THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "This is the Blessed Lord's Day" by Andre Campra.

HYMN 589 - 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. Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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 14 - Pastor speaks the odd verses and the Congregation speaks the even.

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 sing: Glory be to Thee, O Lord! After, all sing: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

HYMN 555 - we sing as indicated, seated 1 - all 3 - all

1 - all 6 - men

9 - women

10 - all

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - hymnal, back cover all standing

OFFERTORY - "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart Hine; Brue Emerick, soloist.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: Hear our prayer!

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 822 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Blessings of Faith" by Frank Ritter.

NEWS AND NOTES

Please Join Us outside after service for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to Paul and Trish Greenhalgh for serving this morning!

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 79 Offering: \$4,215

Mark Your Calendar! Our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services schedule resumes on September 8.

Attention Council and Voters! A Council meeting is scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3. A Voters' meeting is scheduled to be held after the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 8.

Cheshire Fall Festival - We are looking for volunteers to help with our booth at the Cheshire Fall Festival on Saturday, September 14th and the rain day is Sunday, September 15th. Sign ups are on the bulletin board or you can see Erica Bencivenga.

Orphan Grain Back to School Kits

The Congregation donation have filled 50 back to school kits and 2 boxes of extra supplies. The Thrivent Grant filled 20 back to school kits. The Orphan Grain Train asked for backpacks and were able to purchase 30 backpacks! **Total:** 70 Back to School kits, 2 boxes of extra supplies, 30 Backpacks, \$120 dollars cash donation. **THANK YOU!!!**

The **Parish and Bell Choirs** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4 - Bell Choir will meet at 7:00 PM and Parish Choir will meet at 7:45 PM. Anyone interested in joining please talk to a choir member or Martha Medford. Please join us!

Sunday School Rally Day will be held on September 8. **Everyone is welcome** to attend. There will be music, prayer, fun and food. Sunday School classes will resume on September 15.

Sunday School Teachers are needed!

Please see Tricia Rowold to volunteer or for questions. We are looking to have teachers for each classroom.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The True Tradition of the Church Is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, Her Savior The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not "[reject] the commandment of God" in order to establish or hold to "the tradition of men" (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord "with their mouth" and to honor Him "with their lips," while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is "the Holy One of Israel," who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, "the wisdom of their wise men shall perish," but "the deaf shall hear" and "the eyes of the blind shall see" (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He "gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word" (Eph. 5:25–26).