

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - *“Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus”* tune *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*, arr. Dale Wood

**HYMN 483** - *we sing, standing*

### **EASTER DIALOG**

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

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; **let us 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. **O God, Through the humiliation of Your Son, You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through 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 116:1-14** - *we read in unison*

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

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### **HYMN 952** - *we sing, Standing*

### **GOSPEL** *(bulletin back page)*

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

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

### **HYMN 810 vs. 1, 3, 4** - *we sing, seated*

### **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**OFFERTORY** - *“Abide with Me”* sung by Parish singers

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **HYMN 474 vs 1, 2, 3, 5** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - *“The Strife is O’er, the Battle is Done”* tune *Victory*; setting by Went

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Drive By Pick Up** at Church will be held on Thursday, **April 30, 10:00-12:00**. This will be for congregants to pick up the Heavenly Herald, Bulletin and inserts (Blanket Sunday Form, etc) for Sunday, drop off offerings and Blanket Sunday donation and forms.

**Offerings Collected** April 6 -17: \$7,735

**Mother’s Day Blanket Sunday** - Let’s celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 10 and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Church World Service Blanket Program. Your special gift of \$5 will enable the CWS organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship. To dedicate a blanket please fill out the form and return to the church by May 7 (CLC, P. O. Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410). Dedications will be listed in the May 10 bulletin. If you did not receive the form which was emailed to congregants, you can find it on our website. You can also obtain a form by contacting the church office.

**CLC’s “Mass Email”** gets sent to individuals who have asked to be on the list. These emails are sent when there are church closures due to weather, etc., and announcements of important or special events. These emails are sent infrequently and only when there is a need. If you would like to be included on this email list, please let the church office know.

**Church Mail** is still being picked up regularly. **Offerings** may be mailed to Cheshire Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410.



## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in ‘the Breaking of the Bread’** - From “before the foundation of the world” until heaven and earth pass away, “the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “living and abiding word of God” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised him from the dead and gave him glory” (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we “have been born again” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “for you and for your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “into his glory” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).