

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:00 - “*Shepherd of Tender Youth*” tune Italian; arr. Pearce

10:30 - *The Bell Choir plays “How Firm a Foundation”* arr. Lloyd Larson

HYMN 537 - we sing, standing

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord, **and shall not be put to shame.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; **let the humble hear and be glad.**

Come, O children, listen to me; **I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; **none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

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. **Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, 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 95:1-7 - we read responsively by whole verse

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

HYMN 821 vs 1 - 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 711 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 837 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE- “*Minuet in D*” by Couperin

NEWS AND NOTES

The Thanksgiving Cornucopia on the altar is a special offering from Martha Henderson and is intended as a visual aid to remind us how blessed we are. We should always remember God's generous nature towards humanity and respond with praise and thanksgiving.

Last Sunday Here

Worshipping: 45 Offering: \$4,311

This Week Here *(bring masks)*

Wed - 1:30PM - Bible Study

- 7:30PM - Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be held here at 7:30PM. Please call the church office between 10:00 and noon on Tuesday, Nov. 24 to reserve a seat if you plan to attend.

TODAY is PLEDGE SUNDAY - please pick up your packet this morning and return your pledge to the church by December 6. Your pledge will assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations. If you are not here on Sunday and are unable to stop by

on Thursday mornings, please contact the church office to make other arrangements to pick up your packet. Thank you!

Bible Studies! Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies have resumed. Sunday Bible Study will start at 9:15 a.m. and will be held on non-communion Sundays (2nd and 4th Sunday). Wednesday Bible Study will be held at 1:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall (with social distancing in place – bring your masks). Both the Sunday and Wednesday Bible Studies will be available via zoom.

Purchasing through Amazon? CLC is registered under the Amazon Smile program. When shopping go to 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

By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father - When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, “*he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats*” (Matt. 25:32). “*To those on his right,*” who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But “*those on his left,*” who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart “*into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels*” (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep “*as a shepherd seeks out his flock*” (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, “*the fat and the strong,*” but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds “*the lean sheep*” (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that “*in Christ shall all be made alive*” by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).