

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - *“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”*  
tune *All Ehr und Lob*; setting by Rohlig

**HYMN 469** - *we sing, standing*

### EASTER DIALOG

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sing to the Lord a new song, **for He has done marvelous things.**

The Lord is my strength and my song; **He has become my salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **His love endures forever.**

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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. **O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 66:8-20 - *we read in unison, seated*

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

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### HYMN 952 - ALLELUIA - *we sing, standing*

### GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

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

### HYMN 725 - *we sing, seated*

### SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

**OFFERTORY** - *Bell Ensemble plays “Come, Ring Joy” by Howard Starks*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN 816 - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - *“In Christ There is No East or West”* tune *St. Peter*; setting by Warriner

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Offerings Collected 5/2 - 5/10:** \$5,466

**Offerings** may now be made through our website. We have partnered with Prolific, a Lutheran Church Federal Credit Union affiliate, to bring you this secure, convenient, user friendly option. **Offerings** may also be mailed to Cheshire Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410.

**Little Cherubs Christian Preschool** is now taking registration for the 2020-2021 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. You can also contact the church office to have a registration packet mailed to you. We have a great program with great teachers - so spread the word!

**Cheshire Food Pantry** needs food donations more than ever as Covid 19 has decreased contributions. Items can be dropped off at the Pantry located at 175 Sandbank

Road, Cheshire (call for hours -203-699-9226) or monetary donations may be mailed to Cheshire Community Food Pantry, P. O. Box 457, Cheshire or online at [www.cheshirefoodpantry.org](http://www.cheshirefoodpantry.org)

**Altar Flowers** - If you have signed up for altar flowers and would like to place them on the altar for our Sunday services, you are welcome to do so. Please call the church office to make arrangements to bring them in and to let us know what you would like the announced in the Sunday bulletin to read.

**Purchasing through Amazon?** CLC is registered under the Amazon Smile program. When shopping with Amazon, go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) - log into your account as you normally would do on the amazon site. When prompted to select a charity, browse the list and select Cheshire Lutheran. Amazon will donate .5% of the amount purchased to CLC.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection** - *“The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything”* (Acts 17:24–25) wants all people to seek Him that they might *“feel their way toward him and find him”* (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols *“formed by the art and imagination of man”* (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and *“has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead”* (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us *“as orphans”* (John 14:18), but He gives *“another Helper,”* the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of *“Jesus and the resurrection”* (Acts 17:18). Because He *“suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous”* (1 Peter 3:18), we *“honor Christ the Lord as holy”* and are always *“prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks”* for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism *“now saves”* us *“as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”* (1 Peter 3:21).