

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Love's Greeting" by Edward Elgar; arr. Smith

HYMN 791 - *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. **O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 98

Women read odd numbered verses

Men read even numbered verses

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 700 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY

Men of the Parish Choir sing (10:30)

"Prayer for Mothers" by Donna Butler

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 660 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - "Song of Peace"

by Jean Sibelius

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Buzz and Linda Gancarz in honor of Buzz's mother, Elinor Gancarz, who is turning 100 on May 8, and to all moms on Mother's Day.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 66 Offering: \$10,278

This Week Here

Today - 9:15AM - Adult Bible Study
Wed - 1:30PM - Adult Bible Study
Thur - 10:00AM - Open Office Hours

The Bell and Parish Choirs are on a well deserved break from May through August. If you would like to volunteer your musical talent, please contact Martha Medford.

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 colum-

barium 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/>.

The Benevolence Fund is a vehicle through which members can help those who are in need and by which members in need can find help. For assistance or to make a donation, please see Pastor Rowold. All transactions are kept confidential.

Food Pantry - No family should go without food and basic needs. Please assist local food pantries throughout and beyond our own community. Items should be deposited in the blue plastic containers located under the hallway counter.

Can and Bottle Collection! Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. Please place the cans and bottles in the container located outside the janitor's closet at the rear of the fellowship hall.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel - The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who "are witnesses of all that he did." He was anointed by God "with the Holy Spirit and with power," and "he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil," and so He was with those whom He sent "to preach to the people" (Acts 10:38-42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ," so that "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43-44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with "the water and the blood" in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6-7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our "joy may be full." For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to "go and bear fruit" in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15-16).