THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "This Little Light Of Mine" spiritual tune, setting by John Helgen; Gwynne Hopko and Ensemble, soloists.

HYMN 869 - we sing as indicated, standing

page 260 - **OPENING VERSICLES** (**COMMON**) - we say, responsively

page 261 - OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE - we sing together

(please be seated)

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

PSALM 41 - *Pulpit-side speaks the odd verses and Font-side speaks the even verses.*

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

HYMN 952 - ALLELUIA II - we sing, standing

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

page 263 - **RESPONSORY (COMMON)** we say responsively, between Pastor and the People

page 264 - CATECHISM - we say together the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. HYMN 691 - we sing, seated

SERMON

OFFERTORY - "You Shall Have a Song" by Harriet Ziegenhals; Ensemble singers: Leana Gleicher, Gwynne Hopko, Brit Lynch, Beth Rescsanski, and Krista Rescsanski.

(please stand)

page 265 - **PRAYERS** for initial petitions Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

for final petition Response: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

page 265 - COLLECT FOR THE WORD

page 266 - **MORNING PRAYER** - we pray together

page 266 - **NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE** - *we sing together*

page 267 - BLESSING

POSTLUDE - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Martin Luther; arranged by Shreiner.

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here Attending: 90 Offering: \$4,826.90

Please Join Us outside after service for Lemonade on the Lawn. Thank you to the Mertz's for serving this morning!

THANK YOU! To everyone who made VBS happen - from donating food and supplies, to making decorations, to decorating the Church, to staffing and leading crews - thank you everyone who helped with VBS. We also need help today to undecorate; thank you in advance for that help too.

Pastor Rowold and all the kids of VBS 2025 appreciate you all very much!

Portals of Prayer (daily home devotional booklets for adults) - are on narthex table. Help yourself to a copy - and take one for a friend, if you wish. **Cheshire Food Pantry** has a higher need for food in the summer months. Please keep it in mind when shopping and lets fill those bins! Thank you!



A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan The Law commands that "you shall love the Lord your God" with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall "love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34–35). By such mercy, He proves "to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers" (Luke 10:36). Therefore, "you go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). By "your faith in Christ Jesus" and "because of the hope laid up for you in heaven" (Col. 1:4–5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.