

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“In Christ there is no East or West”* tune St. Peter; setting by Warriner.

HYMN 802 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

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

From the rising of the sun to its setting, **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Better is one day in Your courts **than a thousand elsewhere.**

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord. Teach me Your paths.

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. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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 138 - *see insert; we sing, seated*

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

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 644 - we sing as indicated, seated
1 - all 2 - Women
3 - all 4 - Men
5 - all

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY

“Goodness Of God” by Jenn Johnson; Bet and Mike Frost, soloists.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: Hear our prayer!

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 662 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Send us Your Spirit” by Loeillet; setting by Hegarty.*

NEWS AND NOTES

Please join us outside after this morning's Worship Service for fellowship and refreshments! Thank you to Karen Bailey and Vicki DePaolo for serving this morning!

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 83 Offering: \$5,209.93

We are hosting a **Backpack Blessing** at the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, August 30 for kids to get ready to go back to school this fall. Bring your backpack to church!

Sunday School starts on September 13th and we are looking for teachers and substitutes. If you can help out please speak with Kelley Collins-Pardee or Trica Rowold. Thank you!!

The **Choirs** are beginning rehearsals on September 9th. We are looking **for singers and bell ringers** to add to an essential part of our Worship Services. Please speak with Martha Medford, or any current member of these musical groups to get information.

Mark your calendar! Our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services schedule resumes September 13th.

Articles for the September **Heavenly Herald** should be submitted to Beth Soulier by this Friday. Please remember to be prompt in getting in your articles.

Items particularly needed at the
Food Pantry this week....

- Cereal
(Any variety)
- Ground coffee
(Both regular and decaf)
- Sugar & Flour
- Bottled juice
(100% fruit juice preferred)
- Old fashioned oatmeal
- Vinegar
(All types)
- Snacks
(Chips, pretzels, cookies, etc.)
- Pickles & olives

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God Jesus asked His disciples: “*But who do you say that I am?*” (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is “*the Christ, the Son of the living God*” (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserve our life within His Church, against which even “*the gates of hell shall not prevail*” (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness “*will never be dismayed*” (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that “*joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song*” (Is. 51:3). Therefore, “*according to the measure of faith that God has assigned*” (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves “*as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God*” (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.