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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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# COMMON SERVICE

*This liturgy, found on page 15 in the red hymnal, is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

**ALL PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE | #236**

*Please Stand.*

## GATHERING

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie Eleison*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## ABSOLUTION

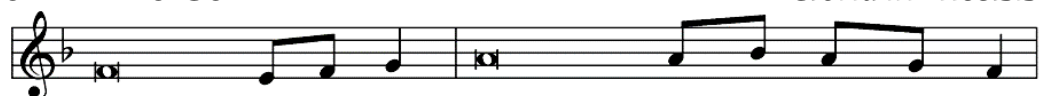
L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) **Amen.**

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

## GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*



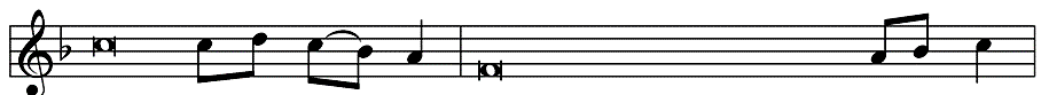
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: (sings) *And also with you.*

L: Let us pray.

C: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) *Amen*

*Please be seated.*

# THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

<sup>6</sup>The crippled will leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

Waters will flow in the wilderness,  
and streams in the wasteland.

<sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool,  
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 146 | pg. 120

*"Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."*



## SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. <sup>18</sup>Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations. <sup>19</sup>Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. <sup>20</sup>Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. <sup>21</sup>So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. <sup>23</sup>In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does. <sup>26</sup>If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 4:4

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia  
*Please stand.*

L: Our Savior meets us in the Gospel according to Mark 7.



C: **Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

## GOSPEL

**Mark 7:31-37**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") <sup>35</sup> Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup> Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. <sup>37</sup> They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## APOSTLE'S 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**

*Please be seated.*

## YOUTH HYMN

["10,000 Reasons"](#)

**SERMON James 1:17-27**

**Theme: "Every Good(Gifts Reflect God's Goodness)"**

## CREATE IN ME

Psalm 51

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

Please be seated.

## 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](http://www.christcambridge.com)) and selecting the "Donate" tab under "About" in the site menu.)

**GIVEPLUS<sup>+</sup>**

In the chapter previous to Isaiah 35, God lifts up Isaiah's eyes to the Last Day and shows him the destruction of the wicked in graphic imagery. Now in Isaiah 35:4-7, he shows him the Last Day from the believer's perspective with imagery just as rich. His retribution will be in one hand, but his salvation in the other. "Don't be afraid!" God comforts his people. At the last day the creation will be restored to its Creator and Savior. The resources we devote to preparing people for that day are not in vain. They are not lost. We will never lack.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, as we look at the beauty of this day, we are compelled to confess our awe at what you have done. You have made all things beautiful in their time. Soon we will again see it in the colors of autumn and the white of winter.

C: **Preserve our sense of wonder for all that you have created. May we never weary of singing your praises for what you have provided for us.**

L: O Holy Spirit, as we live our lives here on earth we need true wisdom, wisdom that can come only from you. We also need the faith that will trust that wisdom and the strength to implement it in our lives. The devil, the world, and our sinful natures all unite to tell us that

what you have revealed cannot and will not work in our circumstances, that we have to do something different if we wish to survive and succeed.

**C: Continue that work which you have begun in us and carry it on to completion. Keep ever before our eyes the holiness, righteousness, majesty, and power of our God so that we retain a proper sense of humility before him and with one another. Enable our lives to reflect daily the gentleness, kindness, truthfulness, and humility of our Savior so that we may bring his blessings to those around us.**

L: Ancient of Days, you have promised to sustain and carry us when our hair is gray and our years are many. We thank you that we can rely on you both for our needs and the needs of our loved ones. We thank you for the many blessings that are ours through our grandparents. Pour out your grace on all those who are in the senior years of life. May we and they understand the opportunities you give to serve you as they serve us and we serve them.

**C: Most importantly, we pray that you would keep them strong in the faith as they await that day when we will see you in glory.**

L: Lord of the nations, our leaders in Washington, D.C., are resuming their work. We ask that you give them wisdom, integrity, and courage as they do so. The responsibilities they have are weighty, the pressures to do what which might be expedient or popular in the short-term but harmful in the long-term can be great. Enable them to exercise leadership which reflects your righteousness and truth. Give us hearts that honor them as your servants

**C: Be with those in our academic institutions, both those taught and their teachers, as they begin another school year. Help them to grow in knowledge, wisdom, and understanding so that they are equipped to assume their roles and responsibilities in the world. We ask your special blessing upon our school, its staff and students, that they may grow in their faith, in godly wisdom and in Christian maturity.**

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

L: We thank you, O Holy Spirit, that when we do not know that for which we ought to pray, you intercede for us with groans that words cannot express. With confidence that comes from your promise we offer these petitions and join in the prayer that our Savior 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

**PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY; MY SOUL ADORE HIM | #235**



## PRAYER

L: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE LORD'S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

L: 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.



C: **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

## CLOSING HYMN:

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY | #399**

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