

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - "Lead, Kindly Light" tune *Lux Benigna*; setting Dale Wood

page 151 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

**HYMN 851** - 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. Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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 119:153-160** - we read in unison

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

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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 685** - we sing, seated

**SERMON**

**NICENE CREED** - hymnal, last page all standing

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*all may kneel*

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### OFFERTORY

"America, Our Heritage" by Helen Steele  
Soloists: Tim Slocum and Beth Soulier

*Text:*

*High towering mountains, fields gold with grain,*

*Rich fertile farmlands, flocks on the plain,  
Homes blest with peace, with love, without fears:*

*This is the heritage we've kept through the years.*

*Stout hearts and true, hold fast what is ours,  
God give us courage through darkest hours,  
God give us strength and guide with Thy hand  
America, our heritage, our homeland.*

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 629 and 933*

*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 - as signs of his forgiveness and of our Christian family solidarity.*

*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** - "Armed Services Medley"

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Please Join Us** outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to the Rowold family for serving this morning.

### Last Sunday Here

Attending: 86      Offering: \$3,241

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered this past week at our VBS. You made the event a huge success! We reached our limit of 50 children in the kindergarten through grade 5; there was a total of 18 children registered for the pre-k group. Everyone had a great week!

**Readers Wanted!** Please consider reading a lesson on Sunday mornings. Contact April Slauson if you would like to help.

**Refreshment Servers Needed!** PLEASE HELP by signing up on the bulletin board if you can 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.

**Lunch on the Lawn** - join us at 12:00 each Monday this summer for fellowship. Bring a chair and your lunch and meet us by the columbarium (weather permitting).

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven** - False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken "war, famine, and pestilence" (Jer. 28:8). But if "the LORD has truly sent the prophet," he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and "the word of that prophet comes to pass" (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God's Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, "sinful beyond measure," thereby "producing death" in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, "we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive" (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong "to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God" (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come "to bring peace, but a sword" (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and "loses his life" for Christ's sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38-39).