## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE -** "Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now" by J. S. Bach

page 167 - CONFESSION and ABSOLU TION

**HYMN 908** - we sing, standing

page 168 - KYRIE

page 171 - HYMN OF PRAISE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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 3 -** we read in unison, seated

**SECOND LESSON** (bulletin back page) This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Page 173 - ALLELUIA VERSE - all standing

**GOSPEL** (bulletin back page) - all stand Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord! After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ! **HYMN 744** - we sing as indicated, seated

2 - men & bovs 1 - all

3 - women & girls 4 - all

5 - all

## **SERMON**

**NICENE CREED** - hymnal, last page all standing

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: Hear our prayer!

#### **OFFERTORY**

The Parish Ensemble sings "God Made the Family" by Chesterton

#### *Text:*

Long ago when life began, when God in love created man, he saw how lonely man could be, so God ordained the family.

We need love and tender care, we need to know that someone's there to guide and offer sympathy, for this God made the family.

O the love of hearth and home, that's always near where ever we roam. How wonderful this love can be, thank God for each dear family.

A love that reaches, gives and heals, that clings with faith so strong and real. Father, mother, daughter, son, we give our thanks for everyone, and pray to God on bended knee.

"Lord, bless and keep each family".

page 177 - SERVICE OF THE **SACRAMENT** 

page 178 - SANCTUS

LORD'S PRAYER

page 179 - WORDS OF OUR LORD

SHARING OF PEACE

page 180 - AGNUS DEI

# DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT During the Distribution we sing **HYMNS** 846 and 629

All are invited to commune who have been All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - where He gives forgiveness and Christian unity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in

our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 181 - POST COMMUNION **CANTICLE** - all standing

page 183 - BENEDICTION

HYMN 643 - we sing, standing

**POSTLUDE -** "God of our Fathers" tune by Warren; setting Smith

## NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Don and Vicki DePaolo in honor of their wedding anniversary.

A Special Greeting to the fathers among us! 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.

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to Jim and Margie Mertz For serving this morning.

**Last Sunday Here** Offering: \$1,656 Attending: 100

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study Thur -10:00 AM - Bulletin Pick Up

Refreshment Servers Needed! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to

serve refreshments following one or two of our summer worship services. Everything you need, including the prepared iced tea / lemonade, will be in the kitchen.

**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. Some items we are in need of are: large cardboard boxes, plain white floppy paper plates, round toothpicks, 5-6 different colors of tissue paper. We would also like to borrow a small one-person pop-up tent. Watch the bulletin board for a detailed list, coming in late May/early June.

VBS registrations are open to students age 4 through just having completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade. please pick up a packet from the hallway counter or go on our website, www.cheshirelutheran.org to register for VBS, August 8 - 12.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil - The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands "to a rebellious people" (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living "among the tombs" (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord's house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in "the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, "you are no longer a slave, but a son" (Gal. 4:7).