THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Now Let us Come Before Him" tune Nun last Uns Gott dem Herren; setting by Walther

page 167 - CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

HYMN 795 - we sing, standing

page 168 - KYRIE

page 170 - GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 40:1-11 - see insert
"I Waited Patiently for God" - we sing, seated

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

page 173 - ALLELUIA - all standing

GOSPEL (bulletin back page) - all standing Before, all sing: Glory be to Thee, O Lord! After, all sing: Praise be to Thee, O Christ! HYMN 606 - we sing, seated

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, last page all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: Hear our prayer!

OFFERTORY

The Parish Choir sings "God So Loved the World" by Stainer

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 702 and 540 vs 1, 2, 3, 5

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 - as signs of his forgiveness and of our Christian family solidarity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 182 - **POST COMMUNION CANTI-**CLE - all standing

page 183 - BENEDICTION

HYMN 696 vs 1, 2, 4 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Arioso" by Arcangelo Corelli

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Lynn and John Balash in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 87 Offering: \$7,681

This Week Here

Tue - 6:30 PM - Wellness & Safety Mtg

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study

- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir

- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir

Thur -10:00 AM - Bulletin Pick Up

Mark your Calendars and Join us for fellowship on Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 for a Pizza and Movie Night. Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.



Cold symptoms? A note about our Sharing of God's Peace greeting during the winter cold & flu season: If you are not feeling well, while strong

enough to be here to join in worship, when the Sharing of God's Peace greeting occurs during the service of Holy Communion, instead of extending your hand, you can still joyfully exchange that greeting with another parishioner with a smile and a hand wave. Also to reduce the risk of spreading germs, hand sanitizer pumps are located throughout the building for your convenience.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour - Join us for fellowship between the services. If you are willing, and can serve some mornings by setting up and cleaning up, please sign up on the bulletin board. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Baked goods are always welcome and may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer to be enjoyed when needed. Questions? Please contact Pam Clark.

Weather and Worship - to find out when worship services have been canceled due to weather conditions, check TV channels WTNH channel 8/myTV9, WFSB channel 3, or our website, cheshirelutheran.org. A mass e-mail will also be sent. If you would like to be included on our mass e-mail please let the church office know.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross - "The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel," calls forth "his Holy One" (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, "from the womb" of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also "as a light for the nations," whose salvation reaches "to the end of the earth" (Is. 49:6). John came "baptizing with water" (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended "from heaven like a dove" and "remained on him" (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and "called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we "are not lacking in any gift," but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, "guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7–8).