

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*We Gather Together*” tune
Kremser; setting by Robert Lau.

page 167 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 816 - *we sing, standing*

page 168 - **KYRIE**

page 171 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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 119:81-88 - *we speak in unison*

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

page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*
Before, all sing: Glory to You, O Lord!
After, all sing: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN 655 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page*
all standing

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

OFFERTORY *During the gathering, the Parish Choir Ensemble sings “Return To God” by Marty Haugen. The Congregation sings the Refrain, see insert.*

page 177 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 178 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 179 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 180 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 667 & 687.

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which gives us His forgiveness and makes us one Christian family.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 182 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** - *all standing*

page 183 - **POST-COMMUNION COLECT**

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

NEWS AND NOTES

Welcome Pastor Bill Flammann, our guest Pastor this morning!

Please Join Us outside after service for Lemonade on the Lawn. Thank you to Karen Bailey for serving this morning!

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 75 Offering: \$5,587.93

The **Cheshire Fall Festival** is Sat. Sept 13. We need volunteers to help set up, break down and man the booth for many hours. Sign up on the bulletin board. Of note, the booth set up with be in the new part of Bartlem Park, much farther from parking than in years past.

HYMN 728 vs 1, 2, 3 & 7 - *we sing, seated*

POSTLUDE - “*To God Be The Glory*” by Doane, arr. by Birchwood..

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - Thank you to everyone collecting items for the hygiene kits. In an effort to be a bit more organized, there is a board in the back of Church with post it notes on it. As you purchase the item, please grab a post it and place it along with you items into the bins under the counter. Hopefully, this will ensure that we have a variety of the needed items. We have a goal of collecting 30 kits. We will be collecting items until the end of September.

The Choirs are looking for more singers and bell ringers to join our groups. If you enjoy singing and / or ringing bells, we welcome you to a rehearsal on a Wednesday night starting in September. See Martha Medford for more information,

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Christ’s Suffering and Death Bring Division The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is “*like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces*” (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able “*to interpret the appearance of earth and sky*” (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on “*Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,*” and “*run with endurance the race that is set before us*” (Heb. 12:1–2).