

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”* tune, Sonne Der Gerechtigkeit ; setting by Gehrke

(please be seated)

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

PSALM 146 - *please be seated*
Pastor reads odd numbered verses
Congregation reads even numbered verses

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

HYMN 952 - ALLELUIA - *we sing, standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*
Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 667 vs 1, 4, 5, 6 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

OFFERTORY - *“Alleluia”* by W. A. Mozart
Frank Vasi, Saxophone soloist

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 633 vs 1, 3, 5 - 8 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Christ, the First Fruits of the Spring”* by Zundell

NEWS AND NOTES

Offerings Collected 4/27 - 5/1: \$10,064

Altar Flowers - If you have signed up for altar flowers and would like to place them on the altar for our Sunday services, you are welcome to do so. Please call the church office to make arrangements to bring them in and to let us know what you would like the announced in the Sunday bulletin to read.

Offerings may now be made through our website. We have partnered with Prolific, a Lutheran Church Federal Credit Union affiliate, to bring you this secure, convenient, user friendly option. **Offerings** may also be mailed to Cheshire Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410.

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is now taking registration for the 2020-2021 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. You can also contact the church

office to have a registration packet mailed to you. We have a great program with great teachers - so spread the word!

Cheshire Food Pantry needs food donations more than ever as Covid 19 has decreased contributions. Items can be dropped off at the Pantry located at 175 Sandbank Road, Cheshire (call for hours) or monetary donations may be mailed to Cheshire Community Food Pantry, P. O. Box 457, Cheshire or online at www.cheshirefoodpantry.org

Hope Pregnancy Center is hosting a fundraiser, “Hope Blooms”. If you would like to donate \$15 to purchase a flower in honor or memory of a mom, please go to their website, hopepregnancycenter.org. In the comment box on the donation form, please write “Hope Blooms” and provide email or mailing address of the honoree and the center will send a card to let her know a flower has been planted at the center in her honor.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life - The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5) and “doing great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “rejected by men” in the sight of God, He is “chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “spiritual house,” and we are built upon Him as “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5).

HYMN 909 - *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, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**