THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *"Lord God, To You We Give All Praise"* tune *Komm, Gott*, setting by Metzler.

HYMN 603 - *we sing, standing*

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

OPENING DIALOG
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name; **make known His deeds among the peoples.**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; **I will recount all His wonderful deeds.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; **His praise will continually be in my mouth.**

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. **Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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 70 - *we speak together*

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

page 156 - **ALLELUIA -** *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 516 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

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

OFFERTORY - The Congregation sings *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*. Words by Bates, music tune *Materna* by Ward. CCLI # 33368.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 461 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *"O Savior, Precious Savior"* tune *Angel's Story*, setting by Gerhard Merrit.

NEWS AND NOTES

Join us after the 8 AM service in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. Thank you, Trish Greenhalgh, for hosting coffee hour this morning. There are still some Sundays open, so please sign up to host.

Altar Flowers for this morning are given by Don and Diane Drust in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary and the 251st birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 111 Offering: $6,272.78

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

Quarterly Offering Statements are on the hallway counter. Please remember to pick yours up today. Thank you.

An **Informational Meeting** is scheduled for today after the late service in the Fellowship Hall (immediately preceding the Voters' Meeting). Proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church will be presented. All members of the congregation are invited to attend in person or by Zoom – questions and/or comments are encouraged.

Attn CLC Voters! There is a meeting today after the late service. Please join us either in the Fellowship Hall or by Zoom.

This Morning in Sunday School – Today's lesson, "Living Water," tells what happens when Jesus and His disciples pass through Samaria on their way from Judea to Galilee. Stopping at Jacob's well, Jesus remains behind as the disciples go in search of food. When a Samaritan woman comes to draw water, Jesus begins a conversation with her, revealing all her hidden secrets. Through their conversation, the woman recognizes Jesus as the true Messiah, and she spreads the Good News throughout the town.

Organ Recital – In honor of the 65th Anniversary of the building of our Schlicker Pipe Organ, there will be an Organ recital on Sunday, November 22 at 4:00 PM. The public is invited and this is a free concert. The organist, Jacob Gruss, is a graduate of Juilliard in NYC, and is pursuing his Master's at Yale.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming The Day of the Lord is *"darkness, and not light"* (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their *"burnt offerings and grain offerings,"* nor will He look upon their *"peace offerings"* (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets *"justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us *"to the dealers"* (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we *"encourage one another with these words"* (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes *"with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,"* and *"we will always be with the Lord"* (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).