

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - “Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus” tune *Jesu, Joy*; Setting by Dale Wood

page 203 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

**HYMN 475** - *we sing, standing*

page 204 - **KYRIE**

page 204 - **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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!**

**HYMN 709** - Psalm 23 - *we sing, seated*

**SECOND LESSON** *(bulletin back page)*

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

page 205 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *all standing*

**GOSPEL** *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*

Before, all sing: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**  
After, all sing: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**HYMN 711** - *we sing, seated*

**SERMON**

**NICENE CREED** - *hymnal, last page all standing*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*all may kneel*

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

**OFFERTORY** (8:00) *Bruce Emerick, soloist, sings “The Promise of Spring” by Natalie Sleeth (10:30) the Parish Choir sings “Hymn of Promise” by Natalie Sleeth*

page 208 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 208 - **SANCTUS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

page 209 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**SHARING OF PEACE**

page 210 - **AGNUS DEI**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 740 and 710*

*All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which gives us his forgiveness and makes us one Christian family.*

*All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.*

page 211 - **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** - *all standing*

page 212 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 212 - **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Last Sunday Here**

Attending: 87      Offering: \$2,777

**This Week Here**

Tues - 6:00 PM - Ladies Night Out

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study

- 7:30 PM - Parish Choir

- 7:00 PM - VBS meeting

Sat - 2:00 PM - Concert

**Attn Voters!** The next Voters meeting is next Sunday, April 28th.

**Little Cherubs Christian Preschool** is now taking registration for the 2024-2025 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.

**HYMN 549 vs 1, 2, 3, 6, 7** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - “Echo Alleluia” by Henry Purcell

**Mark your calendars!** Vacation Bible School this year will be July 8 to 12 and our theme is *Scuba: Diving Into Friendship With God*. Sign-up sheets have been posted! So, please sign up!

**Mandolin & Guitar Duo Concert!** Join us next Saturday, April 27th, at 2:00 PM for a concert featuring Handler & Levesque. The husband and wife duo blend swing, Brazilian, Classical, Latin, 60’s & 70’s, jazz, gypsy and folk music influences to create their unique, expressive arrangements. No admission charge; light refreshments following the performance.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep** The Lord Jesus is “the good shepherd” who “lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “authority to lay it down” and the “authority to take it up again” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “one flock, one shepherd” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2). Since “there is salvation in no one else,” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “love one another” and “to lay down our lives for the brothers,” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).