THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

8:00 - "If You but Trust in God to Guide You" tune Wer nun den Lieben Gott 10:30 - The Bell Choir plays "For the Fruits of His Creation" tune Welsh melody / setting by Cherwein

HYMN 807 - we sing, standing

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

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

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord. **Teach me Your paths.**

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. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 27: 1-9 (see insert) Congregation sings "O Lord You are My Light" tune Rhosymedre (Public Domain)

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 827 - we sing, seated

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY

During the gathering, the Bell Choir plays (8:00) "For the Fruits of His Creation" (10:30) "If You but Trust in God to Guide You"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT BENEDICTION

HYMN 838 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Life In Christ" by Frank Liszt

NEWS AND NOTES

Hayride and apple picking! Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! This Saturday, September 30th, at 2:00 PM at Blue Hills Orchards in Wallingford. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board; sign up today!!

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 87 Offering: \$2,052.71

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study - 7:00 PM - Bell Choir - 7:45 PM - Parish Choir Fri - 11:00 AM - Lillian Derganc's Funeral Service Sat - 2:00 PM - FALL FUN (see above)

NED News - the quarterly New England District Newsletter can be accessed through our website, www.cheshirelutheran.org. This publication informs us as to the many ministries which are a part of our lives together. It is hoped that this newsletter will be enlightening and encouraging as we seek to do God's will. **Portals of Prayer** (daily home devotional booklets for adults) for October to December are available on the Narthex table. We have regular & large-print editions. Help yourself to a copy and feel free to take one for a friend!

Kids Bulletins are always available here on the narthex table along with our regular Sunday Service bulletins. They are always linked with the day's Scripture readings. Kids. Crayons are available in the kids bags hanging in the Narthex.

Can and Bottle Collection! Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. Please place the cans and bottles in the box located near the janitor's closet off the Fellowship Hall.

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. Thank you for your support!

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ Those who are sent as "laborers for his vineyard" (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear "the burden of the day and the scorching heat" on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that "he may be found" (Is. 55:6), "have compassion" and "abundantly pardon" (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, "whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:20), by "fruitful labor" (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are "worthy of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27).