

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:00 - “Lamb of God” tune *Angelus*; setting by Johnson
10:30 - The Bell Choir plays “Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross” setting by Kevin McChesney

HYMN 935 - we sing, standing

OPENING DIALOG

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

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

Jesus said: If anyone would come after Me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

Christ was wounded for our transgressions. **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

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. **O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 22:23-31

*Women read odd numbered verses
Men read even numbered verses*

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 783 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover
all standing

OFFERTORY

*8:00 the Bell Choir plays “Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross”
10:30 “Lamb of God”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 837 vs 1, 2, 5, 6 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - “Christ, the Life of All the Living” tune *Jesu, meines Lebens Leben*; setting by J. C. Bach

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 43 Offering: \$5,139

This Week Here

Today - 1:00PM - Voters' Meeting
 - 7:00PM - Confirmation Class
Wed - 1:30PM - Adult Bible Study
 - 6:15PM - Bell Choir
 - 7:30PM - Lent 2 Service
 - 8:15PM - Parish Choir
Thur - 10:00AM - Open Office Hours

Attn Council Members! A meeting is scheduled to be held 7:00 p.m. on March 8 via zoom.

Reserving a Seat for Mid-Week Lenten

Services will take place at the same time reservations are taken for Sunday morning services. Please call or visit us on Thursday

mornings from 10:00 to 12:00 and specify which service(s) you would like to attend.

Visit our Website to experience a video taken recently by a drone flying over our beautiful church property - it includes our columbarium and memorial garden: <https://cheshirelutheran.org/clc-drone-video-october-2020/>. Information on our columbarium can also be found through the following link: <https://cheshirelutheran.org/memorial-garden-columbarium/>.

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. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the church office.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God - In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him “*the father of a multitude of nations.*” It is “*an everlasting covenant*” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “*throughout their generations*” (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds “*on the things of God,*” and not “*on the things of man*” (Mark 8:33). “*God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “*reconciled to God by the death of his Son,*” much more “*shall we be saved by his life*” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “*we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).