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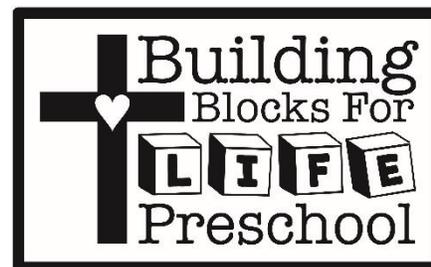
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## WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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 WORD & SACRAMENT

You can follow along with this service order on page 26 in the front of the red hymnal.

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

Please Stand.

## PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY #702

## 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: 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.**

## 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: Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

## Kyrie Eleison

L: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C: Lord, have mer - cy.**

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C: Christ, have mer - cy.**

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

L: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

*O Lord, Our Lord*



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: A - men.

*Please be seated*



**FIRST READING**

**Malachi 3:1-4**

Look! I am sending my messenger! He will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord, whom you are seeking, will come to his temple! The Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight, will surely come, says the LORD of Armies. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day when he comes? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire, like launderers' bleach! <sup>3</sup> He will be seated like a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and like silver. They will belong to the LORD and bring him an offering in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Judah and Jerusalem's offerings will be pleasing to the LORD as they were in the days of old, in years long ago.

PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 24* | pg. 73

"Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty - he is the King of glory."

SECOND READING

**Philippians 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in this grace with me. <sup>8</sup>Yes, God is my witness of how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. <sup>10</sup>This will result in your approval of the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Luke 3:4, 6**

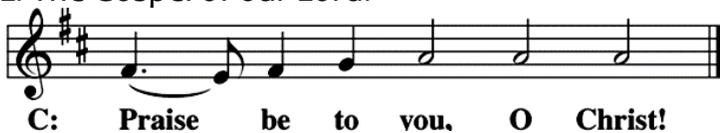
Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

**Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene— <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into the whole region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>Just as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low. The crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth. <sup>6</sup>And everyone will see the salvation of God."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



*Please be seated.*

YOUTH HYMN

["Comfort, Comfort, All My People"](#)

SERMON

**Malachi 3:1-4**

**Theme: "Fulfillment"**

## 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.**

## 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.)*



**What makes something “ours”? Is it because it was handed down to us from our ancestors or because we received it after an investment of sweat and labor? David reminds us in Psalm 24 that “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it,” that the only one who can truly claim ownership of anything in this world is the one who “founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.” As we handle the possessions in our care, may we always remember who has entrusted them to us!**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L:** Heavenly Father, we give you our heartfelt thanks that throughout the ages you have kept your promise to send your servants to proclaim your Word to your people. Through the prophets of old, through John the Baptist, and through your own Son Jesus Christ, your Word clothed in human form, you have revealed to us your will that we might know you and the Savior whom you have sent. You continue to fulfill that promise to us also by sending us ministers of the Gospel to proclaim to us your message of sin and grace.

**C: Keep our ears and hearts open to your message so that we continue to live in the repentance to which you have called us. Carry on in us, especially during this Christmas season, that good work which you have begun in us that we might be blessed in you and that others might be blessed in us.**

**L:** O Holy Spirit, there are many who still have not heard the truth that is in Jesus. Be with the missionaries who carry that message to the places where we cannot go, whether those places

be near or far, at home or abroad, that all might know that name through which we must be saved. Continue to give to our emissaries the spirit of the prophets of old that they may proclaim your word with boldness and clarity.

**C: Move us to continue to support your workers richly with our prayers and offerings. Give us that same spirit that we may take advantage of the opportunities that you provide us to share your Word with those around us.**

L: Lord of the nations, our elected officials in Washington, D.C., continue their work. As they consider the items on the agenda that they must complete before the end of the year give them wisdom, humility and insight so that any legislation they pass or any other actions they take serve your purposes and the well-being of our country.

**C: Be also with those who serve in non-elected roles: the civil servants who carry out the laws that have been passed; the members of the military who protect this country from those who wish to harm it; the judiciary who decide the proper application of the law. Give them integrity and courage to do their duties in uprightness.**

L: Lord of the church, we pray for the many Christians who are face-to-face with followers of false religions who are intent on destroying them either by compelling them to convert or killing them if they do not. Give them strength to hold fast to you and not to let go. More importantly, hold fast to them. Protect and deliver them from the dangers they face. Thwart the plans and attacks of those who seek to harm them.

**C: Cause also the unbelieving of the world to understand the nature of such religions so that they are not deceived by them. Shine the light of your Word into their hearts – and into the hearts of those who hold to all false faiths – so that they know and believe the truth.**

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

L: Heavenly Father, we offer these and all our prayers and requests in the name of your Son 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

### PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

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

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: (sings) *We lift them up to the Lord.***

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



**C:** (sings) *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

L: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 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: A - men.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: 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.

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

JESUS YOUR BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS | #376

Song of Praise

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER

L: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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:

LIFY UP YOUR HEADS, YOU MIGHTY GATES | #3

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