

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Hope of the World*” by Mendelssohn.

page 167 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 825 - *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. O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 113 - *Women speak odd verses and Men speak the even verses.*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*

Before, all say: Glory to You, O Lord!

After, all say: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN 772 - *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 sings “Lord, Here am I” by J. N. Beck. (10:30)*

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 563 & 526.

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 181 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** - *all standing*

page 183 - **POST-COMMUNION COLECT**

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

NEWS AND NOTES

The **Altar flowers** this morning are from the Clark’s to honor all the friends they have made at Cheshire Lutheran Church over the course of the last 34+ years that they have been members. God has, indeed, been gracious and kind

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 95 Offering: \$6,034

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir

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

HYMN 803 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*Loure*” by J. S. Bach

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - There is still one more week to donate!

Sunday School- In today’s lesson, “A Laughable Promise,” participants study the birth of Isaac. The Lord and two angels appear to Abraham in human form, promising the birth of a son to Abraham and Sarah within the year. Sarah conceives and gives birth to Isaac, as the Lord fulfills His promise of generations to come and the promised future Offspring—the Savior, Jesus.

Cheshire Community Food Pantry is looking to hire a new director. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy Because God, our Savior, “*desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “*that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people*” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “*without anger or quarreling,*” but “*adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control*” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “*the poor of the land*” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “*For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God*” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “*before men,*” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “*not strong enough to dig,*” and we are “*ashamed to beg*” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “*eternal dwellings*” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “*the sons of this world*” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.