

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Lead On, O King Eternal"
tune Lancashire; arr. Thompson

HYMN 457 - *we sing, standing*

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS
all standing

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

Rejoicing in the resurrection, let us seek God's forgiveness that, dying to sin, we may walk in newness of life.

(all kneel)
(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Faithful God, we confess that we have tried to live by our own strength, shunning the power of the resurrection. We have doubted your promises. We have sinned against our neighbor and against you by the things we have done and left undone. Have mercy on us, loving Father; forgive us our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now, victorious, lives to God and for his sake God grants you pardon and peace. As his called and ordained servant, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 477 - Hymn of Praise
we sing, standing

GREETING
Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy

Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; 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 - *Acts 10:34-43*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 16 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON - *Colossians 3:1-4*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN 952 - *we sing, standing*

GOSPEL - *Matthew 28:1-10*
Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 463 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *all standing*

ANTHEM - "This Joyful Eastertide" *tune Vruuchten by Woodward and Stream*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of life, who raised Jesus from the bonds of death and who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of

the earth, be merciful to you and + bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 461 st 1 - 5, 8 - *we sing, standing*

WORD OF DISMISSAL (*face church entrance*) Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE - "Christ is Risen! Alleluia"
tune Morgenlied/Busarow

NEWS AND NOTES

13th Annual Women's Retreat - has been cancelled. Once this pandemic is behind us, a new date will be chosen to get together to discuss the selected book. If you have paid the registration fee, it will be returned to you.

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 that was emailed last week along with the Palm Sunday bulletin 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 need a form, please contact 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 Victory of Christ Crucified Is Given to You in the Preaching of His Resurrection - Every Sunday is the Lord's day, the day of His resurrection, "after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week" (Matt. 28:1). In the Divine Service, the Church enters upon the eternal "eighth day." The Lord Jesus, "who was crucified," who "has risen, as he said" (Matt. 28:5-6), is the firstborn from the dead and the firstfruits of the new creation. Because "you have died" with Him in Holy Baptism, "you have been raised with Christ" and "your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1, 3). The Lord Jesus has become our God, as surely as He is "the God of all the clans of Israel," and we now belong to His people (Jer. 31:1). In this, He "shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34), but "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43). As "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power" and "raised him on the third day," He also raises us up and pours out His Spirit upon us through the Gospel (Acts 10:38, 40).