

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:00 - "In the Hour of Trial" tune Penitence; setting by James Denton
10:00 - Bell Choir plays "What Wondrous Love is This" arranged by Kevin McChesney

HYMN 657 - we sing, standing

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Jesus said: If anyone would come after Me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

Christ was wounded for our transgressions. **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

The chastisement that brought us peace was upon Him, **and with His stripes we are healed.**

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. **O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 32:1-7

*pulpit side reads odd numbered verses
font side reads even numbered verses*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - *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 418 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

OFFERTORY

*During the gathering (8:00) Bell Choir plays
"What Wondrous Love is This"
(10:30) "In the Hour of Trial"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 718 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"
tune O du Liebe meiner Liebe; setting by Meyer

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 85 Offering: \$2,655

This Week Here

Wed - 6:00 PM - Soup, Salad, Bible Study
- 7:30 PM - Lent 1 Service
- 8:15 PM - Parish Choir Practice
Thur -10:00 AM- Bulletin Pick Up
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir Practice

Lenten Devotionals for Adults and children are on the hallway counter - please help yourself to them.

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study

This Wednesday, March 1, will be the start of our weekly Soup, Salad and Bible Study starting at 6:00 p.m. Look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board and plan to join us prior to our Lenten service at 7:30 p.m.

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!

Visit our Website to experience a video taken by a drone flying over our beautiful church property - it includes our columbari-

um 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/>.

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.

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.

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 WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Following His Baptism, Jesus is "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom. 5:18).