

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - “Gently Raise the Sacred Strain” by Griggs; arr. Schreiner

*(please be seated)*

**HYMN 812** - *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. **Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN 709** - PSALM 23 - *we sing, seated*

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

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**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 740** - *we sing, seated*

### **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**OFFERTORY** - “Christ is our Friend and Guide” *tune by Hugg; arr. by Thompson.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*all may kneel*

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 525** vs 1, 2, 4, 5 - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - “Tollite Hostias” by Saint - *Saens*

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Offerings Collected** April 18 -26: \$5,089

**Mother's Day Blanket Sunday** - Let's celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 10, and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Church World Service Blanket Program. Your special gift of \$5 will enable the CWS organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship. To dedicate a blanket please fill out the form and **return to the church by May 7** (CLC, P. O. Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410). Dedications will be listed in the May 10 bulletin. If you did not receive the form that was emailed to congregants, you can find it on our website. You can also obtain a form by contacting the church office.

CLC's “**Mass Email**” gets sent to individuals who have asked to be on the list. These emails are sent when there are church closures due to weather, etc., and announcements of important or special events. These emails are sent infrequently and only when

there is a need. If you would like to be included on this email list, please let the church office know.

**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.



## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd** - Although we “*were straying like sheep,*” the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins “*in his body on the tree*” (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we “*have life and have it abundantly*” (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also “*hear his voice*” and “*know his voice*” (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in “*the apostles' teaching and the fellowship*” and in “*the breaking of bread and the prayers*” (Acts 2:42).