

# ADVENT

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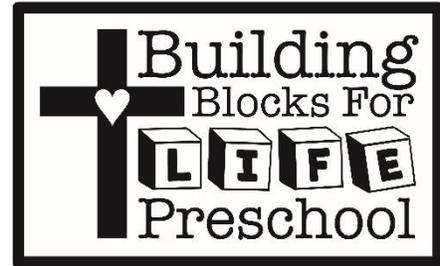
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## **WELCOME TO CHRIST!**

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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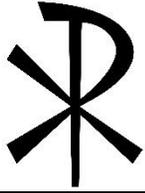
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# DIVINE SERVICE I

This liturgy, found on page 15 in the blue supplement, is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

**OH, COME, OH, COME EMMANUEL** | #23

*Please Stand.*

## GATHERING

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

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Fellow loved ones of Christ: 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*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

## 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: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

## GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

All Sing: **Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly, King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory,  
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
Receive our prayer,  
Receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Glory to God, glory to God!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup> But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,

though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
from you, will go out the one who will be the ruler for me in Israel.  
His goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of eternity.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore the LORD will give them up,

until the time when the woman who is in labor bears a child.

Then the remaining survivors from his brothers will return to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd with the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

They will dwell securely, for at that time he will be great to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> This one will be their peace.



"I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

"SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Therefore when he entered the world, Christ said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you prepared a body for me. <sup>6</sup>You were not pleased with burnt offerings and sin offerings. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Here I am. I have come to do your will, God. In the scroll of the book it is written about me." <sup>8</sup>First he said: Sacrifices and offerings that were offered according to the law, both burnt offerings and sin offerings, you did not desire, and you were not pleased with them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said: Here I am. I have come to do your will. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>By this will, we have been sanctified once and for all, through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 1:23

Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia. (Matthew 1:23)

*Please stand.*

L: The Gospel according to Luke 1.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55

<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>48</sup>because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup>because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones. He has lifted up the lowly. <sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty. <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.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## YOUTH HYMN

["Come Thou Fount--All Sons and Daughters"](#)

SERMON     **Micah 5:2-5a**  
Theme: **"Peace"**

## CREATE IN ME

*Psalm 51*

All sing: **Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit with in me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence  
Or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## 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 felt ashamed of your offerings to God? Micah 5:2-5 gives us something wonderful to think about. There we see how our God takes the lowly and despised things of this world and exalts them in**

service to his eternal and saving kingdom! He did that with lowly Bethlehem, elevating it as the town in which the God-man entered our world. He does the same with his people. He has completed a spiritual makeover in us. He has made condemned sinners into royal priests who have the privilege of serving him, offering him the sacrifices of our lives.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord Jesus, we give you our heartfelt thanks that, in your great love for us, you came to earth to be one of us to rescue us from the death and damnation that were ours because of our sin. In Adam we died. In you we have life – life in heaven because we are declared perfect in you; life here on earth as you free us from the shackles of sin and guilt and allow us to enjoy what you have created for us while we await the day we will be with you in paradise.

**C: We rejoice in you, O Lord, for you have done great things for us; holy is your name.**

L: Heavenly Father, you adopt us to be your sons and daughters through the One who is your eternal Son. What a blessing! We know we don't deserve it, yet you give us not only that, but everything else we need for life. Because of your love for us we have gladness of heart even when life gets challenging or discouraging. Give us souls that are fully content in you.

**C: We rejoice in you, O Lord, for you have done great things for us; holy is your name.**

L: Holy Spirit, keep us strong in the faith to which you have called us. Let your power overflow in our lives so that we daily are transformed and live the love and righteousness to which you have called us in all that we think and say and are and do.

**C: We rejoice in you, O Lord, for you have done great things for us; holy is your name.**

L: We ask your blessing, Lord, on all people in the days ahead. Many will be travelling; keep them safe so that sadness will not be brought to this season of joy. Some will experience sorrow or tragedy; let them find comfort in who you are and what you have done. Be with those who are separated from family and friends; ease the absence with your presence. Fill the hungry with good things; be their eternal contentment in this temporary world. Raise up the humbled by pointing them to the truth that the eternal God has honored us by taking on himself our human nature.

**C: Most importantly, O Lord, cause those who do not yet know you to learn of your love and what it has done that they may rejoice in you as we do.**

L: In this season in which so many people seek a “peace on earth, good will to men” built on the here-and-now and are disappointed because it cannot be in this sinful world, change their focus to find the peace that the world cannot give, the peace that transcends all human understanding, the peace that is found only in you.

**C: Sustain that peace in us so that we always rejoice in you.**

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

L: 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.

## THE SACRAMENT

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line and a circled number 8, indicating a repeat.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1Corinthians 11:23-25

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) AMEN

LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

O Christ, Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to use God's Holy Word. Therefore, we invite only current members of Christ, (and those from sister WELS and ELS congregations) come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. Thank you so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

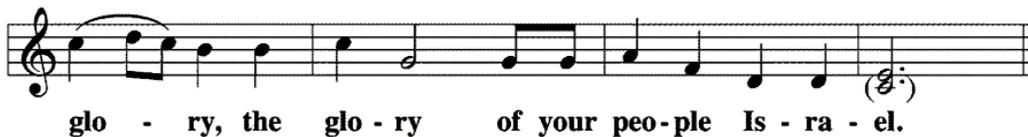
⇒ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## NOW PRAISE WE CHRIST, THE HOLY ONE | #39

### Song of Simeon

### Nunc Dimittis



L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

L: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (spoken) AMEN.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE LORD'S BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

L: 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: (spoken) AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN:

**SEE IN YONDER MANGER LOW | #58**