THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *"Stars of the Morning"* tune *Quanta Qualea*, setting S. Wente, (8:00) or the Bell Choir plays *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* tune *Dix*, setting by L. Larson (10:30).

HYMN 537 - *we sing, standing*

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

OPENING DIALOG
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name; **make known His deeds among the peoples.**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; **I will recount all His wonderful deeds.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; **His praise will continually be in my mouth.**

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. **Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through 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 95:1-7a - *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 -** *we sing, standing*

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

HYMN 711 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - *hymnal, back cover all standing*

OFFERTORY - The Bell Choir plays *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* (8:00) or Organ offertory *"Stars of the Morning"* (10:30).

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

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 837 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* tune *Nicaea*, setting by Busarow.

NEWS AND NOTES

Join us after the 8 AM service in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. Thank you, Karen Smith, for hosting Coffee Hour this morning. There are still some Sundays open, so please sign up to host.

Altar Flowers for this morning are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 65th Anniversary of CLC's Schlicker Pipe Organ.

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 97 Offering: $6,466.93

THIS WEEK HERE
Wed - 7:00 PM - Parish Choir
- 7:30 PM - Thanksgiving Eve Service

Today is PLEDGE SUNDAY - please pick up your packet this morning and kindly remember return your pledge to the Church promptly. Your pledge will assist CLC in implementing and meeting our Mission Plan. Thank you!

Organ Recital TODAY – In honor of the 65th Anniversary of the building of our Schlicker Pipe Organ, there will be an Organ recital today at 4:00 PM. The public is invited and this is a free concert. The organist, Jacob Gruss, is a graduate of Juilliard in NYC, and is pursuing his Master's at Yale.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE with loaf exchange - Join us this Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM for worship. If you would like to participate in our loaf exchange, please bring a loaf of bread. This is a way to share our Thanksgiving meals with our Church family.

Articles for the **December Heavenly Herald** are due to Beth Soulier by this Friday.

Advent Jubilee Luncheon (and Celebration of CLC's 70th Anniversary!) is on December 6th, immediately following the Late Service. Look for the sign up on the bulletin board. Hope to see you there!

The **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be on Sunday, **December 13th**, during the 10:30 AM Service and there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall after.

This Morning in Sunday School – We are rehearsing for our Christmas program!

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *"he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats"* (Matt. 25:32). *"To those on his right,"* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But *"those on his left,"* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *"into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"* (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *"as a shepherd seeks out his flock"* (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, *"the fat and the strong,"* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds *"the lean sheep"* (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *"in Christ shall all be made alive"* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).