**

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. **Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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 70

*Pulpit side read odd numbered verses
Font side read even numbered verses*

SECOND LESSON

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

page 156 - **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 516 - *we sing seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, last page, all standing*

OFFERTORY - HYMN 680

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 461 vs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"
tune America, setting James Southbridge

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 101 Offering: \$6,346

This Week Here

Today - 11:30 AM - Voters Meeting
Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir

All are welcome to join us every Sunday in between services as we gather for fellowship and coffee. If you are able to help by serving on a Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board. Baked goods are always welcome and may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer to be enjoyed when needed.

Join Us following this morning's service of worship for refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to Karen Smith for serving this morning.



A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their "peace offerings" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1-4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we "encourage one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Don and Diane Drust in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary, family, and to the Glory of God.

Next Sunday is PLEDGE SUNDAY - please pick up your packet next week. Your pledge will assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations. Thank you!

If you took some **pictures at Pastor Nuechterlein's 70th Anniversary** of Ordination gala, and are willing to share some with Pastor, Gloria, their family, and the congregation, please transmit them to Tim at theweilands55@gmail.com as attachments. They will be made available additionally with photos taken with the disposable cameras, and with the videos recording the event. Thank you in advance!

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.