



EVERY GOOD
THE BOOK OF JAMES

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. James 1:17 EHV

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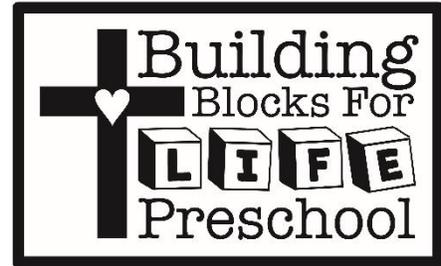
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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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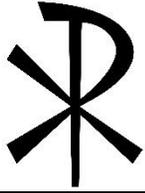
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DIVINE SERVICE I

This liturgy, found on page 15 in the blue supplement, is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

COME, FOLLOW ME, THE SAVIOR SPOKE |#453

Please Stand.

GATHERING

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

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Fellow loved ones of Christ: 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

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

All Sing: **Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly, King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory,
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer,
Receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God, glory to God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

**C: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that,
loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-10

The LORD God gave me a tongue like the learned, an instructed tongue,
so I know how to sustain the weary with a word.

He wakes me up morning by morning.

He wakes up my ears so that I listen like the learned.

⁵The LORD God opened my ear,
and I myself was not rebellious.

I did not turn back.

⁶I submitted my back to those who beat me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.
I did not hide my face from disgrace and from spit.

⁷The LORD God will help me,
so I will not be disgraced.
Therefore I have made my face hard like flint.
I know that I will not be put to shame.
⁸The one who will acquit me is near!
Who can accuse me?
Let us take our stand.
Who can pass judgment on me?
Let him approach me.
⁹Look, the LORD God will help me.
Who then can declare me guilty?
Look, all of them will wear out like a garment.
A moth will consume them.
¹⁰Who among you worships the LORD
and listens to the voice of his servant?
Anyone who walks in darkness
and who has no bright light—
let him trust in the name of the LORD,
and let him lean on his God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 116 | pg. 107

"The LORD is gracious and righteous; when I was in great need, he saved me."



SECOND READING

James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. ² For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. ³ If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, "Sit here in this good place," but you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "Sit down here at my feet," ⁴ have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him? ⁸ However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors. ¹⁰ In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says that he has faith but has no works? Such "faith" cannot save him, can it? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister needs clothes and lacks daily food ¹⁶ and one of you tells them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but does not give them what their body needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ So also, such "faith," if it is alone and has no works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 15:4

Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.

Please stand.

L: The Gospel according to Mark 8.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

²⁷ Jesus went away with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ They told him, “John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others say one of the prophets.” ²⁹ “But who do you say I am?” he asked them. Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. ³² He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men.” ³⁴ He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

YOUTH HYMN

["You Are My All in All"](#)

SERMON James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

Theme: "Every Good(Shared in the People We Help)"

CREATE IN ME

Psalm 51

All sing: **Create in me a pure heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit with in me.
Do not cast me away from your presence
Or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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⁺

We grow in understanding Christian Stewardship from contemplating Mark 8:27-35 through that lens. As we do we can ask what can you give in exchange for your soul? How much would you be willing to pay to get to heaven, that is, if it could be attained by purchase? "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man," we are told in Romans 5, "though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die." Then Scripture turns right around and tells us "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." How much is that worth? It should demand all our attention. There should never be a question of how much we owe God for his grace. When Scripture suggests that we return to God a portion of what we have been given, it is not a burden, but a blessing.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord Jesus Christ, we have gathered to worship you again today, thankful for all that you have done for us. We especially praise you that in your great love for us you set aside for a while the full glory and majesty that are yours as the Son of God, you clothed yourself with our human nature, and then took up your cross that you might redeem us to be your own.

C: **Pour out your Spirit upon us that we are transformed to have a mindset like yours. Help us to crucify daily our corrupted will so that we embrace yours instead. Strengthen us to carry the crosses that are ours and to encourage others as they bear up under theirs. Enable us to rejoice in them just as we do with all the other blessings you give us.**

L: Father in heaven, you provide richly for our daily needs. Give us a spirit of contentment with what you have supplied. Preserve us from actions and attitudes that would sacrifice the eternal spiritual treasure you have given us for the temporary trinkets of this life.

C: You pour out your blessings on all people, grant the needed rains to the areas of our land that are parched. Be a firm foundation for those whose lands have been shaken by earthquakes. Build up those whose lives have been torn apart by natural disasters.

L: Holy Spirit, we ask that you pour out your gifts on our brothers and sisters in the Lord who live in those places where hostility to the faith and the Word is great. Some live far away in countries where being a Christian can mean loss of livelihood or life. Some live nearby in circumstances where they daily confront peer pressure to conform to behaviors and beliefs that are contrary to your will or suffer the consequences. Protect them. Cause them to stand firm.

C: Give us hearts that stand with them. Enable us to pray for them as we do for so many others. Equip us to be ones who are with them in their battles to support and encourage them.

L: Be with us as we continue to wrestle with how best to carry out gospel ministry here, not to make a name for ourselves but to show you in and through us.

C: Give us the confidence that you are using the various challenges we encounter to accomplish your plan.

L: As both congressional branches of our national government resume full-time work this week, be with our elected leaders to give them wisdom, integrity and righteousness to carry out the roles entrusted to them.

C: Be with all who labor in government, whether it be on the national, state or local level, whether their positions be elected, appointed, or hired, so that they may carry out their responsibilities faithfully and for the public good.

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

L: We thank you, O Holy Spirit, that when we do not know what we ought to pray for, 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.

THE SACRAMENT

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

L: It is good and right so to do.

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1Corinthians 11:23-25

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) AMEN

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to use God's Holy Word. Therefore, we invite only current members of Christ, (and those from sister WELS and ELS congregations) come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. Thank you so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

⇒ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

JESUS CHRIST, OUR BLESSED SAVIOR | #313

Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis



In peace, Lord, you let your



ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for



ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

L: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) 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: (spoken) AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN:

JESUS, LEAD US ON | #422