

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

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

HYMN 686 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION

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

OPENING DIALOG

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all.

These all look to you, **to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, **and you renew the face of the ground.**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. **O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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 85 - *we sing, see insert*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*
Before, all sing: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!
After, all sing: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

HYMN 667 - *we sing as indicated, seated*
1 - all **2 - all**
3 - men **4 - all**
5 - women **6 - all**

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

OFFERTORY - “*Tis the Gift to be Simple, 'Tis the Gift to be Free*” *Shaker Tune, Susan & Stan Harris, Clarinet and Guitar.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 924 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*If You But Trust in God Guide You*” *tune Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott; setting by Chersein.*



NEWS AND NOTES

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you, Santoro family for serving this morning!

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 83 Offering: \$10,932

THANK YOU! To everyone who made VBS happen - from donating food and supplies, to making decorations, to decorating the Church, to staffing and leading crews - thank you everyone who helped with VBS. We also need help today to undecorate; thank you in advance for that help too. Pastor Rowold and the 75 kids who were registered for VBS appreciate you all very much!

Orphan Grain Train School Kits - we are collecting school supplies needed to complete 50 school kits. The collection will take place through August 27. A poster with tags of items

needed is located in the narthex. Your donations can be placed in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. Cash donations directed for this purpose can be placed in the red box on the counter above the bins. These funds will be used for purchasing items needed to complete the 50 kits or you can request that your donation be directed toward the shipping costs. Thank you, Nancy Engelhardt, Social Welfare Deacon.

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 basinet located in the hallway.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance
Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him “*from following the flock*” and said to him, “*Go, prophesy to my people Israel*” (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would “*die by the sword,*” and Israel would “*go into exile away from his land*” (Amos 7:10–11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod “*sent and seized John and bound him in prison,*” even though he knew that John “*was a righteous and holy man*” (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod “*sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head*” (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist “*has been raised from the dead*” (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself “*before the foundation of the world,*” and even now by faith, “*the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*” has blessed us in Christ “*with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places*” (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also “*were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit*” for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).