THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "*Jesus, My Reedeemer" by Franklin Ritter.*

page 167 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 545 - *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 Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; 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 121 - *We speak in unison.*

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

page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *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 523 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page all standing*

10:30 **- BAPTISMAL HYMN 725 v 1 & 2**

10:30 - page 268 - **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**
John Mitchell Barden

10:30 **- BAPTISMAL HYMN 725 v 3 & 4**

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

OFFERTORY - *During the gathering, the Parish Choir sings "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" by William Kirkpatrick. (10:30)*

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 622 v 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 & 769.**

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

page 183 - **POST-COMMUNION COLECT**

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 940 - *we sing as indicated, standing*
1 - all **2 - font side**
3 - pulpit side **4 - all**
5 - all

POSTLUDE - *"Your Faith Will Carry You" by Rex Koury.*

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 87 Offering: $6,236.81

This Week Here
Wed - 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir

Quarterly Offering Statements are on the hallway counter. Thank you for picking yours up this morning if you have not already.

Please Join Us after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to Nancy and Ed Schweizer for serving this morning and everything else they do around here!

LWML Mite Boxes: Ladies, if you have been collecting mites for the LWML please place your donations in the collection box on the counter outside of the office. Any money collected will be consolidated into one payment and forwarded to the local LWML treasurer. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Karen Weiland.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer *"Left alone,"* Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, *"until the breaking of the day"* (Gen. 32:24). Though *"Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him"* (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us *"always to pray and not lose heart"* (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of *"a judge who neither feared God nor respected man"* and of a widow *"who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary'"* (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to *"give her justice"* (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving *"justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night"* (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they *"have learned and have firmly believed"* (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of *"the sacred writings"* (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to *"preach the word"* at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).