

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”* tune *Machs Mit Mir, Gott; seting by Behnke*.

HYMN 908 - *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 you have 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 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 and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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 136 - *we sing, see insert*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *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 849 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

OFFERTORY - *“The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee”* by Jean Berger; *Solo Quartet* - Bet Frost, Lauren Nash, Michael Frost, Randall Rode.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 809 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Minuet”* by George Handel.

NEWS AND NOTES

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you, Greenhalgh family for serving this morning!

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 70 Offering: \$7,400

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - we are collecting school supplies needed to complete 50 school kits. The collection will take place through August 27. A poster with tags of items needed is located in the narthex. Your donations can be placed in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. Cash donations directed for this purpose can be placed in the red box on the counter above the bins. These funds will be used for purchasing items needed to complete the 50 kits or you can request that your donation be directed toward the shipping costs. Thank you, Nancy Engelhardt, Social Welfare Deacon.

Hope for Life, d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center, located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire - our ongoing ministry of collecting “gently used” or new baby clothes, blankets, toys, disposable diapers, etc. for babies 0-12 months benefit new mothers who have no means to support a newborn child. No stuffed animals please. Items purchased new or from the Good Will store, etc. can be placed in the basinet located in the hallway.

Can and Bottle Collection! Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. Please place the cans and bottles in the box located near the janitor’s closet off the Fellowship Hall.



A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Creation Is Redeemed and Sanctified by the Word of Christ Jesus Having spared faithful Noah and his family from the flood, the Lord established His covenant with them, *“and with every living creature,”* that never again would there be *“a flood to destroy the earth”* (Gen. 9:9–11). He signed and sealed this everlasting covenant with His rainbow in the clouds, by which He sees and remembers His promise that *“the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh”* (Gen. 9:13–16). Although creation suffers under the curse of sin, the Lord preserves and orders creation for the benefit of His Church. In particular, all of creation is redeemed and sanctified by the incarnate Son of God. *“Take heart,”* and *“do not be afraid,”* for He is with you on the sea. He is not a ghost, but He has come in the flesh to save you. He has gotten *“into the boat”* with you, and the wind that was against you has ceased (Mark 6:45–51). For He is the Word and promise of the Father, and His own flesh and blood are the covenant by which you are *“strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being”* (Eph. 3:16–17).