

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

8:00 - "A Crown for Me" tune Maitland; arr. Southbridge

10:30 - The Bell Choir plays "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" by Beethoven, arr. Larson

page 167 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

**HYMN 483** - we sing, standing

page 168 - **KYRIE**

page 171 - **HYMN OF PRAISE**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through 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 4** - Men read odd numbered verses  
Women read even numbered verses

### SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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Page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - all standing

**GOSPEL** *(bulletin back page)* - all stand  
Before, all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!**  
After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN 815** - we sing as indicated, seated

### SERMON

**NICENE CREED** - hymnal, last page  
all standing

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*all may kneel*

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*During the gathering (8:00) the Bell Choir plays "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" by Beethoven, arr. Larson. (10:30) "A Crown for Me" tune Maitland; arr. Southbridge*

page 177 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 178 - **SANCTUS**

### LORD'S PRAYER

page 179 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### SHARING OF PEACE

page 180 - **AGNUS DEI**

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*During the Distribution we sing HYMN 469 and 680*

*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 - where He gives forgiveness and Christian unity.*

*All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.*

page 181 - **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** - all standing

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 478** - we sing, standing

**POSTLUDE** - "Gigue" by Handel

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Last Sunday Here

Attending: 57      Offering: \$3,951

### This Week Here

Today - 7:00PM - Confirmation Class  
Wed - 1:30PM - Adult Bible Study  
- 8:00PM - Parish Choir  
Thur - 10:00AM - Open Office Hours

**Thank You** for the beautiful music from the Bell and Parish Choirs throughout the year. Their dedication to the worship experience through music is a true witness to our faith.

**Mother's Day Blanket Sunday** - Let's celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 9 and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Blankets+ Program. Your special gift of \$5 will enable the CWS organization to supply blankets to

those who are facing hardship. To dedicate a blanket please pick up a form from the narthex table, hallway countertop or Thursdays during open office hours and return to the pink "blanket box" located on the hallway countertop along with a check payable to Cheshire Lutheran Church by May 2. Dedications will be listed in our May 9 bulletin.

**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.

**Fellowship Opportunity!** Mark your calendar and join us for a walk on the our beautiful Farmington Canal Trail on April 24th, at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested, please meet at the Railroad Ave parking lot. Feel free to bring friends or family members.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure** - The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples "that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead" and "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations" (Luke 24:46-47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that "God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets" (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they "delivered over and denied" this Lord Jesus and "killed the Author of life." Yet God "glorified his servant Jesus" and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their "sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19-20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that "we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even "as he is pure," because "he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin" (1 John 3:3, 5).