

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Lo, How a Rose Ever Bloom-
ing" arr. John Carter

HYMN 331 st 1, 3, 5 & 6 - we sing, standing

ADVENT WREATH ~ 1st SUNDAY

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

Dear friends in Christ, today we begin the
season of Advent. It is a time of watching
and waiting for the coming of the Lord. The
Advent wreath reminds us of our yearning
for God. Its circular shape tells us of God's
everlasting love and faithfulness. The four
candles remind us of the passing of time, our
human history into which God has entered
through His Son, Jesus. On this First Sunday
of Advent, we remember how our Lord was
first hailed as the coming king, and we look
forward to the day when our King will come
again. As we light the first candle on the Ad-
vent wreath, may its flame bid us always to
be ready for the coming of the Lord.

Lord Jesus, You came into the world to re-
veal Your Father's love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, by Your dying and rising You
have given us the promise of eternal life.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, You ask us to be ready, watching
and waiting for Your coming. **Lord, have
mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you,
forgive your sins, and bring you to everlast-
ing life. **Amen.**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Stir up Your power, O Lord,
and come, that by Your protection we may
be rescued from the threatening perils of
our sins and saved by Your mighty deliv-
erance; for You live and reign with the Fa-
ther 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 80:1-7 - we read in unison

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

page 156 - **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 332 st 1 to 4 & 8 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY - See insert

"My Lord What a Morning" tune Burleigh;
arr. Gehring - we sing, seated

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Pat
and Judy DiDomizio in celebration of their
55th wedding anniversary.

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30PM - Bible Study - bring mask
- 7:15PM - Bell Choir - bring mask
- 8:00PM - Parish Choir - bring mask

Last Sunday Here

Worshipping: 50 Offering: \$3,085

Visit our Website to experience a video tak-
en recently by a drone flying over our beau-
tiful church property - it includes our colum-
barium and memorial garden: [https://
cheshirelutheran.org/clc-drone-video](https://cheshirelutheran.org/clc-drone-video)

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us - Although we pray that God
"would rend the heavens and come down" (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our
enemies, we ourselves "have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are
like a polluted garment" (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for "a long time, and shall we
be saved?" (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meek-
ness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Him-
self for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4-8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Pas-
sion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are "enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,"
and so He will "sustain you to the end" (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although "heaven and earth will pass
away," His words "will not pass away" (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to
Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He "send out the angels" to gather us and all of
His elect "from the ends of the earth" to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

BENEDICTION

HYMN 349 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE- "Variations on an Ancient No-
el" by Rogues

october-2020/. Information on our colum-
barium can also be found through the fol-
lowing link: [https://cheshirelutheran.org/
memorial-garden-columbarium/](https://cheshirelutheran.org/memorial-garden-columbarium/).

Offering Envelopes are on the hallway ta-
ble. If you have not already done so, please
pick yours up this morning. Pledge packets
were mailed out this past week. Please assist
CLC in planning and meeting our financial
obligations by returning your pledge card to
the church as soon as possible. Thank you!

Food Contributions benefiting Cheshire
Food Pantry totaled 173 lbs collected for
Thanksgiving baskets and 1,569 lbs collect-
ed through Feed NE2020. THANK YOU!