

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - "Jesus, The Bread of Life" tune  
*Pisgah; by Gilbert Martin*

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!**

### "Up to You I Lift my Eyes" *(Psalm 123)*

*Text, Emma Turl; tune Ralph Vaughan Williams  
See insert sheet - we sing, seated*

### SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

### GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*

*Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!  
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!*

**HYMN 839** - *we sing as indicated, seated*  
3 - pulpit side                      4 - font side

### SERMON

**APOSTLES' CREED** - *hymnal, last page  
all standing*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*all may kneel*

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### OFFERTORY

*God Bless America/O Beautiful for Spacious  
Skies", soloist, 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 - where He gives  
forgiveness and Christian unity.*

*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 - **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 966** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - *Armed Services Medley*

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Altar Flowers** this morning are from Don and Diane Drust for God's blessings on America.

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

### This Week Here

Thur -10:00AM - Open Office Hours

Mon -12:00PM - Lunch on the Lawn

### Last Sunday Here

Attending: 55                      Offering: \$6,925

**VBS** will be held here July 19-23, 8:45 -12:00. We need adult and youth volunteers to make this program a success - please sign up on the youth bulletin board located in the hallway. Questions? Contact Vicki DePaolo, Karen Smith, Tricia or Pastor Rowold.

**Refreshment Servers Needed!** Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to serve refreshments following one or two of our summer worship services. Everything you need, including the prepared iced tea / lemonade, will be in the kitchen.

## 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).

**VBS Registration** is open to children age 4 through 6th grade and are on a first come first serve basis. Registrations are available for pick up this morning from the hallway counter. Please return as soon as possible to guarantee a spot for your child.

**Lunch on the Lawn** - join us this summer for fellowship. Bring a chair and your lunch and meet us by the columbarium (weather permitting). We will meet 12:00 on July 5 & 19, August 2, 16 & 30.

**Orphan Grain Train School Kits** - we are collecting school supplies through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 school kits 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.