

# HEBREW'S

FOCUSED ON JESUS

*Worship Folder for October 24, 2021*

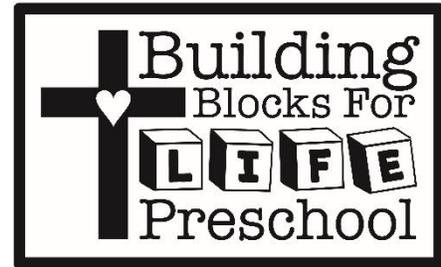
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## **WELCOME TO CHRIST!**

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

**HAIL, O ONCE-DESPISED JESUS | #351**

*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

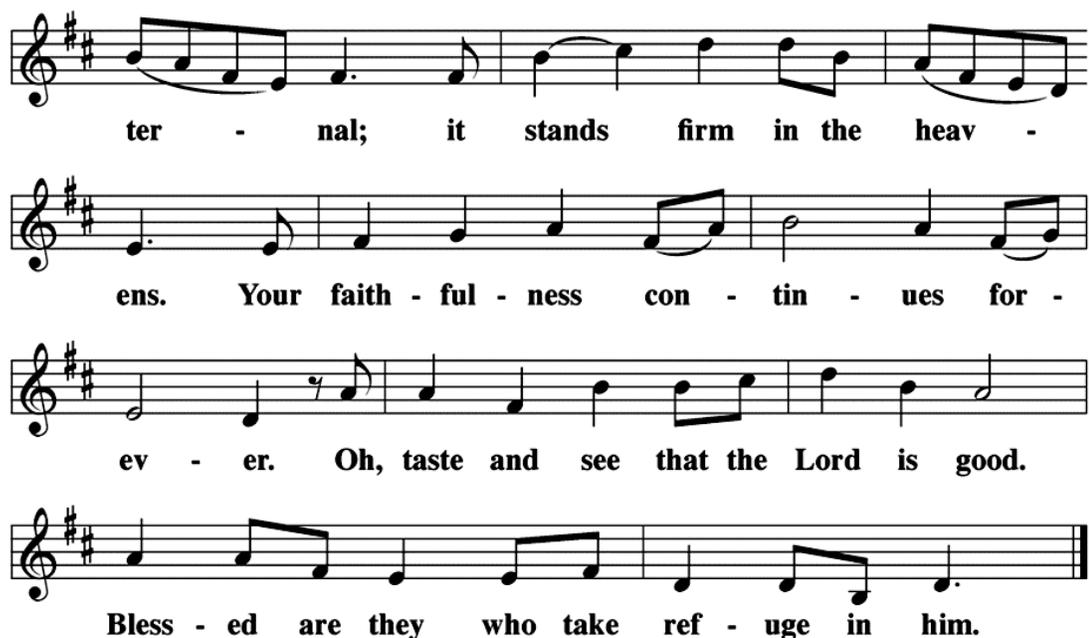
**L:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**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: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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**

**Isaiah 53:10-12**

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and to allow him to suffer. Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring. He will prolong his days, and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand. <sup>11</sup>After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life. He will provide satisfaction. Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many, for he himself carried their guilt. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great, and with the strong he will share plunder, because he poured out his life to death, and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners. He himself carried the sin of many, and he intercedes for the rebels.



"Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us."

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:9-16

<sup>9</sup>So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. <sup>10</sup>For the one who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup>So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Ephesians 2:10a

Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia.  
Please stand.

## GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, "Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we ask." <sup>36</sup>He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>They said to him, "Promise that we may sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>"We can," they replied. Jesus told them, "You will drink the cup that I am going to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with. <sup>40</sup>But to sit at my right or at my left is not for me to give; rather, these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they were angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But that is not the way it is to be among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



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

## YOUTH HYMN

["How Deep the Father's Love for Us"](#)

## SERMON Hebrews 4:9-16

Theme: “He Knows What You Are Going Through”

### 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 VancoMobile 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.)*



Hebrews 4 gives a powerful reminder to us of our shame regarding what we think is ours and our savior who has given what we did not deserve. There is not a hint about money in this text, yet it is one of the first things that comes to my mind when I read it. When I read that, “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight; everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account,” I think of my well-hidden greed and my secret covetousness. And I realize it’s not so well-hidden or so secret. God sees it. He sees my anguish over writing out my weekly offering check. He sees my sinful reasoning for not giving more. He sees when I am blessed with more, yet my giving remains the same. He sees those sins and many more. He also sees that I need a Savior and he sent me one. When I do have to give an account, it won’t be of my sins, it will be of Jesus’ righteousness. Praise be to the God who sees everything!

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: “The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple that I have built?” So confessed your servant, King Solomon, O Lord. We, too, marvel at who you are. The more we learn about our universe, the more we realize our inability to fully comprehend what it is and how large it is – and you are infinitely greater. Yet you know us by name, you choose us to be your own, you number the hairs on our heads. With the psalmist we praise you:

**C: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, all things are yours. You rule over the universe which we cannot fathom. Yet you in your great love for us humbled yourself to become one of us to redeem us to be your own. Though you are holy and we are not, you are not ashamed to call us who believe in you your brothers and sisters. With King David we confess:

**C: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

L: We ask your blessing on your children, O Lord. Enable us to defeat the desires of the sinful natures within us which cause us to think and to speak and to act in ways that do not reflect your holiness, righteousness and love. Strengthen us by your Spirit for our prayer is that of your Old Testament saint:

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.**

L: You have promised, O God, that your eyes are upon the righteous and your ears are open to their prayers. We ask your blessing upon our land and all its inhabitants. Those who know you, preserve in the faith; those who do not, bring to a knowledge of the truth. Those who are entrusted with the responsibility to govern our cities and states and nation grant wisdom and righteousness to do so; thwart and defeat those who pursue evil and live in lawlessness. Cause both private enterprise and public service to carry out their proper roles. May we always be able to sing with your poet of old:

**C: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.**

L: Give ear, O Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

L: Almighty God, our spoken words and unspoken thoughts we offer to you through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ who has taught us to pray:

## 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

**COME, OH, COME, LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT | #181**

## 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

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.



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

Numbers 6:24-26



### CLOSING HYMN:

**ABIDE WITH ME** | #588

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