THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:00 - "Around the Lord in Glory" tune Moultrie; setting by Robert Powell 10:30 - Bell Choir plays "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" tune Grosser Gott; setting by Ron Mallory

HYMN 873 - 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 strong-hold 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. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same 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 50:1-6 - we speak together

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

page 156 - ALLELUIA - all standing

GOSPEL (bulletin back page) Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord! After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 414- we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover

OFFERTORY

During the gathering (8:00) Bell Choir plays "Holy God, We Praise Your Name (10:30) "Around the Lord in Glory"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *all may kneel* Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 417 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Glory to Our Savior" by George Blake

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 95 Offering: \$14,680

This Week Here

Wed - 7:00 PM - Parish Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Ash Wednesday Service

Lenten Devotionals for Adults and families with children are on the hallway counter please only take one children's family devotional per household.

Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21, 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! **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.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services for coffee hour to Celebrate, Acknowledge and Appreciate **Pastor Rowold's** Ministry here at Cheshire Lutheran Church on the **6th Anniversary** of his Installation on February 25th, 2018."

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God It was "*a hard thing*" that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken "*by a whirlwind into heaven*." Although "*chariots of fire and horses of fire sep-arated the two of them*," Elisha received Elijah's cloak and a "*double portion*" of his spirit for preaching the Lord's Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when "*the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God*" (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after "*he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai*," Moses "*put a veil over his face*" (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and "*only through Christ is it taken away*" (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold "*the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*," who is "*the image of God*" (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, "*listen to him*," and fix your sights on "*Jesus only*" (Mark 9:7–8).