THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - The Organ Prelude *"Son Of The Highest"* tune *Nun Danket Alle*, setting by Cassler *(8:00)* or the Youth Chimers play *"Jesus Loves Me" (10:30).*

page 167 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 936 - *we sing, standing*

page 168 - **KYRIE**

page 171 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through 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 96:1-9 - *Pastor speaks the odd verses and the Congregation speaks the even.*

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

page 173 - **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!**

HYMN 827 - *we sing, as indicated, seated*
1 - all **2 - all**
3 - pulpit side **4 - font side**
5 - all

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, back cover all standing*

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

OFFERTORY - *The Parish Choir sings (10:30) "Many Gifts, One Spirit" by Alan Pote.*

page 177 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 178 - **SANCTUS**

LORD'S PRAYER

page 179 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 180 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
During the Distribution we sing **HYMNS 782** *and* **873.**

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 - where He gives forgiveness and Christian unity.

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

page 181 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE -** *all standing*

page 183 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 525 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *"In All Lands Rejoice" by Johann Schop.*

NEWS AND NOTES

The Altar Flowers are given by Arta and Don Dobbs in honor of their 46th Wedding Anniversary.

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 91 Offering: $3,714.23

This Week Here
Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir
- 7:45 PM - Council Meeting*

*Please Note time/date change

We met our goal for **Feed the Northeast and Thanksgiving Baskets** with a total of 543 items (161 Gravy) A total pounds 348! Thank you to David Blair for getting the Thrivent Grant. Thank you to David Blair and Vicki De Pallo for shopping for items, and Margie Mertz and Nancy Engelhardt for delivering the to the food pantry. Thank you to everyone who helped load Margie's car. **Big Thank you to the Congregation** for accomplishing this in two weeks !!

Sunday School: "The Pointing Prophet" is the title of this week's lesson. John the Baptist lives in the wilderness, dressed in camel's hair and eating locusts and honey. John's message of repentance and preparation draws people to the banks of the Jordan, where they receive Baptism. As the prophet sent to point out the Messiah, John declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) as Jesus approaches. When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is My beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted *"to entangle him in his words"* by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should *"render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"* (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord's anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations *"from the rising of the sun and from the west"* (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus *"to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings"* (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, *"in power and in the Holy Spirit"* (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are *"turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God"* (1 Thess. 1:9 –10).