

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*” tune Picardy; arr. Roberts

HYMN 603 - *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. **Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same 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 70 - *we read responsively*
women read odd numbered verses
men read even numbered verses

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 516 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY - *we sing “America, the Beautiful” tune Materna; by Ward*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 461, vs 1 to 4, 6, 8 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE- *“The Military Services Medley”*

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Joe and Rita Stark in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary.

This Week Here

Today - 9:15AM - Bible Study - bring mask
- 1:00AM - Voters' Meeting (zoom)
Wed - 1:30PM - Bible Study - bring mask
- 7:15PM - Bell Choir - bring mask
- 8:00PM - Parish Choir - bring mask

Go on Your Computer (or Ipad or Smart phone) and click on our CLC website (Cheshirelutheran.org); then scroll down on the right hand side to "CLC Drone Video" to view a fascinating 3-minute view from the air (via a drone) of our CLC buildings and property - thanks to Tim Weiland (and Tim's neighbor), Bill Juul, and our Parish Choir led by Martha Medford.

Reminder - the office is open every Thursday morning from 10:00 - 12:00 for those

who want to pick up the following Sunday's bulletin and inserts, and/or drop off offerings. Also, if you plan to attend Sunday's service, this is the time designated to call the office to put your name on the attendance list.

Heavenly Herald newsletters are available for pick up this morning. Please help yourself to a copy so you are kept up to date with the happenings here at CLC.

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A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming - The Day of the Lord is “darkness, and not light” (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their “burnt offerings and grain offerings,” nor will He look upon their “peace offerings” (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets “justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the “lamps” of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the “oil” of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us “to the dealers” (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus, we wait upon the Lord, and we “encourage one another with these words” (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes “with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,” and “we will always be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).