

Worship Folder for August 29, 2021

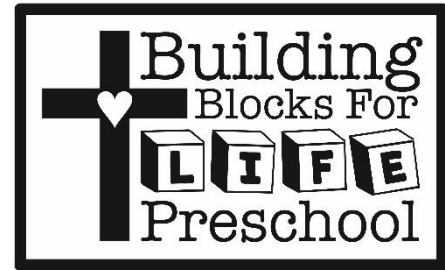
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

We are so glad that you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today, and welcome to our church! Christ is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We have been gathering around Word and sacrament since 1976. Our pastor would be happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership in our congregation. Please join us again soon!

INFORMATION

Our restrooms are located by going to the right out of the sanctuary doors and proceeding down the hallway. They are at the end of the hallway on the right. There is also a **family restroom** with a changing station out the sanctuary doors to the left and around the corner.

We love hearing little ones in God's house but if you feel like your child needs a moment there are speakers to hear the service as well as books and toys in the entryway

Our guest register is located in the entryway. Please leave us a record of your visit and we will be glad to supply you with more information about our church.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

This liturgy, found on page 38 in the red hymnal, offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION | #538

Please Stand.

GATHERING

L: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAISE & PRAYER

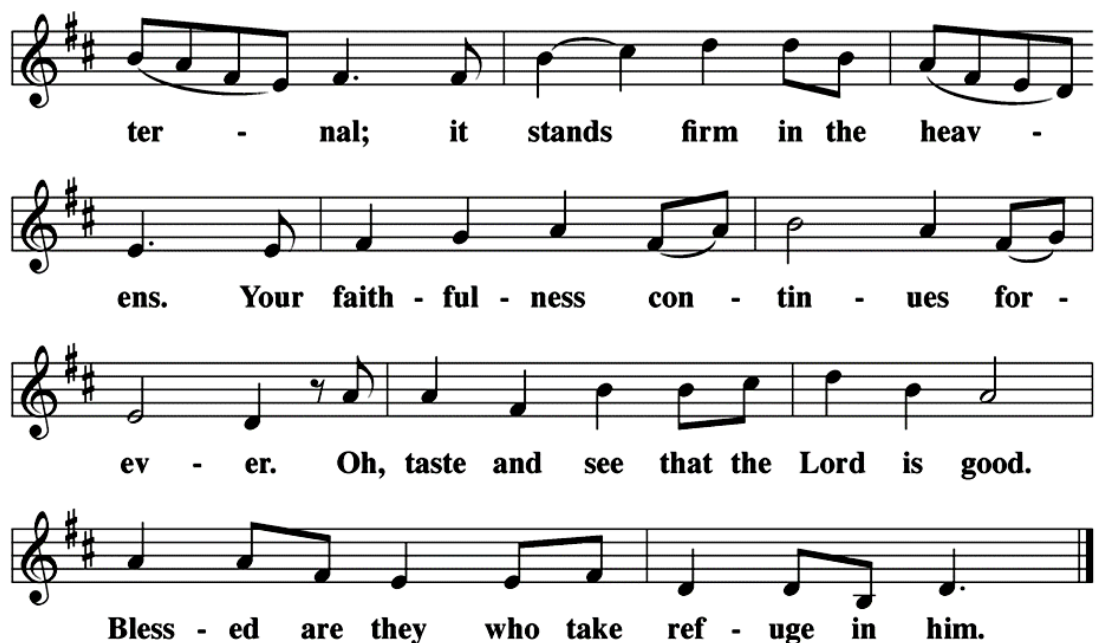
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
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 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated.



FIRST READING

Exodus 7:8-13

⁸The LORD said to Moses and to Aaron, ⁹“When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Give us a warning sign,’ then you are to tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down in front of Pharaoh, and it will become a snake.’” ¹⁰Then Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. They did just as the LORD had commanded. Aaron threw down his staff in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹But then Pharaoh also called for his wise men and sorcerers. Those magicians of Egypt did the same thing by their occult practices. ¹²They each threw down their staffs, and those staffs became snakes. However, Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. ¹³But Pharaoh’s heart was hard, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.



"In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame."

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-31

²¹ And by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. ²⁴ Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. ²⁷ He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh.

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 1:10b

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

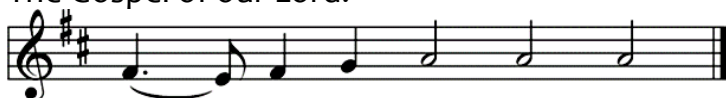
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GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

⁶⁰ When they heard it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, "Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? ⁶² What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is given to him by my Father." ⁶⁶ After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the Twelve, "You do not want to leave too, do you?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!
Please be seated.

YOUTH HYMN

["My Lighthouse"](#)

SERMON Exodus 7:8-13

Theme: Bible Stories: “Aaron’s Staff Becomes a Snake”

APOSTLES’ CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The members of Christ Lutheran join together to do the Lord’s work in Cambridge and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. (Due to COVID19 the offering plate will not be passed around. If you would like to make a donation please place your offering in the basket by the doors to the sanctuary. You can also make use of online giving through the giveplus app or by going to the church’s website (www.christcambridge.com) and selecting the “Donate” tab under “About” in the site menu.)

GIVEPLUS⁺

An important attitude toward stewardship is taught us through John 6:60-69. Maybe think about it this way, computer compression files are amazing. One little word can be the key to open compressed files that contain text, pictures, animation, and other wonders. But our computers cannot hold a candle to what can be compressed into one Word of God. One Word of God spoken or remembered can unlock the entire counsel of the Holy Spirit. There are no frivolous words of God. Each has extraordinary power and can give and sustain our spirit and life. Just the one word, “Jesus,” unlocks the file of all he has done for you. A holy birth, a perfect life, an undeserved death on the cross for your sake—all wrapped up in a word, a name. As God’s stewards it is important that we make the best use of this wonderful gift, the Word of God. Hear it, be in it, use it, and proclaim it often.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Bread of Life, we offer you our heartfelt thanks for the feast you have given our souls today. You have refreshed us with life-giving water of your Gospel. You have nourished us with the meat of your Word. As wine gladdens the heart, you have brought us joy in the fellowship we have with you and with one another.

C: **By your grace and strength cause that which you have supplied to bring forth a rich measure of the fruits of faith in our lives. May both our attitudes and our actions proclaim the God you are so that others know and praise you.**

L: Heavenly Father, when we consider the history of our lives, we are compelled to acknowledge your unfailing goodness and mercy to us. Like children, we have chafed at times

under your discipline, yet your love for us has never wavered. The world might judge our earthly circumstances as “good,” “bad,” or “indifferent,” but by faith we see that in all things you have blessed us.

C: Keep us faithful to you. When the world or our sinful flesh tempts us to turn away from you, remind us that only in You do we have that which is good. Only in Your Son do we have the words of eternal life.

L: The psalmist confessed, O Lord, “Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways,” and then described how you smile on the family that holds to you.

C: Continue your mercy on us and those we love. May our lives and homes bring your grace to others.

L: O Holy Spirit, we worship you for letting us see your power at work in the various mission fields we serve and in the other ministries we carry on as a synod: our work of training up the next generation of leaders, our service to those imprisoned, our assistance to those in need; our spiritual support of other Lutheran church bodies who share our confession.

C: Move us to continue our encouragement and support of this work through our prayers as well as with our time, talents and treasure.

L: We ask your blessing on our nation, O Lord. We are a land with a great diversity of thought and opinion. Keep in check the sinful nature we all have that would cause our differences to create hate and strife. Give us the ability to show love and respect for all, especially those with whom we disagree.

C: Enable us to be your salt and light in this sinful world. Give us the strength to proclaim your Word so that those who live in darkness might know your light and love. Only in this way will we be truly blessed.

L: As summer draws to close and people take advantage of the opportunity to get away one more weekend before the Fall schedule begins, send your guardian angels to protect those who are traveling that they may be kept from harm.

C: Refresh us so that we might give ourselves fully to the life of service to which you have called us.

L: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

L: Lord Jesus, you have promised that whatever we ask the Father in your name he will give us. Be our Intercessor, our Great High Priest with the Father as we bring our petitions before him and as we join to pray that which you have taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is 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 forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE | #556

PRAYER

L: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN:

WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT | #756