THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *"Lead On, O King Eternal" setting by Parker.*

page 151 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 903 - *we sing standing*

page 152 - **KYRIE**

page 155 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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

Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, 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 123 - *we speak together*

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

page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE -** *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page) - all standing*
Before, all sing: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**
After, all sing: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

HYMN 839 - *we sing as indicated, seated*
1 - all **2 - pulpit side**
3 - all **4 - font side**
5 - all

SERMON

BAPTISMAL HYMN 593 - *we sing, seated*

page 268 - **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM -** *administered to Jacob Paul Swayner*

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

OFFERTORY
"America" arranged by Frank Vasi

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

LORD'S PRAYER

page 162 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
During the Distribution, we sing **HYMNS 637** and **965.**

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 - which gives us His forgiveness and makes us one Christian family.
All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 164 - **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE -** *all standing*

page 166 **- POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 166 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 966 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - "*Medley of Military Service Anthems".*

NEWS AND NOTES

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to Karen Smith for serving this morning!

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 77 Offering: $1,532

This Week Here
Mon. to Fri. - 9 AM - Noon
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Baptized this morning is Jacob Paul Swayner, son of Lauren and Mathew Swayner.

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - we are collecting school supplies needed to complete 50 school kits. The collection will take place through August 27. A poster with tags of items needed is located in the narthex. Your donations can be placed in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. Cash donations directed for this purpose can be placed in the red box on the counter above the bins. These funds will be used for purchasing items needed to complete the 50 kits or you can request that your donation be directed toward the shipping costs. Thank you, Nancy Engelhardt, Social Welfare Deacon.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: *"Thus says the Lord God,"* whether the people *"hear or refuse to hear"* (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus *"went about among the villages teaching"* (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, *"many who heard him were astonished,"* marveling at His wisdom and at the *"mighty works done by his hands,"* and yet *"they took offense at him"* (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His *"authority over the unclean spirits"* (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, *"cast out many demons"* and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God's grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ *"is made perfect in weakness"* (2 Cor. 12:8–9).