

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH DEDICATION

Old Testament Reading : 1 Kings 8:22–30

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, <sup>23</sup>and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. <sup>25</sup>Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ <sup>26</sup>Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

<sup>27</sup>“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. <sup>30</sup>And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.”

Second Reading : Revelation 21:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Holy Gospel : Matthew 17:1-8

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

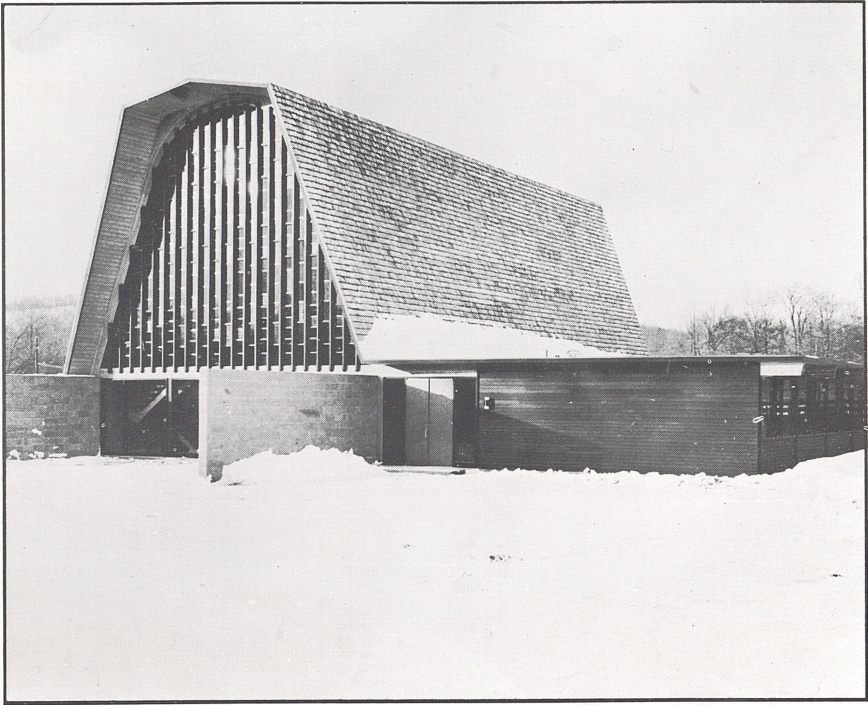
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Anniversary of the Church Dedication

February 1, 2026



Dedication  
of  
Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church

660 West Main Street  
Cheshire, Connecticut

The Reverend  
Louis Nuechterlein, Pastor

Septuagesima Sunday  
January 29, 1961

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - “Our Father In Heaven” by J. S. Bach (8:00) or the Bell Choir plays “For The Beauty Of The Earth” tune Dix, setting by Lloyd Larson (10:30).

page 184 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

**HYMN 644** - *we sing, standing*

page 186 - **KYRIE**

page 187 - **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing giver of every good gift, we implore You to dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, so that by Your grace we poor sinners may be turned to You and saved eternally; 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!**

**HYMN** - “God’s Redeemed, Beloved and Holy” see inside front cover of Hymnal

### SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

page 190 - **ALLELUIA** - *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!*

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

**HYMN 909** - *we sing, seated*

### SERMON

page 192 - **OFFERTORY** - *we sing, standing*

**ANTHEM** - “The Bell Choir plays “For The Beauty Of The Earth” tune Dix, setting by Lloyd Larson (8:00) or the Parish Choir sings “I Will Sing With The Spirit” by John Rutter (10:30).

*“I will sing with the Spirit, Alleluia. And I will sing with the understanding also: Alleluia.”*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*all may kneel*

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

page 194 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### LORD’S PRAYER

page 197 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

page 197 - **PAX DOMINI**

page 198 - **AGNUS DEI**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**  
*During the Distribution, we sing HYMNS 549 and 805.*

*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 make 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 199 - **NUNC DIMITTIS** - *all standing*

page 200 - **THANKSGIVING**

page 201 - **COLLECT**

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Please join us** after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Our Coffee Hour hosts are always appreciated and there are still open spots on the sign-up sheet. Pick a Sunday and host one.

### This Week Here

Wed. - 1:30 PM - Adult Bible Study  
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir  
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir  
Sat. - 9:00 AM - Quilts Of Valor

**2025 Offering Statements** are on the hallway counter. Thank you for picking yours up this morning.

**2026 Flower Chart** - If you would like to provide altar flowers on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the flower chart located on the bulletin board.

### Save the Date for “Souper Bowl Sunday”

On Sunday, February 8th millions Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.



page 201 - **SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS**

page 202 - **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 895** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - “Glory And Honor” by David Paxton.

Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others.

This year, in addition to soup, the Cheshire Community Food Pantry has asked us to consider collecting other “game day snacks” like salsa, nachos, pretzels, popcorn, cookies, Chex Mix, etc.

Drop your soup donations in the totes located under the counter near the library entrance or place monetary donations in the red box labeled “Souper Bowl” located on the counter by February 8th.

Thank you!!

**In Sunday School** - Today, we will study “The Weakened Judge.” God grants Samson great strength to defeat the enemies of God’s people. Seeking to overcome Samson, the Philistines bribe Delilah to find the source of Samson’s strength. Samson deceived Delilah each time she tries to uncover the secret, but he finally reveals the key to his power. Shorn and blinded by the Philistines, Samson is brought to entertain thousands of revelers at the feast to Dagon. Identifying the house’s support pillars, Samson prays, and God grants him power to bring down the temple, killing everyone.