

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“Come Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit”* tune du Geist des Lebens; setting by Hansklotz

HYMN 506 - *we sing, standing*

OPENING DIALOG

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

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. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, 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 8 - *we read in unison, seated*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

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

HYMN 717 vs 1, alternate vs 2 & 3, vs 4
we sing, seated

SERMON

ATHANASIAN CREED

OFFERTORY - *“I Know that My Redeemer Liveth”* by G. Martin - sung by Parish Singers

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 979 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus”* by David Anderson

NEWS AND NOTES

This Week Here (via Zoom)

Today - 6:30PM - Confirmation Class
Mon - 7:00PM - Council Meeting
Wed - 1:30PM - Bible Study

Last Week Here

Worshiping: 27 Offering: \$4,321

Reopening of Church - we have begun the process of reopening our Church building. We have to abide by social distancing requirements, which dictate how many people we can safely accommodate in our Sanctuary. Therefore, we have a formal process for people to follow while attending worship.

- Masks need to be worn at all times.
- Bulletins and service pages will be available to avoid using the hymnals in the pew racks.
- Ushers will be directing people to designated seating areas beginning in the front of the Church. At the end of the service, you will be invited to exit beginning with the back of the Church.
- Bring service material home with you or deposit in the provided recycling container.

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) or monetary donations may be mailed to Cheshire Community Food Pantry, P. O. Box 457, Cheshire or online at www.cheshirefoodpantry.org

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!

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus - The holy Triune God “created the heavens and the earth,” and “behold, it was very good” (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God’s good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be “delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God” to be “crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men” (Acts 2:23). As Jesus “received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to “make disciples of all nations” by “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” and “teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded” (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is “very good” (Gen. 1:31).