

Welcome to Worship! November 26, 2023 at 8 am

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Welcome

Silent Preparation for Worship

Confession and Promise of Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, 

→ one God,

in whose image we are made,

who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

L: Beloved, we are God's children.

and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" ELW#853

# **Apostolic Greeting**

L - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C - And also with you.

Hymn of Praise "Glory to God"

L - Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C - Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

L - The Lord be with you.

C - And also with you.

L - Let us pray. . . .

C - Amen

Special Music Lost in the Night Paul Delgado

First Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 p. 204 in the Bible

Alleluia Verse: (please rise for the Alleluia)

C -Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

L -The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 25th chapter.

C -Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

p. 29 in the Bible

L - The Gospel of the Lord.

C - Praise to you, O Christ.

Message "The Kingdom's Ours Forever" Lauren Chambers

Hymn of the Day "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" *ELW #504* 

Apostles' Creed

### Prayers of the Community

The congregation is encouraged to respond after "Hear Us, O Lord" with "Your Mercy is Great."

### Sharing of the Peace

L - The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C - And also with you.

#### Offering

The offering of Christ Lutheran Church supports the ministry and mission of our congregation. Guests and visitors should feel free not to give; it is the joy and responsibility of CLC members to support the work of the church.

### **Announcements**

Offertory "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord"

### Offering Prayer

L- God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C -Amen.

The Holy Communion Story

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

Distribution

Communion Song "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" ELW #492

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679

L – Go in peace, serve the Lord; C – **Thanks be to God!** 

The CLC Mission Statement Living the truth of Christ's radical acceptance, we are committed to bridging the gaps of our community with unconditional love and grace.