THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:00 - "Lord of Light" tune Abbot's Leigh; arr. Patterson 10:30 - The Bell Choir plays "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" tune Magdalon; arr. Stainer

HYMN 873 - we sing, standing

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

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 PRAYERThe Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with

the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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 50:1-6 - we read in unison

SECOND LESSON (bulletin back page)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to 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 414 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover all standing

OFFERTORY

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: Hear our prayer!

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 417 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" tune Madrid by Broughton

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers are given by Bill and Beth Soulier in honor of Kiley's birthday.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 22 Offering: \$8,318

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30PM - Adult Bible Study

- 6:40PM - Parish Choir

- 7:30PM - Ash Wednesday Service

Thur - 7:30PM - Bell Choir

Attn Voters! The Voters' meeting has been rescheduled (via zoom) to be held at 1:00 on February 28.

Heavenly Herald newsletters are on the narthex and hallway tables. Please help yourself to a copy to keep current on what's going on here at CLC.

Visit our Website to experience a video taken recently by a drone flying over our beautiful church property - it includes our columbarium and memorial garden: https://cheshirelutheran.org/clc-drone-video-october-2020/. Information on our columbarium can also be found through the following link: https://cheshirelutheran.org/memorial-garden-columbarium/.

Hope for Life, d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center, located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire - our ongoing ministry of collecting "gently used" or new baby clothes, blankets, toys, disposable diapers, etc. for babies 0-12 months benefit new mothers who have no means to support a newborn child. No stuffed animals please. Items purchased new or from the Good Will store, etc. can be placed in the <u>basinet</u> located in the hallway.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God - It was "a hard thing" that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken "by a whirlwind into heaven." Although "chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them," Elisha received Elijah's cloak and a "double portion" of his spirit for preaching the Lord's Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when "the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God" (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after "he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai," Moses "put a veil over his face" (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and "only through Christ is it taken away" (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," who is "the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, "listen to him," and fix your sights on "Jesus only" (Mark 9:7–8).