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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

We welcome all visitors this morning to our service of Word and Sacrament. ALL are invited to receive the bread and the wine. Please know that at CELC this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.

Thanksgiving Service *(All Churches)*

Nov. 16, 2022
Wednesday, 7 PM

Vida Nueva

Hope Alive

Kingdom Church

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the Lord is God!

It is He that makes us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him, bless His name!
For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

GATHERING SONG *"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD"* *arr. by David Chowder & Brent Milligan*

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, who supplies us with every blessing in abundance, we lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving. Open us to remember the gifts we seldom notice, the bounty we take for granted, the rich possibilities you provide. For bread without scarcity, for water that is pure, for houses to live in and friends to enjoy, we give you humble thanks. For beauty and bounty, for healing and hope, for the power of your Word, we lift our voices in joyful praise. Dwell with us now and always. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The Word

READING: Philippians 4: 4-9

4 Rejoice[a] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.[b] 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about[c] these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

READING: John 6: 25-35

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” 26 Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” 28 Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” 30 So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” 32 Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 They said to him, “Sir,[b] give us this bread always.”

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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SERMON

The Meal

SONG OF THE DAY / OFFERTORY

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

All that we have, gracious God, is a gift from your love and grace. May these gifts we offer: our time, our money, and our talents, bring joy to those in sorrow, comfort to those in distress, and healing to those who are wounded. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the blessings we share this day. For all of those who have gone before, people strong and brave, willing to put their lives on the line for the causes they believe in, we give you thanks.

Grant us, our God, the courage to step out in faith for that which is true and right.

Leader: For freedom of speech and of the press, for the avenues open to express ourselves, and for opportunities to effect change, we give you thanks.

We pray for those who are voiceless victims of unjust governments.

Leader: For fertile soil, abundant rain, and seasons of refreshment, we give you thanks.

We pray for those whose land is parched and whose wells are dry.

Leader: For our families, friends, and the church, who provide us with food and drink for our journey, we give you thanks.

We pray for those who are hungry and tired, hopeless and wandering, finding no

place to rest.

Leader: For strong bodies and minds, for opportunities that encourage us to grow and become more the servants of thanksgiving you call us to be, we give you thanks.

We pray for the sick, for the stagnant who are unwilling to dream or change.

Leader: Help us, O God, to be responsible stewards of your blessings, people who care for the earth and all its people. Keep us connected with all humanity, even though miles and cultures tend to separate us. May we always respond to your call with a true spirit of thanksgiving.

SONG *"GIVE THANKS"*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathering all of our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as Jesus, our Savior and Brother, has taught us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
They will be done, on earth as it in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
 for ever and ever. Amen**

The Sending

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Go out into the world of peace:

Have courage; hold on to what is good;

Return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all;

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With God's help we will.

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *"MALO, MALO! THANKS BE TO GOD"* *by Jesse Manibusan*

DISMISSAL:

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Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us. **Thanks be to God.**

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