

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “Amazing Grace” tune Virginia Harmony; arr. by Hughes

page 151 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 832 - we sing, standing

page 152 - **KYRIE**

page 155 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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.

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

PSALM 145:1-14

*we read responsively by whole verse
men speak odd numbered verses
women speak even numbered verses*

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)*

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

HYMN 698 - we sing, seated

SERMON

NICENE CREED - all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY - “Come Unto Him” by Handel. Soloist, Elana Vasi

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 162 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

PEACE OF THE LORD

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
*During the Distribution we sing **HYMNS 618 and 570***

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - as signs of his forgiveness and of our Christian family solidarity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in

our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 164 - **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** - all standing

page 166 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 965 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - National Services Medley

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Week Here

Worshiping: 28 Offering: \$4,286

Summer Music Program is still in need of volunteers to sing or play for services held during July and August. Please contact Martha Medford either by phone or email to secure a date.

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

Communion - if you are in the church building, an usher will let you know when to go up to the altar to receive communion. If you are at home, watching the service online, you are welcome to drive to the parking lot entrance to the building where you will be able to receive communion between the hours of 10:30 and noon.

Reminder - Contributions may be made online through our website, Cheshirelutheran.org, by dropping it off on Thursdays between 10:00 and noon (bulletins for the following Sunday will be available for pickup at that time), or mailing it to our Post Office Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest - Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find “another law waging war” in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we “desire to do what is right,” but we are not able to do so because “nothing good” dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). “Thanks be to God,” therefore, “through Jesus Christ our Lord,” who delivers us from “this body of death” (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes “righteous and having salvation” (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us “free from the waterless pit,” and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we “labor and are heavy laden,” He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are “wise and understanding,” but by the “gracious will” of God the Father, whom “the Son chooses to reveal” in love (Matt. 11:25–27).