THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Jesus Brings Light and Life" by Rex Koury

HYMN 912 - we sing, standing

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING DIALOG

This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord. **Teach me Your paths.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GREETING, followed by PRAYER The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 80:7-19 - "O Shepard, Hear and Lead Your Flock" CCLI # 6179470 see insert ; we sing , seated

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

page 156 - ALLELUIA VERSE we sing, standing

GOSPEL (bulletin back page) Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord! After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 825 - we sing, seated

SERMON

8:00 - APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, last page, all standing

10:30 - **BAPTISMAL HYMN: 592** *we sing, seated*

10:30 - page 268- **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** - Nathaniel Andrew and Benjamin Alton Bryant

OFFERTORY - during the gathering, we sing **HYMN 827** - verses 1, 3, & 4

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 850 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Jesus Shall Reign" tune Duke Street; setting Krapf

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Curt and Karen Smith in loving memory of Curt's parents, Frank and Doris Smith.

Baptized this morning are Nathaniel Andrew and Benjamin Alton Bryant, sons of Andrew Vidrine and Katey Schrumm Bryant.

Last Sunday Here Attending: 94 Offering: \$5,983

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study - 7:00 PM - Bell Choir - 7:45 PM - Parish Choir Sat - 2:00 PM - Quilts of Valor

October is Scholarship Fundraising

Month! Please consider contributing to the CLC scholarship fund, which offers support to CLC graduating high school seniors intending to further their education. All contributions go directly to supporting the recipients of the scholarship. Donations are tax deductible, and will be included in your contribution statement. Pastor Nuechterlein celebrated 70 blessed years in the ministry on September 20th. Plus he turns 95-years young on October 10th! **Midweek please check out the video link in the CLC website** documenting his and Gloria's journey to our congregation, and the 63 years since their arrival.

Apple Pie Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. For all who are interested there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and order forms on the counter.

CLC will once again be participating in the **FEEDNE** project sponsored by Thrivent in which the first 100 churches to donate 500 food items to a local soup or food pantry will receive a \$500 check to benefit the food pantry. The totes under the counter in the hallway are now labeled FEEDNE2023. Kindly place your donations in them as soon as possible. The sooner we get 500 items the better the chances that the CCFP will get the additional \$500.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts "*The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel*" (Is. 5:7), which He planted "*on a very fertile hill*" (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with "*choice vines*," but also building the "*watchtower*" of His prophets and hewing out the "*wine vat*" of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when "*he looked for it to yield grapes*," there were only "*wild grapes*" of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth "*the fruits in their seasons*" (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he "*suffered the loss of all things*" in order to "*gain Christ and be found in him*," to "*know him and the power of his resurrection*" (Phil. 3:8–10).