

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “Trust in His Steadfast Love”
by Donald Moore.

page 151 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 905 - we sing, standing

page 152 - **KYRIE**

page 155 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; 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 119:65-72 - we speak in unison

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

Page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - all standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - all stand

Before, all say: **Glory to you, O Lord!**
After, all say: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

HYMN 702 - we sing, seated

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, last page
all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY

The Sunday School sings (10:30) “Books of the Old Testament” by Pamela Conn Beall and Susan Hagen Nipp.

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 162 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the Distribution we sing HYMN 819 and 687.

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 164 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** - all standing

page 166 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 166 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 803 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - “For God’s Grace we Give Thanks” by Stewart Hamilton.

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Glen Myers in honor of Carlene Myers.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 103 Offering: \$4,732.78

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study

Tues - 7:00 PM - Council Meeting

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

Sunday School - “The Rescuing Queen” is the title for this week’s lesson. Displeased with Queen Vashti’s behavior, King Ahasuerus banishes her and seeks a new queen. Esther pleases the king, who chooses her out of all the eligible women of the kingdom. Esther’s guardian, Mordecai, uncovers a plot against the Jews spearheaded by Haman, one of the king’s officials. Risking her life, Es-

ther reveals the plot to the king; this saves the Jewish people and brings Haman to justice. **VBS** will be held here June 22 - 26. **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.

Mark your Calendars! Our 9:00 summer worship services begin on June 21.

Our Annual CLC Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 14 after the 10:30 service. Please remember to sign up on the form on the bulletin board in the Hallway. This is always a fun family fellowship event, so sign up and join us!

The full choir will have a break for the summer. **Any member of the congregation is welcome to contribute to the summer services.** Please contact Martha Medford at to work on possible Sunday music.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus Calls Sinners to Repentance and Newness of Life in Accordance with His Mercy In calling Matthew the tax collector to follow Him, Jesus demonstrates that He has come “*not to call the righteous, but sinners*” (Matt. 9:9, 13). As a good physician, He comes not to confirm them in their sins, but to heal them with His grace, calling them to repentance, faith and newness of life (Matt. 9:12). He puts them to death by the preaching of His Law, in order to raise them with His Gospel, to live before Him in the righteousness of His resurrection (Hos. 6:1–2, 5). It is in this way that God “*gives life to the dead,*” that is, through faith in Jesus, “*who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification*” (Rom. 4:17, 24–25). Thus, sinners from all nations are called to share the same faith as Abraham, the father of all who trust in Jesus (Rom. 4:16–18). And as our Lord in mercy thus welcomes us poor sinners to recline at the table in His house, so does He “*desire steadfast love and not sacrifice*” (Matt. 9:10, 13; Hos. 6:6), that we should have mercy on our neighbors and forgive their sins against us for Jesus’ sake.