



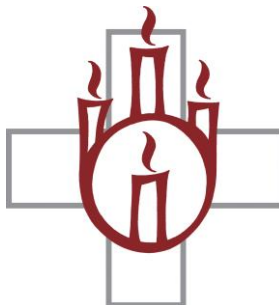
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Kingdom of Heaven



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,
and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available
at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

WELCOME:

“None can have God as his Father if he not have the Church as his mother.”

—St. Augustine

Please stand as the bell is rung.

OPENING VERSICLES

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PSALM

Psalm 48



Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

**His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of | all the earth,*
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the | great King.**

Within her | citadels*
God has made himself known as a | fortress.

**For behold, the kings as- | sembled;*
they came on to- | gether.**

As soon as they saw it, they were as- | tounded;*
they were in panic; they | took to flight.

**Trembling took hold | of them there,*
anguish as of a woman in | labor.**

By the | east wind*
you shattered the ships of | Tarshish.

**As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city |
of our God,*
which God will establish for- | ever.**

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

**As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.**

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!

**Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,**

that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and | ever.*
He will guide us for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-15

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-17

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

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OFFICE HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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The Church, the Garden, the Kingdom

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CLOSING HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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