

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 28, 2025      The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time      11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

Michael Praetorius

INTROIT

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

J. S. Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 91)

Leader: We who live in the shelter of the Most High;

**People: We who abide in the shadow of the Almighty;**

Leader: We will say to You, O Lord, "Our refuge and our fortress;

**People: In You, O God, do we trust.**

Leader: For You will deliver us from the snare of the fowler;

**People: You will cover us with Your pinions, and under Your wings we will find refuge.**

Leader: We will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day;

**People: Nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that waits at noonday.**

\*HYMN INSERT

*You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* (Psalm 91)

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

verses 1 and 2

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Divine Father, Your mercies await those who turn to You with contrite hearts. Hear us as we come to You for help. For evil thoughts, for deceitful words, for covetous eyes, for ears that rejoice in iniquity, for greedy hands; have mercy upon us, O God of purity and grace. In asking for Your forgiveness, we cannot claim a right to be forgiven. Yet we cast ourselves upon Your boundless love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. 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

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**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

*O Word of Life, be Thou My Soul*

C. T. Christian/T. Paris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 16:19-31**

New Testament, p. 61

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**“Raising Hell—Raising the Dead—Raising a Finger to Help”**

Dr. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #306

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
verses 1 and 3

CRUSADER'S HYMN

### 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

THE CONSECRATION OF THE NEW PEW BIBLES

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 #477

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*  
verses 1 and 2

HANOVER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

MOON

\*POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Ava Stanley.