

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRELUDE - “*Let Us All With Gladsome Voice*” tune Last Uns Alle; *setting by Wilbur Held*

HYMN 376 vs 1, 2, 4 & 5 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

DIALOG

The Word became flesh, and we have seen His glory. **Oh come, let us worship Him.**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.**

On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. **We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father.**

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. **In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

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

Let us pray. **O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN 380 - *we sing, seated*

SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7
Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

HYMN 386 - *we sing, seated*

THE SECOND LESSON – Isaiah 11:1-9
The peace that Christ will bring is prophesied.

HYMN 359 - *we sing, seated*

THE THIRD LESSON – Luke 1:26-38
The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

HYMN 366 - *we sing, seated*

THE FOURTH LESSON – Matthew 1:18-25
St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

HYMN 364 - *we sing, seated*

THE FIFTH LESSON – Luke 2:8-16
The shepherds are greeted by angels.

HYMN 368 - *we sing, seated*

THE SIXTH LESSON – Matthew 2:1-12
The Wisemen are led by the star to Jesus.

HYMN 370 - *we sing, seated*

THE SEVENTH LESSON – John 1:1-14
St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

HYMN 379 - *we sing, seated*

APOSTLES’ CREED - *we speak, standing*

ANTHEM - HYMN 362 (*we sing, seated*)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*all may kneel*)

Response: **Hear our Prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 367 vs 1, 2, 3 & 5 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*Bright And Glorious Is The Sky*” tune Dejlig Himmel; *setting by Cassler*

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Craig and Rachel Henderson and are in loving memory of Martha Henderson.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 102 Offering: \$4,824

Please Note - the church office and Little Cherubs are closed this week.

Attn Council Members! If you have not already done so, please hand in your year-end reports to the office by January 3 so that it may be included in the Annual Report.

Little Cherubs Preschool is currently looking for volunteers or paid substitutes for the classroom. If you are interested, please contact our Little Cherubs’ Director, JoAnn Holstein.

Food Contributions collected in December totaled 144 lbs and was delivered to the food pantry. Thank you to all who contributed!

2022 Volunteers Needed to deliver items to the **food pantry** and **Hope Pregnancy Center**. If you are able and would like to deliver items once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

2022 Flower Chart - if you would like to provide altar flowers on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the flower chart located on the bulletin board.

Reminder! Heavenly Herald articles are due to Beth Soulier this week.

The Benevolence Fund is a vehicle through which members can help those who are in need and by which members in need can find help. For assistance or to make a dona-

tion, please see Pastor Rowold. All transactions are kept confidential.

Greeting Card Fund Raiser (a project of the Thursday Ladies Group) - a variety of greeting cards with Christian messages are for sale at \$1 each. These high quality cards are displayed in a rack on the counter outside the office. We will continuously update the selection which includes Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, Seasonal and miscellaneous choices. After making your selection, please leave your money or check in the box attached to the display. Proceeds go towards various projects. Contact person is Paula Ongley.

Portals of Prayer (daily home devotional booklets for adults) - regular & large-print editions - on narthex table. Help yourself to a copy - and take one for a friend, if you wish.

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/>.

Helping Hands - If you would like to volunteer as a member of the helping hands committee by making a meal or providing a ride for someone who is in need, please call Sally Schrumm so that we may call upon you when the need arises for your assistance. A sign-up sheet is currently on the bulletin board for anyone who is not already serving on the committee.