

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - "My Jesus, I Love Thee" tune  
Gordon; setting by David Hegarty

**HYMN 905** - we sing, standing

### INVOCATION

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

### OPENING DIALOG

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
**In wisdom have you made them all.**

These all look to you, **to give them their  
food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
**when you open your hand, they are filled  
with good things.**

When you send forth your Spirit, they are  
created, **and you renew the face of the  
ground.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and  
to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the begin-  
ning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### GREETING, followed by PRAYER

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

Let us pray. **Almighty and most merciful  
God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ to  
seek and to save the lost. Graciously open  
our ears and our hearts to hear His call  
and to follow Him by faith that we may  
feast with Him forever in His kingdom;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Ho-  
ly 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 119:65-72

*Pulpit side reads odd numbered verses  
Font site reads even numbered verses*

### SECOND LESSON (bulletin back page)

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### page 156 - 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 702 - we sing as indicated, seated

### SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover

### OFFERTORY

*"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O  
God" tune Thaxted by Gustav Holst  
Susan Harris, Clarinet Soloist*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### LORD'S PRAYER

### COLLECT

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN 803 - we sing, standing

**POSTLUDE** - "Praise the Lord who Reigns  
Above" tune Amsterdam; setting by Robert  
Powell

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Altar flowers** today are given to the Glory  
of God in celebration of Pastor Rowold's  
20th Anniversary of his Ordination and in  
celebration of Pastor, Tricia and Sarah's 5  
year Anniversary with us here at Cheshire  
Lutheran.

Thanking God for You - asking the Lord to  
bless you in return for the many ways your  
lives are a blessing to others through your  
Ministry and service to Cheshire Lutheran  
Church.

### Last Sunday Here

Attending: 130      Offering: \$7,016

**Welcome!** Please join us after the 10:30 ser-  
vice for our annual family picnic.

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.

**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 to register for  
VBS, June 26 -30.

**Readers Wanted!** Please consider reading a  
lesson on Sunday mornings. Contact April  
Slauson if you would like to help.

**The Cheshire Food** pantry is asking us to  
change items for our *Adopt A Shelf*. Our new  
item will be liquid dishwashing soap (Dawn  
etc.) Please place the soap in the bin labeled  
Dish Soap. Thank you for your help.

**Mark your Calendars!** Our 9:00 summer  
worship services begin next Sunday, June  
18.

**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.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**Jesus Calls Sinners to Repentance and Newness of Life in Accordance with His Mercy** - In calling Matthew the tax collector to follow Him, Jesus demonstrates that He has come "not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matt. 9:9, 13). As a good physician, He comes not to confirm them in their sins, but to heal them with His grace, calling them to repentance, faith and newness of life (Matt. 9:12). He puts them to death by the preaching of His Law, in order to raise them with His Gospel, to live before Him in the righteousness of His resurrection (Hos. 6:1-2, 5). It is in this way that God "gives life to the dead," that is, through faith in Jesus, "who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:17, 24-25). Thus, sinners from all nations are called to share the same faith as Abraham, the father of all who trust in Jesus (Rom. 4:16-18). And as our Lord in mercy thus welcomes us poor sinners to recline at the table in His house, so does He "desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Matt. 9:10, 13; Hos. 6:6), that we should have mercy on our neighbors and forgive their sins against us for Jesus' sake.