### The Approach to God

The Lord be with you

# And also with you

**Announcements** 

Prelude As the Deer - Nystrom/Ham

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Amen.

Call to Worship

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 21

Salutation and the People's Amen

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession** 

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

#### Call to New Life

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Special Music Holiday Fanfare Michael J. Miller

### The Word of God

Junior Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Acts 1:1-11

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

# The Response of God's People

Prayer of Consecration and Doxology
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Lord's Prayer sung by Mel Burger

Hymn Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 380

Benediction

Postlude We're Marching to Zion (in the setting of Haydn's Sonata in G Major) - Lowry/Berry

#### **Announcements**

- Coffee Hour will take place on Wednesday at 10am. Use the same login as you would for worship.
- We are aware that this current crisis impacts each family differently. There might be needs that we are currently unaware of. If anyone is in need of financial assistance or food assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Jason. If you just need to talk, you can contact Pastor Jason as well.
- Our Mission of the Month for May is Camp Fowler. You can send in your donation to the church anytime during the month of May.
- M&SC will be collecting food items (boxed and canned, no glass) for the SICM Food Pantry to help those during this time. The Education Building doors will be open on Monday and Wednesday from 10-12 for you to drop off your donations throughout the month of May.
- The Brooks BBQ originally scheduled for April is going to be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-6 pm. More details and sign up information will be coming out very shortly. Mark your calendars and spread the word!