

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“Our Hearts in Christian Love”*
by Mark Roberts

HYMN 549 vs 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

I cry to You, O Lord; **in the morning my
prayer comes before you.**

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, **and
uphold me with a willing spirit.**

My mouth is filled with Your praise, **and
with Your glory all the day.**

Every day I will bless You **and praise Your
name forever and ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the begin-
ning, 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, You exalted
Your Son to the place of all honor and au-
thority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy
Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we
may be led into all truth; through the
same 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 25:1-10

*men read odd numbered verses
women read even numbered verses*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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God!**

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GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

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

HYMN 655 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY HYMN 345 - *we sing, seated*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 917 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Toccata a Eclatante”* by
Chesterton

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are given by
Andy and Pam Clark in celebration of their
wedding anniversary.

Flowers located on the table this morning
are from Vicki & Don DePaolo and are giv-
en to the glory of God in celebration of our
confirmands.

This Week Here

Wed - 7:15PM - Bell Choir - bring mask
- 8:00PM - Parish Choir - bring mask
Sat - 1:30PM - BYO Picnic

Last Week Here

Worshiping: 57 Offering: \$4,055

Reminder! If you plan to attend our BYO
picnic next Sunday, October 4, please let the
church office know by calling 203-272-5106
or by email, office@cheshirelutheran.org.

Orphan Grain Train Health Kits - Collec-
tion of health kits has begun and will contin-

ue through mid October. A poster with tags
of items needed to complete 50 kits is locat-
ed in the narthex for those of you worship-
ing on Sunday and will be available outside
for those of you who stop by on Thursday.
The following items are listed on the tags:
1. five adult toothbrushes; 2. five bath size
soap; 3. box of 3/4” band-aids; 4. three stur-
dy combs.

Purchasing through Amazon? CLC is reg-
istered under the Amazon Smile program.
When shopping go to
www.smile.amazon.com - log into your ac-
count as you normally would do on the ama-
zon site. When prompted to select a charity,
browse the list and select Cheshire Lutheran.
Amazon will donate .5% of the amount pur-
chased to CLC.

Portals of Prayer (daily home devotional
booklets for adults) - regular & large-print
editions - on narthex table. Help yourself to
a copy - and take one for a friend, if you
wish.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God - The way of the
Lord is righteous and just: *“the soul who sins shall die”* (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the
Lord has *“no pleasure in the death of anyone”* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance
and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his
wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *“shall surely live; he shall not
die”* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In
the righteousness of faith and love, *“he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of
death”* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *“God
has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9).
He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *“shine as lights in
the world”* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt.
21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *“the
tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God”* (Matt. 21:31–32).