

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:00 - "A Crown for Me" tune Maitland; setting Southbridge

10:30 - The Bell Choir plays "I Know that my Redeemer Lives" tune Duke Street; arr. Sandra Eithun

HYMN 483 - 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. **O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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 116:1-14

*Men and boys read odd numbered verses
Women and girls read even numbered verses*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

page 173 - **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 810 vs 1, 3, 4 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY

*During the gathering, the Bell Choir plays
(8:00) "I Know that my Redeemer Lives"
(10:30) "A Crown for Me"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 474 vs 1, 2, 3, 5 - we sing, standing

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 95 Offering: \$5,936

This Week Here

Tue - 7:00 PM - Council Meeting

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study

- 7:30 PM - Parish Choir

Sat - 2:00 PM - Concert

VBS will be held here June 26 - 30. We need volunteers to make this a successful program. There are many areas that we need help in. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the fellowship hall if you can help.

Mandolin & Guitar Duo Concert! Join us on Saturday, April 29 at 2:00 for a concert featuring Handler & Levesque. The husband and wife duo blend swing, Brazilian, Classical, Latin, 60's & 70's, jazz, gypsy and folk music influences to create their unique, expressive arrangements. No admission charge; light refreshments following the performance.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in 'the Breaking of the Bread' -

From "before the foundation of the world" until heaven and earth pass away, "the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This "living and abiding word of God" is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God "raised him from the dead and gave him glory" (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we "have been born again" to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit "for you and for your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us "into his glory" (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend "the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).

POSTLUDE - "The King of Glory" by Dorothy Wells

Thank you to everyone who came to help clean our grounds and the indoors of our building! It is VERY MUCH appreciated!!

Office Administrator Wanted! If you, or someone you know, would be interested in or would like more information on the church office position, please contact Carol.

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is now taking registration for the 2023-2024 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the church office.

NED News - the quarterly New England District Newsletter can be accessed through our website, www.cheshirelutheran.org. This publication informs us as to the many ministries which are a part of our lives together. It is hoped that this newsletter will be enlightening and encouraging as we seek to do God's will.