

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE
 “Be Thou Near” by J. S. Bach.

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

HYMN 487 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

PSALM 148 - *we sing, see insert*

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

SECOND LESSON (*bulletin back page*)
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AN EASTER DIALOG

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE**
we sing, standing

Sing to the Lord a new song, **for He has done marvelous things.**

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

**The Lord is my strength and my song; He
has become my salvation.**

HYMN 470 - *we sing as indicated, seated*
1 - all **4 - women**
5 - all **6 - all**
7 - men **8 - all**

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.**

SERMON

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.

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, last page*
all standing

OFFERTORY
During the gathering, we sing
HYMN 549 vs 1, 4, 5, 6

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

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

Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

(please be seated)

HYMN 475 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Praise To The Risen Savior”*
by Dennis Eliot.

NEWS AND NOTES

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Please Join Us after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to Karen Bailey for serving this morning!

Altar Flowers this morning are from Karen and Curt Smith in loving memory of Karen's parents and sister .

Tag Sale - The Youth will be having a Tag Sale at the church on May 31st. We will be looking to the congregation for help to sort and price items. **We will be accepting donations starting today, April 27th**, so if you are doing some spring cleaning, please consider donating to our tag sale.

Mother's Day Blanket Sunday - Let's celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 11th and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Blankets+ Program. Your special gift of \$10 will enable the CWS organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship.

To dedicate a blanket please pick up a form from the narthex table, hallway countertop and return to the pink “blanket box” located in the hallway along with a check payable to Cheshire Lutheran Church by **today, April 27th.**

Ladies Night Out--the ladies of the church are invited to a night out dinner on May 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will also have the pleasure of Dr. Merwin from the LWML New England District joining us and she will give a 30-minute presentation after the meal. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board

Quarterly Offering Statements are on the hallway counter. Thank you for picking yours up this morning if you have not already.

Sunday School - The Bible lesson this week is “An Ascending Truth.” During His last days on earth, Jesus instructs His disciples, preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead. Gathering His disciples on the Mount of Olives one last time, Jesus physically ascends to heaven. Two angels repeat Christ’s promise to return in the same way He ascended into heaven. Discuss, “What great commission does Jesus give His followers?”

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name On the Lord's Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, "*the firstborn of the dead*" (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has "*the keys of Death and Hades*" (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The "*sharp two-edged sword*" of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to "*believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,*" that by such faith "*you may have life in his name*" (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, "*to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins*" (Acts 5:31).