

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Your Word, O Lord, is Planted*” tune *Af Himlens*; setting by Paul Bouman.

page 184 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 385 vs 1, 2, 3 & 5 - *we sing, standing*

page 186 - **KYRIE**

page 187 - **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; 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!**

PSALM 119:97-104- *Men speak the Odd verses and Women speak the even.*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
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page 190 - **ALLELUIA** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*
Before, all say: Glory to You, O Lord!
After, all say: Praise to You, O Christ!

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page all standing*

HYMN 410 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page all standing*

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

ANTHEM *During the gathering, the Parish Choir sings “Many Gifts, One Spirit” by Pote (10:30).*

page 194 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 195 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 197 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

page 197 - **PAX DOMINI**

page 198 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 384 and 390

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 199 - **NUNC DIMITTIS** - *all standing*

page 200 - **THANKSGIVING**

page 200 - **COLLECT**

page 201 - **SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS**

page 202 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 389 vs 1, 3, 4 & 7 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*Postlude in D*” by Francois Couperin.

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 77 Offering: \$3,231

Please Join Us after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to Sarah Rowold for serving this morning!

This Week Here
Tues - 9:00 AM - Undecorate the Church
Wed - 1:30 PM - Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir

Volunteers needed this Tuesday (January 6) at 9:00 AM to help take down the tree and put decorations away.

Annual Corporate Meeting will be held here after our two worship services next Sunday, January 11th.

2026 Flower Chart - if you would like to provide altar flowers on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the flower chart located on the bulletin board.

Sunday School - Today, we will study “A Tent for God.” Moses begins the process of building a portable house (called a tabernacle) for the Lord by gathering offerings from the Israelites. God provides detailed instruction for the creation of the ark of the covenant as well as the other fixtures of the tabernacle. When the tabernacle is finally assembled, the glory of the Lord descends on the tabernacle in the form of a cloud. As long as the presence remains, the people remain in that place.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.