

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Christ, Who is My Life" by Johann Walter.

HYMN 812 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

AN EASTER DIALOG

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

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

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

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.**

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.

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

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

Let us pray. **Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; 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!**

HYMN 709 - Psalm 23 - *we sing as indicated, seated*

1 - all	2 - all
3 - pulpit side	4 - font side
5 - all	6 - all

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

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we sing, standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

*Before, all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!***

*After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

HYMN 740 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

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

OFFERTORY *During the gathering, the Parish Choir sings "Savior, Blessed Savior" by Althouse (10:30).*

*Savior, blessed Savior, listen while we sing,
Hearts and voices raising Praises to our King.*

*All we have to offer, all we hope to be,
Body soul and spirit, All we yield to Thee.
Bearer, ever nearer, Christ, we draw to Thee,
Deep in adoration, Bending low the knee.
Leaving all behind us, May we hasten on.
Backward never looking till the prize is won.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

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NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 113 Offering: \$3,878.08

This Week Here

Tue - 6:30 PM - Women's Book Club

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study

- 7:00 PM - Parish Choir

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

Mother's Day Blanket Sunday - Let's celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 10th 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.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd Although we "were straying like sheep," the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins "in his body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24-25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we "have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also "hear his voice" and "know his voice" (John 10:3-4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in "the apostles' teaching and the fellowship" and in "the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

HYMN 711 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - "Praise To The Risen Savior" by Dennis Eliot.

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

Sunday School - "Unwilling Prophet" is the title of this week's lesson. Jonah, a reluctant prophet, tries to flee God's calling to declare His message to Nineveh. Attempting to escape by boat, Jonah finds himself cast into the sea, swallowed by a great fish, praying for deliverance, and spit up on the beach three days later. The people of Nineveh receive and respond to the message Jonah delivers, repenting of their sins before God. Angered at God's mercy, Jonah heads out of the city to sulk. There, God reminds Jonah who is in control.

The Congregation wants to **thank the Bell Choir** for the beautiful music they have provided this year. Their time and talent to fill our hearts in prayer and praise are a wonderful gift.