

A Rite for Celebrating the 60th Anniversaries

of the Groundbreaking

for Cheshire Lutheran Church

and the Installation of

the Rev. Louis G. Nuechterlein

Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 1:30 PM

Stand

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P Unless the Lord builds the house,
C **those who build it labor in vain.**

Psalm

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

**Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.**

Forever, O LORD,
your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

**Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us!

**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.**

Sit

Responsory - Proverbs 3:5 (*Music by Roland Tabell, 1981*)

Sung line by line, responsively, between Pastors Nuechterlein & Rowold and the congregation. The whole responsory is sung twice.

Trust in the Lord
with all your heart,
and lean not to your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.

Trust in the Lord!

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The honoree is presented before the altar. The minister addresses the congregation.

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, with gratitude and joy we give thanks this day for Pastor Louis Nuechterlein, who 60 years ago was installed in the Office of the Holy Ministry in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church here at Cheshire Lutheran. We thank God that He established this office in His Church through which “are imparted not bodily, but eternal things and gifts, namely, eternal righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life.” We praise the Lord that He has permitted His servant to serve His Church in this community these 60 years and that He has sustained and supported him and blessed his ministry among us.

We also give thanks this day for this building that is the home of Cheshire Lutheran Church, as ground was broken here 60 years ago. We thank God that He established this house of prayer where His Word is preached and His Sacraments are administered. We praise the Lord that He has permitted this congregation to proclaim His name in this place these 60 years and that He has blessed the ministry here.

P Hear the Word of the Lord:

P ⁴⁷Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

P ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good

work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

P ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

If the rite stands by itself as a complete order of service, a sermon may be preached and the congregation may be seated.

Stand

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, You promised to send Your servants the Holy Spirit and to give them power from on high. We give thanks that through Your Word You also called Louis as Your servant and entrusted him with the Office of the Holy Ministry. We praise Your mercy and faithfulness and ask that You continue to keep him in good health and firm faith. Grant that he may continue to be a blessing to Your people and that they may be a blessing to him. Open everywhere the hearts of the faithful that Your Word may be received and that laborers in Your harvest may not be lacking. Cause Your Church to grow up into Him who is the head, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Louis, the almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, let Your blessing rest on this place, which is set apart for the glory of Your holy name, that here we may offer You the praise of grateful hearts and faithful service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P May the Gospel be faithfully preached, the Sacraments rightly administered, and prayers and praise continually offered here from generation to generation.

C Amen.

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

God's Redeemed - Beloved and Holy

To the glory of God on the occasion of the 50th anniversary
of Cheshire Lutheran Church, Cheshire, CT

Stephen P. Starke, 2005

C. H. H. Parry, 1897
RUSTINGTON



1. God's re - deemed, be-loved and ho - ly, Cleansed by wa - ter with the Word.
2. Gath - ered by the Ho - ly Spi - rit To this fam - i - ly of love,
3. Gos - pel her - alds of sal - va - tion, Called from dark - ness in - to light,
4. We are charged to feed the hun - gry, Clothe the poor in ev - 'ry place,
5. You, O Je - sus, came as Serv - ant, E - ven count - ing God - head loss:



We are nour - ished through the Scrip - tures, By its sa - cred truth ma - tured.
We are saints in full com - mun - ion With the bless - ed saints a - bove:
We are sent to tell of Je - sus, How God brought us out of night.
Tend the lone - ly, sick, im - pris - oned; There we see the Sav - ior's face;
Died for all, Love's faith - ful wit - ness Free - ly mar - tyred on the cross!



We have tast - ed God's rich mer - cy, Feast - ed at His meal - di - vine:
Cho - sen peo - ple, roy - al priest - hood, Ho - ly na - tion, now God's own,
We are salt, the Spi - rit - sea - soned, Meant to halt the world's de - cay;
Ev - er in our ears the e - cho Of His words of mys - ter - y:
With Your Spi - rit's grace and pow - er, Come, O Lord, our hearts en - flame,



King - ly ban - quet of Christ's bo - dy And His blood with bread and wine.
Built on proph - ets and a - pos - tles, Je - sus Christ, our Cor - ner - stone.
We are light, a shin - ing ci - ty Guid - ing all to Christ, the Way.
"As you do for these My broth - ers, You have al - so done for Me."
Till we join the end - less wor - ship Of Your ho - ly sav - ing Name.

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