

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - *“Delight in the Lord”* by James Southbridge

**HYMN 475** - *we sing, standing*

### INVOCATION

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

### AN EASTER DIALOG

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sing to the Lord a new song, **for He has done marvelous things.**

The Lord is my strength and my song; **He has become my salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **His love endures forever.**

This is the day the Lord has made; **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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 PRAYER

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

Let us pray. **Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

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

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

### HYMN 711 vs 1, 2, 3 - PSALM 23

*we sing, seated*

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

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

### page 173 - ALLELUIA VERSE

*we sing, standing*

### GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

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

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

### HYMN 709 - *we sing, standing*

### SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

### OFFERTORY

*The Parish Choir sings (10:30) “The Lord Never Closes His Eyes” by David Angerman*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

### LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

### HYMN 549 vs 1, 2, 3, 6, 7

*we sing, standing*

### POSTLUDE - *“With Sounds of Joy”*

*by Carl Simone*

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Altar Flowers** this morning are from Guy and Christine Mason in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

### Last Sunday Here

Attending: 62      Offering: \$9,295

### This Week Here

Today - 9:15AM - Adult Bible Study  
          - 7:00PM - Confirmation Class  
Mon - 7:00PM - Council Meeting  
Wed - 1:30PM - Adult Bible Study  
Thur - 10:00AM - Open Office Hours  
Sun - 1:00PM - Voters' Meeting

**Reminder** - Since it is still mandatory for us to social distance during our services, it is important that you reserve a seat for Sunday services. Please call us to register on Thursday mornings between 10:00 and noon.

**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.

**Little Cherubs Christian Preschool** is now taking registration for the 2021-2022 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the church office or downloaded from our website.

**Visit our Website** to experience a video taken 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/>.

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel** - The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives “repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He “*is the Christ, the Son of God,*” so that by such faith we “*may have life in his name*” (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the “*living hope*” to which we have been “*born again*” and by which we are guarded “*for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time*” (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, “*though you have not seen him, you love him,*” and by the mercies of God “*you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory*” (1 Peter 1:8).