

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:00 - *“As With Gladness Men of Old” tune Dix; setting Smith*  
10:30 - *Bell Choir plays “Holy, Holy, Holy” tune Nicaea; setting Edwards*

**HYMN 412 vs 1, 3-6** - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? **The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?**

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; **be merciful to me and answer me.**

Teach me Your way, O Lord, **that I may walk in Your truth.**

Wait for the Lord; **be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

**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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. **Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 27:1-9

*Pastor reads odd numbered verses*  
*Congregation reads even numbered verses*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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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 839** - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

**APOSTLES’ CREED** - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY

*During the gathering (8:00) Bell Choir plays “Holy, Holy, Holy” tune Nicaea; setting by Edwards. (10:30) “As With Gladness Men of Old” tune Dix; setting Smith*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*all may kneel*  
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

**HYMN 856 vs 1, 2, 4, 5** - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Arise and Shine in Splendor” by Alexander*

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 80      Offering: \$9,769

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study  
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir  
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir  
Thur - 10:00 AM - Bulletin Pick Up  
Sat - 5:00 PM - Pizza & Movie Night

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

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - on Sunday, February 12, millions of Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God’s love by loving their neighbors through SOUPER BOWLING OF CARING. It’s a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop your soup donations

in the totes located under the counter near the library entrance or place a monetary donation in the red box labeled Souper Bowl located on the counter by February 12. CLC donations will go to Cheshire Community Food Pantry.

**Thrivent Action Teams** - we are looking for a Thrivent member who would like to apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant that we can use for Souper Bowl of Caring. Please contact Vicki DePaolo or Nancy Engelhardt.

**Pew Pouches** that are located in the back of the church are available for children over the age of 3. They are filled with activities that are meant to keep your child busy during the worship service. Please return them to the stand at the end of the service. Thanks!

**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 donation, please see Pastor Rowold. All transactions are kept confidential.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry** - By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon *“the people who walked in darkness”* and *“who dwelt in a land of deep darkness”* (Is. 9:2). He also has *“multiplied the nation”* and *“increased its joy”* (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be *“fishers of men”* (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth *“proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people”* (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides *“those who are perishing”* from *“us who are being saved”* (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, *“in the same mind and the same judgment”* (1 Cor. 1:10).