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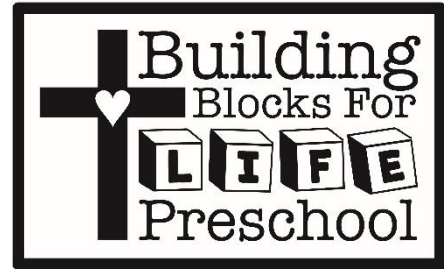
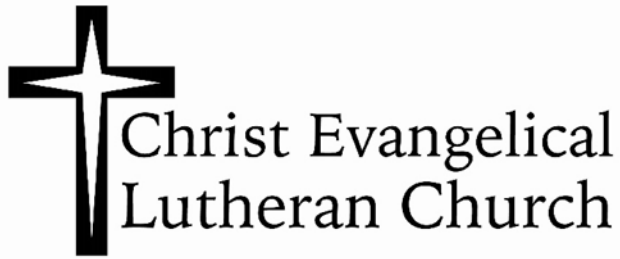
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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

THE ADVENT OF OUR KING | #1

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

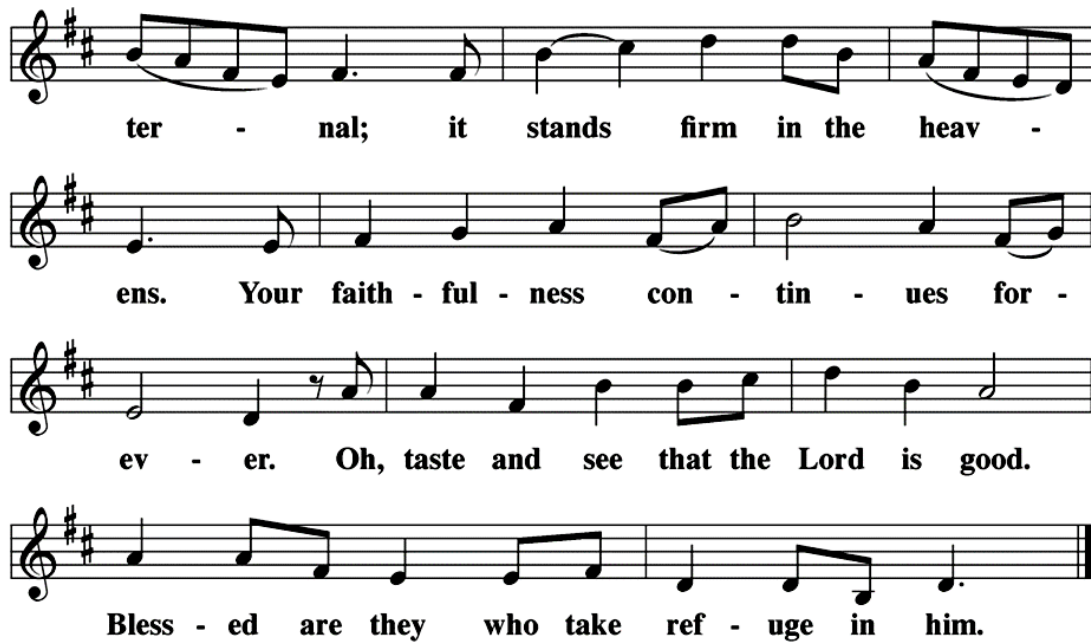
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated.



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 25 | pg. 74

"To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God."



SECOND READING

1st Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

VERSE OF THE DAY

REVELATION 22:20

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, ³⁰ saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. ³⁷ As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!^[b] Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



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

YOUTH HYMN

["Behold a Branch is Growing"](#)

SERMON Jeremiah 33:14-16

Theme: "Deliverance"

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) and selecting the "Donate" tab under "About" in the site menu.)



Stewardship of our faith is highlighted in Luke 21 and there it begs us ask, are you ready? Have all your moments of all your days been spent in preparation for the end? Or, as Jesus said, are you weighed down with all the things that seem so important but really aren't? There is only one way for us to be prepared for Jesus' return. The forgiveness Jesus earned on the cross makes us ready. We are clean. We are perfect. We are holy. We can stand up and hold our heads high because we belong to him. Meanwhile, we wait. We wonder when he will come. We take care of the things he has entrusted to us, knowing that we can't hold onto them forever. The only thing that will last, the most important thing that we possess, is Jesus' promise. He's coming, and he's coming soon. Amen! Come soon, Lord Jesus!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Heavenly Father, we come before you today thankful for all the blessings that you have given to us. We have our problems, challenges, and difficulties – there's no denying that that – but our situation is not as dire as it has sometimes been for your people throughout history. In your undeserved goodness to us, we have peace and prosperity that many in this world are lacking. Most importantly, by your grace we know you and your promises and protection and redemption, and so have a firm foundation for enjoying what you have supplied.

C: Keep our faith strong that we may retain a solid grip on the life that is truly life. Grant us true peace and joy, this season and always.

L: Dear Lord, we are in the middle of being bombarded with messages urging us to buy into the world's version of celebrating Christmas, a version focused on parties and purchases, on "warm fuzzies" and cold cash – on anything but you and the reason you came into this world.

C: Keep us grounded in you so that we are not seduced by the false hopes and empty promises that the world sets before us. Our prayer is that of Martin Luther: "Ah, dearest

Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled Within my heart, made clean and new, A quiet chamber kept for you.”

L: O Holy Spirit, our hearts go out to those who are suffering various trials in our own land, whether it be because of stormy weather, natural disasters, economic hardship, personal tragedies, or anything else. Comfort all in their distress and grant them relief according to your wisdom.

C: Give us hearts like yours that are generous so that we may be ones through whom you bring your help to those in need.

L: Smile upon our efforts to share your Word in the upcoming weeks, whether it be as individuals, as a congregation, or as a synod. There are those for whom the Christmas season is a time of despair rather than one of delight. They have no peace, they have no joy, because they know only the pain and sorrow that are the result of sin. They know nothing of your love and forgiveness. Help us to be ones who share those gifts.

C: Be with our missionaries and teachers in foreign lands to enable them to spread the joy of the Christmas message in places where we cannot go.

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

L: Heavenly Father, with hearts thankful for the answers to our prayers you have given in the past, we bring all our petitions before you in the name of our Advent Lord 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

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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.



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

CLOSING HYMN:

IN GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD | #438