

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

“Christ is Our Life and Stay” by Pergolesi;  
arr. by Troutman

**HYMN 744**- 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. **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 107:1-9

*Congregation reads together*

### SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 157 - **VERSE FOR LENT** - *all standing*

### GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

*Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!*  
*After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!*

### HYMN 571 - we sing as indicated, seated

**1 - all**                      **2 - pulpit-side**  
**3 - all**                      **4 - font-side**  
**6 - all**

### SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

### OFFERTORY *During the gathering, we sing* HYMN 762

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*all may kneel*

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### LORD'S PRAYER

### COLLECT

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN 918 - we sing, standing

### POSTLUDE “Solemn March” by W. A. Mozart

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Last Sunday Here

Attending: 107      Offering: \$12,223.40

### This Week Here

Wed - 6:00 PM - Soup, Salad, Bible Study  
- 7:30 PM - Lent 4 Service  
- 8:15 PM - Parish Choir Practice  
Thur - 6:00 PM - Bell Choir Practice

### Lenten Soup, Salad & Bible Study

This Wednesday, March 13th, will be the 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.

A [link to a movie](#) with video highlights celebrating **Pastor Nuechterlein's 70th Anniversary** of Ordination can be found in the CLC website, or via the CLC YouTube section. Look forward to Pastor's address to the attendees.

**Easter Breakfast**, March 31st, Easter Sunday, immediately following the 8AM service. All are welcome to join us. Please see the signup sheet for additional information.

Please follow and like our church on **Facebook and Instagram!** Our Instagram handle is [@cheshirelutheran](#). Be sure to tag us and include our hashtag when you post anything related to the church! [#cheshirelutheran](#).

We are hosting a community-wide **Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 30th**, at 9:30 in the morning. This is open to the public. Please share with your friends and family. We are accepting plastic egg donations and candy donations. Thank you!

**Little Cherubs Christian Preschool** is now taking registration for the 2024 - 2025 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.

**Spring Clean-Up** is scheduled for March 23 (indoors) and April 6 (outdoors). Please lend a hand to make our building and grounds beautiful!

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live** The people sinned by speaking “*against God and against Moses,*” and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which “*bit the people, so that many people of Israel died*” (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to “*make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole,*” so that “*if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live*” (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith “*may have eternal life*” (John 3:14–16). By His cross, “*the light has come into the world,*” not for condemnation, but “*that the world might be saved through him*” (John 3:17–19). While we “*were dead in the trespasses and sins*” in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live “*with him in the heavenly places*” (Eph. 2:4–6).