

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - *“I Am The Good Shepard”* by James Southbridge

*(please be seated)*

**HYMN 465** - *we sing, standing*

### INVOCATION

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

### EASTER DIALOG

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sing to the Lord a new song, **for He has done marvelous things.**

The Lord is my strength and my song; **He has become my salvation.**

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

This is the day the Lord has made; **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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 God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

### PSALM 150 - *we sing, see insert*

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

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### 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 706 - *we sing, seated*

### SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

### OFFERTORY

*During the gathering, we sing HYMN 680*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### LORD'S PRAYER

### COLLECT

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN 474 vs 1, 2, 3, 5 - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - *“Rise Up In Glory”* by David Paxton

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Join us** at our coffee hour (between services) this morning. Thank you to the Clark's for serving!

### Last Sunday Here

Attending: 103      Offering: \$6,795

### This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study  
- 7:30 PM - Parish Choir

**Voters Meeting** today following the late service.

**VBS** will be held here July 8 - 12. We need volunteers to make this a successful program. There are many areas that we need help in. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the fellowship hall if you can help.

**Quarterly Offering Statements** are on the hallway counter. Thank you for picking yours up this morning.

**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.

**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!

**Can and Bottle Collection!** Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. Please place the cans and bottles in the can located near the janitor's closet off the fellowship hall.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us** “God is love,” and He has manifested Himself to us by sending “his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, “he has given us of his Spirit,” so that we also believe and confess “that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.” In this way, we “abide in him and he in us,” and we “love one another” (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip’s preaching of “the good news about Jesus” to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when “they came to some water,” the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into “the true vine,” Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He “bears much fruit” in us (John 15:3–5).