

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”* tune *Wer nur den Lieben Gott*; arr. *Cherwein*

HYMN 901 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all.

These all look to you, **to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, **and you renew the face of the ground.**

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. **Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 1

Men read odd numbered verses

Women read even numbered verses

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

page 156 - ALLELUIA VERSE

we sing, standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!

After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 577 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY

We sing HYMN 720, seated

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 923 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“An Affirmation of Faith”* by *Franklin Ritter*

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Karen Bailey and are in loving memory of her husband, George Bailey.

All are Welcome to join us at our annual picnic, held here after the 10:30 service this morning.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 64 Offering: \$8,763

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30PM - Adult Bible Study
Thur -10:00AM - Open Office Hours

Reminder! Sunday worship will be held at 9:00 a.m. starting next Sunday, June 20.

Volunteer Opportunities!

Sewers - Are you a High School student that knows how to sew? Help make dresses and earn community service hours. Are you an experienced seamstress that can teach someone how to sew? Come on out and help our teens make the dresses. We will meet at Church on Saturday, July 3, at 10:00 a.m. Patterns and instructions from Orphan Grain train will be provided, just remember to bring your sewing machines. We will sew for a few hours at Church, or you can make arrangements to sew in the comfort of your own home. If sewing at home, please drop the finished dresses at Church by Sunday, July 11. Questions? Contact Tricia Rowold.

Volunteer Opportunities cont'd

VBS will be held here July 19-23, 8:45 - 12:00. We need adult and youth volunteers to make this program a success - please sign up on the youth bulletin board located in the hallway. Questions? Contact Vicki DePaolo, Karen Smith, Tricia or Pastor Rowold.

Lemonade on The Lawn: We look forward to resuming our Lemonade after Sunday worship beginning June 20th. Please join us for fellowship and a cool drink. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for set up and serving. This is a very easy and fun way to lend a helping hand. See you there!

VBS Registration is open to children age 4 through 6th grade and are on a first come first serve basis. Registrations are available for pick up this morning from the hallway counter. Please return as soon as possible to guarantee a spot for your child.

Amazon Prime Day, June 21-22 - for those who order through Amazon, please consider selecting Cheshire Lutheran Church as your charity. Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase. 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.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind - The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are *“able to hear it,”* that is, *“to his own disciples,”* who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33-34). He scatters *“seed on the ground,”* which *“sprouts and grows”* unto life, even as *“he sleeps and rises”* (Mark 4:26-27). *“On the mountain height of Israel,”* He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes *“a noble cedar.”* Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which *“every kind of bird”* will dwell, and in which *“birds of every sort will nest”* (Ezek. 17:22-25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we *“groan, being burdened”* (2 Cor. 5:1-4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake *“died and was raised”* (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, *“we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens”* (2 Cor. 5:1).