THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "We Gather Together" tune Kremser; setting by Robert Lau.

page 167 - CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

HYMN 869 - we sing, standing

page 168 - KYRIE

page 171 - HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father 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 116:1-9 - we sing, see insert

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

page 173 - ALLELUIA VERSE - all standing

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

HYMN 533 - we sing, seated

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, last page all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: Hear our prayer!

OFFERTORY - The Parish Choir sings "Many Gifts, One Spirit" by Alan Pote. (10:30)

page 177 - SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

page 178 - SANCTUS

LORD'S PRAYER

page 179 - WORDS OF OUR LORD

SHARING OF PEACE

page 180 - AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the Distribution, we sing HYMNS 936 and 620.

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which gives us His forgiveness and makes us one Christian family.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 181 - **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** - all standing

page 183 - POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

page 183 - BENEDICTION

HYMN 819 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - "Make the Sounds of Praise" by Robert Hughes.

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 94 Offering: \$4,002.50

This Week Here

Wed - 1;30 PM - Bible Study - 7:00 PM - Bell Choir - 7:45 PM - Parish Choir

The Thimble Islands Saxophone Quartet

will present a concert today at 3:00 p.m. at Cheshire Lutheran Church. The quartet members are Frank Vasi, Tim Moran, Michael Schuster, and Chris Herbert. They will be playing a wide variety of music by Bach, Beethoven, Gershwin, Jelly Roll Morton, Bernstein, and Billy Joel. Admission is free!

Join us on Saturday, October 5th, 6 PM for a **Potluck dinner** followed by a very short lesson in creating some delicious sourdough bread. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Apple Picking and Hayride will be held Sunday, September 29th. We will meet at Blue Hills Orchard at 1:00.

Cheshire Fall Festival - Thank you to all who volunteered at the Fall Festival yesterday!

April Slauson will be taking pictures of our church members for the updated **Pictorial Church directory** after the 8:00 & 10:30 services in the parish hall for the next four weeks. A sign-up sheet for appointments is in the narthex hallway however an appointment is not necessary.

Sunday School

Today, we will study "The Fall and a Promise." The slithery serpent caused Eve to doubt God's Word with one simple question: "Did God actually say...?" (Genesis 3:1) Seeking to gain wisdom, Eve and Adam rebel against their Creator. Suddenly aware of their condition before God, thy vainly attempt to hide their sinful exposure. With sin comes punishment that is just; yet our heavenly Father does not leave humankind without hope. Instead, He promises One who will come to rescue His people from the jaws of death and Satan. As a family, discuss the importance of God's promise of the Savior.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil Those who teach the Word of God "will be judged with greater strictness" (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue "boasts of great things," whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, "it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who "does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man" (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with "the tongue of those who are taught," He is able to sustain the weary "with a word" (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the "mute and deaf spirit" from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).