

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 7, 2025

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Lord, As to Thy Dear Cross We Flee

D. Busarow

INTROIT

Search Me, O God (Psalm 139)

SURSUM CORDA

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 139:13-18)

Leader: We praise You, O LORD, for we are awesomely and wonderfully made.

People: **Wonderful are Your works; and this is well known to us.**

Leader: Your eye beheld our unformed substance.

People: **In Your book is written all the days that were formed for us.**

Leader: They were known to You when none of them as yet existed.

People: **How weighty to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!**

Leader: We try to count them—but they are more than the grains of sand.

People: **We come to life's end—and we are still with You.**

*HYMN INSERT

O God, You Search Me
verses 1, 2, 3

O GOD YOU SEARCH ME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, deliver us from self righteous thoughts which blind us to Your truth, from self serving deeds which prevent us from serving You, and from self centered lives which ignore Your divine presence. Heavenly Father, deliver us from the fear which keeps us from being faithful, from the anger which keeps us from forgiving, and from the selfishness which limits our thanksgiving. Save us, O God, from the power of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Come, Labor On

Sally Ann Morris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:25-33

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"Joining Jesus' Book Club"

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #83

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
verses 1 and 4

RATHBUN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #393

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
verses 1 and 2

BOURBON

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Gather Us In

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*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Arleita Dirne.