THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - 8:00 -*"Hymn of Faith" by Gluck;* 10:30 - *Bell Choir plays "Holy, Holy, Holy" tune Nicaea, setting by Dan Edwards.*

HYMN 549 - *we sing, as indicated, standing*
1 - all **3 - all**
4 - men and boys **6 - women and girls**
7 - all

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

OPENING DIALOG
This is the day which the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Better is one day in Your courts
than a thousand elsewhere.

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
Teach me Your paths.

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.

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

Let us pray. **Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 25:1-10 - *Pastor speaks the odd verses and the Congregation the even.*

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

page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *we sing, standing*

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

HYMN 655 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover all standing*

Blessing of the Bell Tower Lighting
Dedicated in loving memory of James L. "Jim" Mertz.

OFFERTORY - *During the gathering*
8:00 -*"Bell Choir plays "Holy, Holy, Holy" tune Nicaea, setting by Dan Edwards;* 10:30 - *"Hymn of Faith" by Gluck.*

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

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 917 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *"Rise up in Glory" by David Paxton.*

NEWS AND NOTES

The **new Coffee Hour serving list** is up on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a Sunday or two! It would be greatly appreciated! Thank you to Karen Bailey for serving this morning!

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 101 Offering: $5,446.93

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

Sunday School - Today, we will study "Silence before a Son." Doubting the angel's announcement of his coming son, Zechariah finds himself silenced until the boy's birth. Upon writing "His name is John," Zechariah regains his voice and prophesies concerning his son's work.

Thanksgiving Baskets. We are helping Cheshire Food Pantry fill their Thanksgiving Baskets Our items is 80 jars or packages of gravy. This due by October 11.

Feed the Northeast! We are participating in this project. We need to collect 500 hundred food items (this includes the 80 jars or packages of gravy.) The first 100 church that meet this goal will receive $500 for their Food Pantry. The due date is also October 11. Please help us reach this Goal!

We are starting a **Youth Choir for Ringers**. It will meet starting this today after 10:30 AM service. Children 6 years or older are welcome! Practices are 9/20, 9/27 and 10/11.



The Altar Flowers are given by Margie Mertz and family in loving memory of Jim who is forever in all our hearts.



A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God The way of the Lord is righteous and just: *"The soul who sins shall die"* (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has *"no pleasure in the death of anyone"* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *"shall surely live; he shall not die"* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, *"he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death"* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *"God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name"* (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *"shine as lights in the world"* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *"the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God"* (Matt. 21:31–32).