

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” tune
Hyfrydol; setting Coleman

HYMN 829 vs 1, 2, 3, 5 - *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. **Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - Acts 1:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 47 - *we read in unison, seated*

SECOND LESSON - Ephesians 1:15-23

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN 952 - ALLELUIA - *we sing, standing*

GOSPEL - Luke 24:44-53

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 493 vs 1 - 4, 6 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY - “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”, tune *Materna; by Samuel Ward*
Sung by Parish Singers

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 492 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “Exultate Deo” by *Vincent Williams*

NEWS AND NOTES

Offerings Collected 5/2 - 5/17: \$5,472

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

Purchasing through Amazon? CLC is registered under the Amazon Smile program. When shopping with Amazon, go to www.smile.amazon.com - log into your account as you normally would do on the amazon site. When prompted to select a charity, browse the list and select Cheshire Lutheran. Amazon will donate .5% of the amount purchased to CLC.

Helping Hands - If you would like to volunteer as a member of the helping hands committee by making a meal or providing a ride for someone who is in need, please call Sally Schrumm (203-710-0753) so that we may call upon you when the need arises for your assistance.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth - After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “*appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God*” (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues “*to do and teach*” (Acts 1:1), preaching “*repentance for the forgiveness of sins*” (Luke 24:47) even “*to the end of the earth*” (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon “*the church, which is his body*” (Eph. 1:22–23). In this holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “*in the heavenly places*” (Eph. 1:20).