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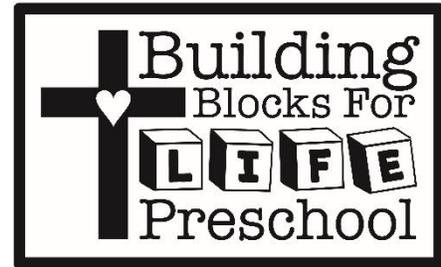
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## **WELCOME TO CHRIST!**

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

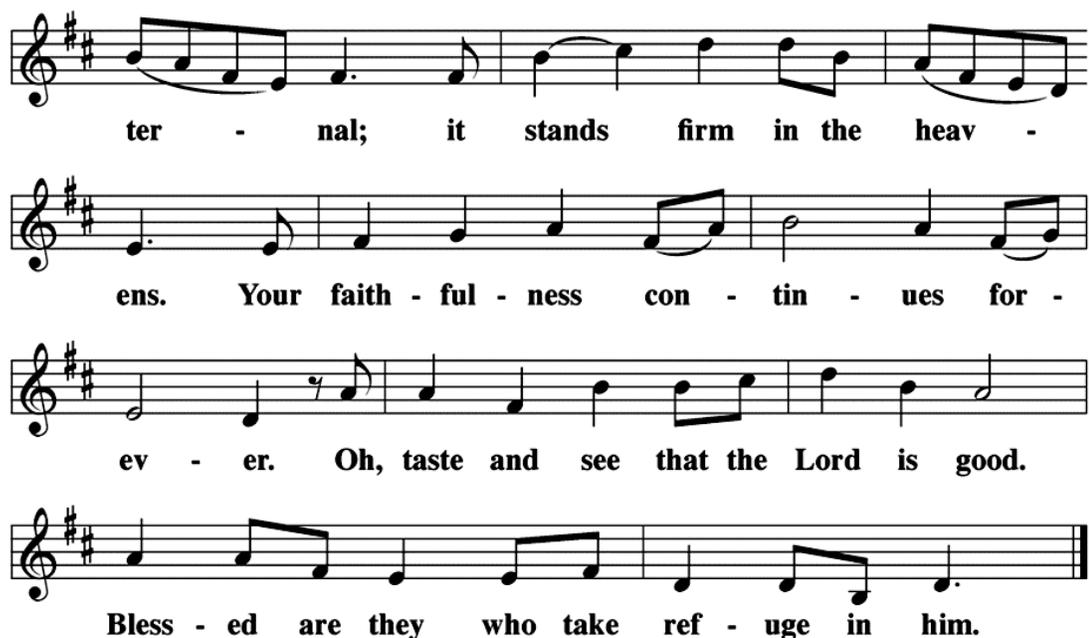
**L:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**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 -**



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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: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and**



C: A - men.

*Please be seated.*



**FIRST READING**

**Daniel 3:16-28**

<sup>16</sup>Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you about this matter. <sup>17</sup>Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty. <sup>18</sup>But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up.” <sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup>He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. <sup>21</sup>So

these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace. <sup>22</sup> Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire. <sup>23</sup> But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace. <sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, "Didn't we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?" They answered the king, "Certainly, Your Majesty." <sup>25</sup> He said, "Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods." <sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, "Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!" Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace. <sup>27</sup> The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to them. <sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king's command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

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#### PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 46** | pg. 84



*"The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."*

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#### SECOND READING

**Revelation 14:6,7**

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. <sup>7</sup> He said with a loud voice: Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

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#### VERSE OF THE DAY

**John 8:31, 32**

Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

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#### GOSPEL

**Mark 13:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Jesus began by telling them, "Be careful that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. <sup>7</sup> "Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup> In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>9</sup> But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. <sup>11</sup> Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



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

YOUTH HYMN

["A Mighty Fortress is Our God"](#)

SERMON Daniel 3:16-28

Theme: "The King Comes to Rescue His People"

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.)*



**Our lesson from Revelation 14 poses some interesting thoughts concerning stewardship. Do we ever connect our offerings with the word "eternal?" How long will my car last? How long can I go before I must replace the roof? My oven is about ready to fail—how long can I nurse it along? The money in our bank accounts and the things we own are far from eternal. The stock market dips and our money melts away. Our possessions in the garage and kitchen rust, leak, and eventually fall apart. Contrast that with the lasting effect our offerings have. When we share from the gifts that we possess, it enables pastors, teachers, and missionaries to proclaim the eternal gospel throughout the world. Can any other opportunity offer such a great return on our investment? God help us to always see all aspects of stewardship as they rightly are, a privilege and an opportunity to return our thanks to God for all he has blest us with!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we bring our heartfelt thanks that you restored the preaching of the Gospel and brought about the reformation of your church through your servant Martin Luther.

You did this not only in and through him, but through those who lived with and after him. In your great love for us, you have caused the message of salvation to be proclaimed to us in its truth and purity and poured out your Spirit on us to bring us to believe it and to be saved. That which you have begun for us and in us continue until you come again in glory.

**C: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

L: Heavenly Father, throughout history the message you have proclaimed to us through your prophets and through your Son has been, “Repent, and believe the good news.” Our stubborn hearts resist and rebel against your Law because it shows us our sin and makes it clear that we deserve your eternal judgment. Crush our sinful spirits day by day that we may live in the penitence and life to which you call us.

**C: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

L: Lord of the church, you have promised that your Word will be proclaimed in all the world before you return in glory. Through your apostle you have told us that our spreading of the Word will speed the coming of that day. You have also warned us that there will be those who will work to silence that message that the world needs to hear. Therefore daily give us renewed courage and confidence to speak that which you have revealed.

**C: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

L: O Holy Spirit, we pray for those who are opposed to the Gospel. You brought to faith after our Savior’s resurrection many who had strongly rejected him during his ministry. You have thwarted the plans of those who have tried to destroy the church. Continue to convert through the Gospel those who deny Jesus as their Redeemer and confound those who are hardened in their opposition to him.

**C: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.**

L: Open your ears now, O Lord, to our private petitions.

L: Heavenly Father, 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

**O GOD, OUR LORD, YOUR HOLY WORD | #204**

## 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:

### GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE | #293

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