

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“Come with Us, O Blessed Jesu” tune Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring, setting by Dale Wood.*

HYMN 648 - *we sing, 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 136:1-9 - *see insert, we sing, seated*

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 the Leader and the People*

page 264 - **CATECHISM** - *we say together the Ten Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer.*

HYMN 789 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON-
“Is Going to Church Really Necessary?”
by the Rev. Louis G. Nuechterlein.

OFFERTORY - *“We walk by Faith and Not by Sight” arr. by Marty Haugen; Dale Zeppieri, Beth Soulier, and Tim Slocum, soloists.*

(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
Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 - *“Grand March” by Rex Courtney.*

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 73 Offering: \$5,684

Please join us outside after this morning's Worship Service for fellowship and refreshments! Thank you to Terri Daly for serving this morning!

Wellness & Safety is looking to sponsor a **First Aid/CPR/AED Training** at CLC in the Fall. Date/time is still to be determined. Please contact Pastor Rowold if you are interested.

Have you visited CLC’s Website lately? Go to www.cheshirelutheran.org where you can view the church calendar, read the Heavenly Herald, check out what Little Cherubs are doing, get church weather closures and much more!

We are hosting a **Backpack Blessing** at the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, August 30 for kids to get ready to go back to school this fall. Bring your backpack to church!

Cheshire Food Pantry has a higher need for food in the summer months. Please keep it in mind when shopping and let's fill those bins! Thank you!

Items **especially needed** at the Pantry this week...

Bottled Juice
Canned Chicken Breast
Cake Frosting
Crackers
Cookies
Old Fashioned Oatmeal
Brownie Mix
Taco Kits
Olives
Pickles



A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God By the Gospel of “*the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever*” (Rom. 9:5), we are “*the children of God*” (Rom. 9:8), “*not because of works but because of him who calls*” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “*listen diligently*” and “*hear, that your soul may live.*” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “*an everlasting covenant*” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “*and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food*” (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “*said a blessing,*” broke the loaves, “*and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds*” (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “*they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,*” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).