

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Like a Shepherd"
tune Bradbury; arr. Rasley

(please be seated)

HYMN 812 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

AN EASTER DIALOG

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sing to the Lord a new song, **for He has done marvelous things.**

The Lord is my strength and my song; **He has become my salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **His love endures forever.**

This is the day the Lord has made; **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

PSALM 23

*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 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 709 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY

The Parish Choir sings (10:30) "Prayer for Mothers" by Donna Butler

Text:

*God bless the mother who sings to her child,
Peaceful and calm, her words soft and mild.
God bless the mother awake in the night,
Rocking her child until morning light.
Gather all mothers in tender embrace.
Grant them your courage, your wisdom and grace.
Honor their place in Your sacred design,
Of healing the world - one child at a time.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

NEWS AND NOTES

Happy Mother's Day! Welcome on this day to honor not only God but our mothers. God has blessed us in so many ways, and as we worship together today, let's give thanks and worship the God who has given us the gift of family.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 78 Offering: \$5,255

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study
- 7:15 PM - Bell Choir
- 8:00 PM - Parish Choir
Thur - 10:00 AM - Bulletin Pick Up

VBS will be held here August 8 – 12. We need volunteers to make this a successful program. There are many areas that we need help in. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board located in the hallway.

Attn Voters! There is a meeting scheduled to be held here on Sunday, May 22 at 11:30.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep - Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, "they will never perish" (John 10:28), for "no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand" (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, "shepherds") "care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" (Acts 20:28), "testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 7:10).

HYMN 838 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - "Trust in Jesus"
by David Anderson

Progressive Social! Join us on Saturday, June 4 for this fun fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board by May 22 - more information can be found in the Heavenly Herald.

Tag Sale will be held here on June 18. More information will be forthcoming. Proceeds will help the youth going to the National Youth Gathering this summer. Please reach out to Bill Soulier, Lisa Muller or Tricia Rowold if you are able to help, or have any questions.

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/>.