



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship  
November 12th at 9:30AM**

# **WORSHIP WITH US**

## **24th Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Amos 5:18-24  
Psalm 70**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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*In the neighborhood...  
For good.*

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*Here is the  
bridegroom!  
Come out  
to meet him*

**MATTHEW 25:6**



Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb. ~

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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



## SAVE THE DATE

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd**

to approve the budget for 2024 and elect new council members.

## STEWARDSHIP SPEAKERS

At the beginning of each worship service in November, a member of our council will be sharing congregational financial information, stewardship insights, and their own thoughts on giving to the church.

We hope to spark conversation and commitment for stewardship at CLC - thank you to our council members for being willing to share!

*Our current 2023 Council Members are Erica Strafalace, Kurt Schreiber, Lennie Jansen, Becky Nyren, Diane Curry, Tim Komoroski, Jean Thens, Bud Worst, Ray Lardin and Joe Imhoff.*

## COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED!

We will be asking for volunteers to be nominated for council! Our council is a two year term with monthly meetings. Please consider this possibility in serving and leading your church!

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# ONE STOP SANTA SHOP

Craft Fair & Vendor  
Show

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2023  
10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## ENOUGH and NEVER ENOUGH

Both the harsh words of the prophet Amos and the parable of the bridesmaids are scenes of anger—not pointless, misdirected frustration, but a prophetic call for change, a passionate plea that we redirect our focus. Sometimes, Amos says, anger is a result of not being heard. And sometimes, Jesus says, anger comes from fear of not being enough, not having enough, not doing enough. But being a child of God comes as a gift from God, who has poured out God’s justice and righteousness on us in abundance so that we may care about those who are lacking.

What good is worship, Amos asks, if it doesn’t change your lives—or that of your neighbors? What good is worship if it does not spur us to make justice happen for our siblings? The anger we encounter in Amos is of the righteous kind, the kind intended to call us to action.

In contrast, the anger expressed in the parable of the bridesmaids is that born of fear. Who ever said that the bridegroom would not admit maidens who ran out of oil? Both the bridesmaids described as wise and those described as foolish are angry because of fear of missing out. Jesus is the light of the world, and so are you, he says (John 8:12; Matthew 5:14). But when your light grows dim and tired, exhausted and weary, and you cannot see the road ahead, his light will guide the way.

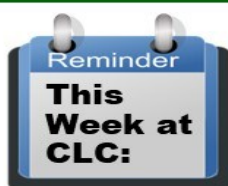
How different this parable might be if the bridesmaids with oil had shared their oil. If you are not ready, they might have said, let us show you how to be prepared. What good is the kingdom of heaven if we have not lived our lives in such a way as to light the pathway for others? What good is worship if we leave the building unmoved by the cries for justice all around us? ~

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## This Week at CLC:



### Sunday

November 12-

**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30am Sunday School**

**CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am**

### Monday

**November 13** - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

3:30-7:30pm Violin

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Tai Chi

**6pm Council Meeting**

6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring

### Tuesday

**November 14 - 6am-9pm Voting**

9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8:30pm Violin, 6pm ESL Tutoring Library

### Wednesday

**November 15** - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7-8pm Choir Practice

6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring

### Thursday

**November 16** - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

6pm ESL Tutoring Library

### Friday

**November 17** - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

6-8pm Girl Scouts

7pm NA meets in the Library

### Saturday

**November 18** - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

**The Gathering Place is booked**

### Sunday

**November 19** - 8:30am Sunday School

**CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am**

**The Gathering Place is booked**

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## Upcoming Commemorations

**Elizabeth of Hungary,  
renewer of society, died 1231**

**Friday, November 17, 2023**

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.



## Our Deepest Apologies...

Last week, when commemorating the members of CLC who had died in the past year, we neglected to include Barbara Ramsey, who passed away August 6th. We'll include all those saints of the church again this week in our prayers.



## The Food Pantry is Open

Mondays and Fridays from  
9:30am to 11:30am,  
and on Wednesdays from  
5pm to 7pm.

## In case of emergency....



**Did you know** we have an emergency defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office and food pantry check-in table.

**Did you know** we have Narcan available? With the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office too!

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## **CAUTION - SCAM!**

Several members and friends of the church have notified the office that they have received strange texts from a number claiming to be Pastor Erin. These texts do NOT come from Pastor Erin's actual cell # OR the church #. These texts ask for money and favors and are a bit vague. Please do not engage and be assured that Pastor Erin will not randomly text you asking for money, gift cards, or discrete favors. Call the Church Office if you receive anything suspicious.

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Here is the Bridegroom!: Ancient oil lamp. Copyright jsp iStock Getty Images Plus via Getty Images. Used by permission.

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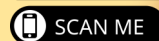
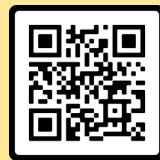
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**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. ✝**



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