THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Morning Meditation" by Camille St. Saens

HYMN 589 - 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. Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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 14

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 173 - 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 555 vs 1, 3, 6, 9, 10 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover

OFFERTORY

J. S. Bach Chorales - "Come God Creator / Lord Jesus be Present Now" Recorder Soloist

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: Hear our prayer!

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 822 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Follow Jesus to Glory" by Armstrong

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Jim and Margie Mertz in celebration of the beauty of God's creation.

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to Tricia Rowold for serving this morning.

This Week Here

Thur -10:00AM - Open Office Hours

Lunch on the Lawn - join us this summer for fellowship. Bring a chair and your lunch and meet us by the columbarium (weather permitting). August 30 is the last date that we will meet, join us at 12:00.

Open Office Hours - beginning September, we will have our Sunday bulletins, etc. available for pick up from the hallway instead of outdoors.

Sunday School! If you have a child who will be four by the end of the year or an older child not yet enrolled and would like

him/her to attend our Sunday School starting this fall, please call the church office to register.

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/.

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A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The True Tradition of the Church Is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, Her Savior The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not "[reject] the commandment of God" in order to establish or hold to "the tradition of men" (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord "with their mouth" and to honor Him "with their lips," while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is "the Holy One of Israel," who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, "the wisdom of their wise men shall perish," but "the deaf shall hear" and "the eyes of the blind shall see" (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He "gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word" (Eph. 5:25–26).