# Worship in the Sanctuary
# November 28, 2021 at 9:30 am

*Thank you for turning off personal electronic devices before worship begins. The Ushers will be taking offering during the service. The congregation is invited and encouraged to sing along with the congregational songs.*

Prelude
Welcome

Song *"Who You Say I Am"* Praise Team

Confession and Forgiveness for Advent *"You Won't Relent"*

L In this season of Advent we are reminded it is a season of darkness, darkness due to shortened days, and darkness due to the presence of sin. We are a fallen creation, prone to selfishness and easily led astray. In our world of multiple options we have followed numerous false gods, and have worshipped at their altars. And so, in the midst of our personal darkness, we appeal to the God who offers light and hope.

**C Merciful God, we acknowledge our sinful ways, and we repent of them, and seek your pardon that we might be forgiven. We are sorry for the things we have done or not done which have hurt others and hurt you. We are sorry for the things said or not said which have hurt others and hurt you. Apart from you, God, we are lost in darkness and cannot find our way to you nor find the path of righteousness to walk. Come to us, Emmanuel.**

L "Those who have walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined (Is. 9:2)." The good news I speak to you this day is that those who believe in Jesus Christ, on them the light of God shines and burns away the mark of their sin. Of Jesus it was said that He is "the light of all people; the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (Jn. 1:5)." Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

Advent Litany

L In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep.

**C And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.**

L In these darkened days of Advent, we celebrate the Good News of a Savior;

**C One who ushers in hope; who, indeed, is our hope.**

L May the light of Christ be our hope in times of uncertainty, and may our faith in Christ lift us from despair.

**C Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

L As it was in the beginning,

**C Will be now, and forevermore. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Song *"Reckless Love"* Praise Team

Message *"The Gift of Hope"* Noel Thompson

Special Music *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* Denise Egge

Prayers of the Community

The congregation is encouraged to respond after "Lord, in your mercy," **"HEAR OUR PRAYER."**

Offering

*The offering of Christ Lutheran Church supports the ministry and mission of our congregation. Guests and visitors should feel free not to give; the members of our congregation are given the responsibility and privilege to support God's work in our community through these gifts.*

Announcements

Offering Song *"Elohim"* Alison Libolt

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 *"Elohim"* Praise Team

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song *"Mighty to Save"* Praise Team

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