

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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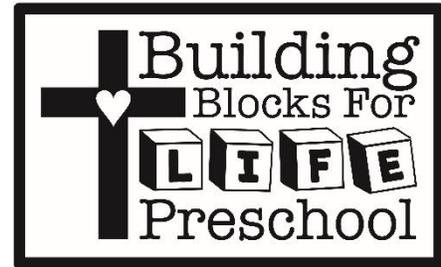
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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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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

I KNOW MY FAITH IS FOUNDED | #403

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

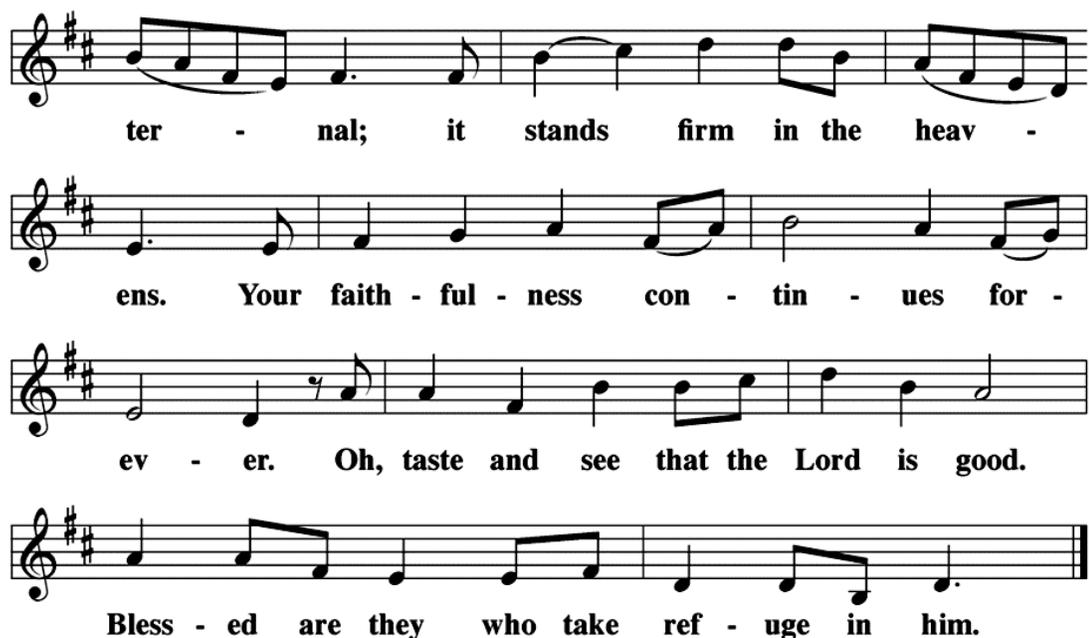
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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 -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 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: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸The LORD revealed their plot to me so I became aware of it. He showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I had not realized that they had plotted against me. They were saying: "Let us destroy the tree along with its fruit. Let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered." ²⁰But, LORD of Armies, you judge righteously. You test the heart and mind. Let me see your vengeance on them, for I have presented my case to you.

"My times are in your hands; save me in your unfailing love."



SECOND READING

James 3:13-18

¹³Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace.

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Corinthians 12:9a

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.
Please stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



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

YOUTH HYMN

["This Little Light of Mine"](#)

SERMON James 3:13-18

Theme: "Every Good--Peace Promoted"

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⁺

In Jeremiah 11 we saw when Jeremiah prophesied, God's Word did not return empty. It aroused the hatred and scheming of men intent on silencing him for good. Faithful stewardship always costs. We are poor preachers if we are not frank about the cost of discipleship. But through our giving we only become richer. Through it, God teaches us to depend on him and shows us that he will not leave us high and dry. To you, O Lord Almighty, we commit our cause!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and thank you that you have called us to be your own. Keep us steadfast in the faith. When we experience the distressing times that can come to those who are your children, give us peace and patience through your promises.

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

L: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, as we live in these end times Satan marshals his forces against those who are your ambassadors. Give them strength to withstand his attacks. Preserve them in purity of life and faithfulness of proclamation that your Gospel light may shine in all that they say and do. May their words take root in those who hear them.

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

L: King of kings and Lord of Lords, we thank you for the blessings of peace and security that you have given us through our government. Be with our leaders that they may rule wisely and well. Cause those world leaders who do not know you to nevertheless govern in righteousness for the sake of their people. May they, too, come to believe on you.

C: O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Heavenly Father, you open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. You are a father for the fatherless, a defender of widows, the one who sets the lonely in families. Look with favor on those who struggle because of their circumstances in life. Let them know that they are not forgotten. Use us to show them your love.

C: **O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

L: We bring our prayers and petitions before you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you as we also 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

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BROUGHT US | #486

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:

WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK | #478