

# ADVENT

*Worship Folder for December 12, 2021*

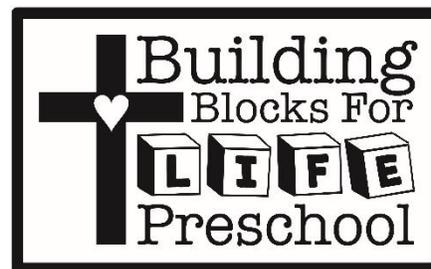
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## WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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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# COMMON SERVICE

*This liturgy, found on page 15 in the red hymnal, is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

**ARISE, O CHRISTIAN PEOPLE** | #14

*Please Stand.*

## GATHERING

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie Eleison*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## ABSOLUTION

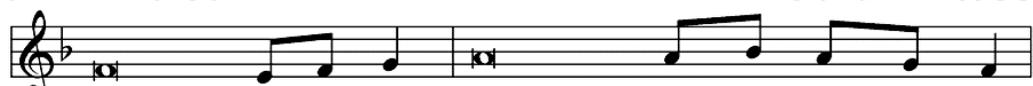
L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) **Amen.**

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

## GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: (sings) *And also with you.*

L: Let us pray.

C: **Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: (sings) *Amen*

*Please be seated.*

# THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**Zephaniah 3:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> Sing out, daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, you daughter of Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup> The LORD has removed the judgment against you. He has turned back your enemy. Israel's king, the LORD, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster. <sup>16</sup> In that day Jerusalem will be told, "Do not be afraid, O Zion. Do not give up. <sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you as a hero who will save you. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing."

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 130 | pg. 114**

*"I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope."*



## SECOND READING

**Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Matthew 11:10**

*Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. Please stand.*

L: Our Savior meets us in the Gospel according to Luke 3.



**C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 3:7-18**

<sup>7</sup> So John kept saying to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore produce fruits in keeping with repentance! Do not even think of saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' because I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. <sup>9</sup> Even now the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is going to be cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup> The crowds began to ask him, "What should we do then?" <sup>11</sup> He answered them, "Whoever has two shirts should share with the person who has none, and whoever has food should do the same." <sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized. They said, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup> To them he said, "Collect no more than what you were authorized to." <sup>14</sup> Soldiers were also asking him, "And what should we do?" He told them, "Do not extort money from anyone by force or false accusation. Be satisfied with your wages." <sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor.

He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”  
18 Then with many other words, he appealed to them and was preaching good news to the people.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## APOSTLE’S 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**

*Please be seated.*

## YOUTH HYMN

["Hear the Bells"](#)

SERMON                      **Zephaniah 3:14-17**  
**Theme: “Anticipation”**

## 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.)*



**Have you ever considered how waiting can be good stewardship? Waiting for someone to arrive or for something to happen can seem like an incredible waste of time, yet that’s exactly what the inspired writer of Psalm 130 instructs us to do. When troubled by a recent tragedy or burdened by our countless sins, the Christian cries out to the Lord for help and forgiveness. The forgiveness is ours already by faith in Jesus. The Lord’s help may linger, but that’s not wasted time, for he has promised to help us in the way and at the time that is right according to his plans, not ours.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, again today you have brought us to rejoice in you. You have drawn our eyes away from that which we see around us, that which we know and experience in our lives, and given us a few moments to reflect on you and all that you have done for us and will continue to do for us. Your undeserved goodness to us is the answer to the fears that haunt us, the worries that nag us, and is the solid replacement for the superficial reasons the world says we should have joy.

**C: Thank you for this blessing. Keep our focus on you as we go about our lives in the week ahead so that we may continue to rejoice.**

L: Lord Jesus, our Savior, you call us to reflect in our daily walk the new life you have given us. Cause it to be so with each of us. Enable us to carry out our responsibilities, whether it be as parent or child, employer or employee – whatever it might be – in such a way that you may be seen in us.

**C: Free us from the shackles of any guilt we might have because of what we have done or left undone in the past. You have taken care of all of that. Give us the strength to go forward in you.**

L: O Holy Spirit, you fill our hearts with the peace that passes understanding. Preserve that peace in us as the activities of the Christmas season continue. We're busy with our various preparations for celebrating the day. Enable us to keep perspective so that this season will be first and foremost about remembering Jesus' birth, and everything else will be secondary.

**C: Make us ones through whom you bring your peace to others so that they may share the blessing we enjoy.**

L: Among the many gifts you give us, Lord, are the authorities you place over us in our lives for our good. We thank you for parents, teachers, government officials, spiritual authorities, and all others who are in such roles.

**C: Be with them that they may carry out their various responsibilities wisely and well. Cause our hearts to honor them, even when we disagree with them, knowing that in so doing we also honor you.**

L: Ruler of nations, you caused an emperor who didn't know or believe in you to issue the decree that brought the fulfillment of your prophecy and promise. Do not let us forget that you are still guiding and directing for your purposes all things done by all governments.

**C: Be with the rulers of every nation, whether they know and confess you or not. Cause them to rule with righteousness for the benefit of all, especially those who believe in you.**

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

L: These and all our prayers and requests we bring in the name of our Advent Lord who has taught us to pray:

