



*Worship For November 24, 2021*

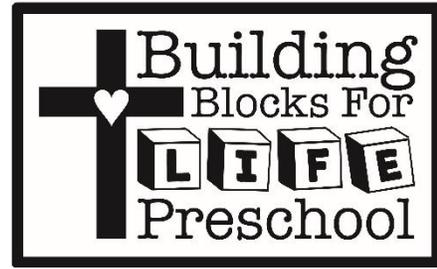
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## **WELCOME TO CHRIST!**

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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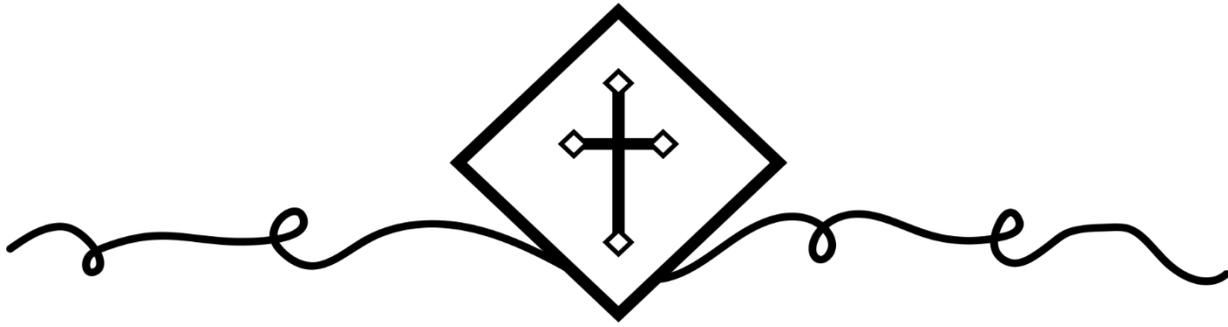
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## THANKFUL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

*Charles Dickens said that we are somewhat mixed up here in America. Instead of having just one Thanksgiving Day each year, we should have 364. "Use that one day just for complaining and griping," he said. "Use the other 364 days to thank God each day for the many blessings he has showered upon you."*

### PASTOR'S WELCOME

*Please Stand.*

### OPENING HYMN

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR BLESSINGS | #615**

### GATHERING

L: We give thanks to God in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

L: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

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.**

## Be Thankful during the ADVENT SEASON

Luke 1:39-47, 54-55

*Thank God for HIS GIFT OF HOPE*

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary got up and hurried to the hill country, to a town of Judah. <sup>40</sup>She entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>Just as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup>She called out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>In fact, just now, as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy! <sup>45</sup>Blessed is she who believed, because the promises spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!" <sup>46</sup>Then Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. <sup>54</sup>He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, <sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

HYMN OF THANKS

**OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL** | #23:1, 4

## Be Thankful during the CHRISTMAS SEASON

Luke 2:8-14

*Thank God for HIS GIFT OF JOY*

<sup>8</sup>There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind."

HYMN OF THANKS

**JOY TO THE WORLD** | #62:1, 2

## Be Thankful during the EPIPHANY SEASON

John 1:1-5,10-17

*Thank God for MAKING HIMSELF KNOWN TO US*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, to those who believe

in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God. <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> John testified about him. He cried out, "This was the one I spoke about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.'" <sup>16</sup> For out of his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF THANKS

**SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE | #82:1, 5**

### **Be Thankful during the LENTEN SEASON**

1 Corinthians 10:16,17

*Thank GOD for UNITING US, THROUGH HIS DEATH, TO HIMSELF AND HIS CHURCH*

<sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a Communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

HYMN OF THANKS

**TWAS ON THAT DARK, THAT DOLEFUL NIGHT | # 136**

### **Be Thankful during the EASTER SEASON**

1 Peter 1:3-9

*Thank God for OUR NEW BIRTH*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. <sup>5</sup> Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

<sup>6</sup> Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials <sup>7</sup> so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

HYMN OF THANKS

**WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE | #168**

## 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.)



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**L:** Heavenly Father, when you open you hand, you satisfy the desires of every living thing. May your name be praised and your grace glorified. Today we remember with joy the gifts you provide for us. Again and again you pour on us all that we need for daily living: health, strength, companionship, and all our material blessings. We thank you especially for the incomparable spiritual blessings you have given us through your Son. It is true that every good and perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

**C:** **Yet we are greedy and ungrateful. We complain and worry. Forgive us for these and all our sins in the name of Jesus. Prevent our many blessings from becoming Satan's trap to ensnare us. Keep our minds on things above, not on earthly things.**

**L:** On this day of national Thanksgiving, pour out your Spirit on us. Bless us all with a faith that seeks first your kingdom and your righteousness. Assure us that you will supply all our other needs as well. Make us bold to give as generously as you have given to us.

**C:** **Be with your people wherever they might be on this holiday. Protect those who are traveling. Cheer the hearts of the lonely, comfort those who sorrow, and look with compassion on the poor and needy.**

*Special prayers may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

Fill us today and every day with a humble and grateful faith that sincerely prays, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." It is also in that spirit of thankfulness we come to you with the prayer you 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.**

## Be Thankful during the PENTECOST SEASON

Galatians 5:16-25

*Thank God for the GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT*

<sup>16</sup> What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. <sup>17</sup> For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it.

HYMN OF THANKS

**FOR THE FRUIT OF HIS CREATION | #611**

## Be Thankful during the END TIME SEASON

Revelation 7:9-17

*Thank God for OUR WHITE ROBES*

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen. <sup>13</sup> One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?" And I answered him, "Sir, you know." <sup>14</sup> And he said to me: These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. <sup>16</sup> They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

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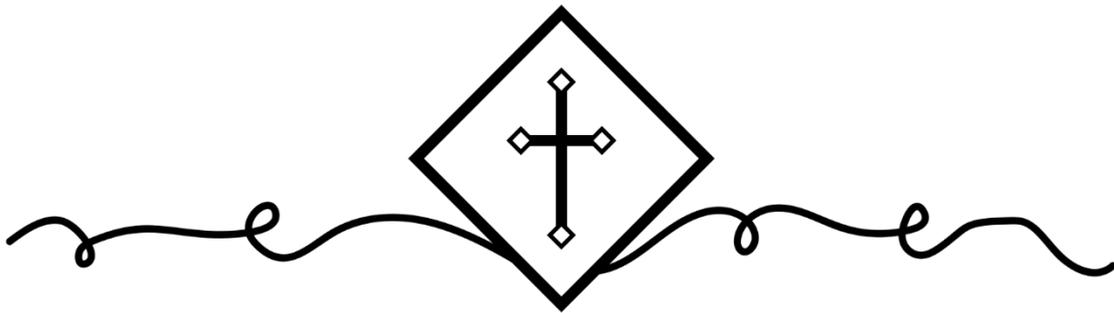
**COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME | #613:3, 4**

## THE LORD'S BLESSING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN 610 "Now Thank We All Our God"



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