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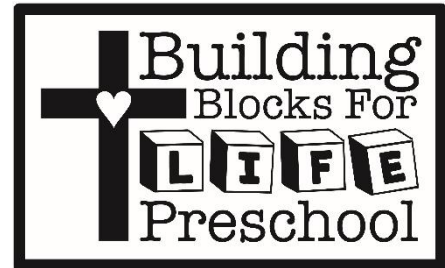
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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.

NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE | #34

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,



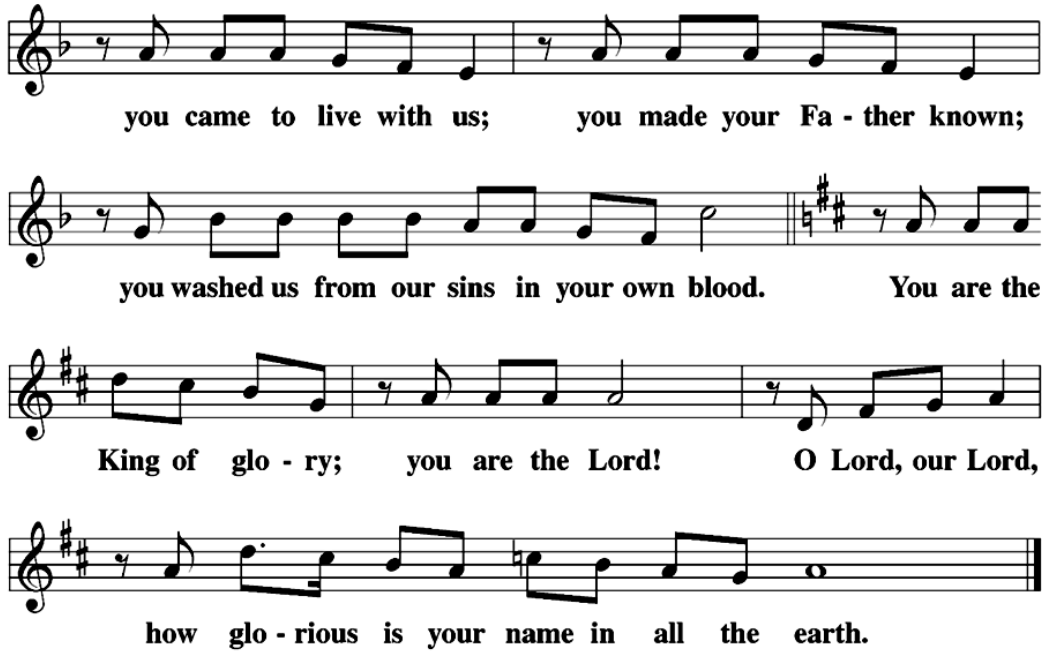
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



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: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; 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

Genesis 17:1-7

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty. Walk before me and be blameless. ² I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will make your descendants very numerous.” ³ Abram fell on his face. God spoke with him. He said, ⁴ “As for me, this is my covenant with you. You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ Your name will not be Abram anymore, but your name will be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a large group of nations. ⁶ I will make you extremely fruitful, and I will produce nations from you. Kings will come out of you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you and your

descendants after you as an everlasting covenant throughout their generations. I will be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 148 | pg. 121

"Forever let us sing the goodness of the Lord."



SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 98:3b

Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited us and prepared redemption for his people. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ just as he said long ago through the mouth of his holy prophets. ⁷¹ He raised up salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, ⁷² in order to show mercy to our fathers by remembering his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath which he swore to Abraham our father, ⁷⁴ to grant deliverance to us from the hand of our enemies, so that we are able to serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, because you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of God's tender mercies, by which the Rising Sun from on high will visit us, ⁷⁹ to shine on those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

YOUTH HYMN

["Every Step"](#)

SERMON Luke 1:68-79
Theme: “Reflect on this Rescue Plan”

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



What a Christmas gift Galatians 4:4-7 highlighted! God sent his own Son to be born into this world to redeem us from sin and death. The infinite took on the finite. The one through whom all things were created was born of a woman. He comes into our hearts and creates the faith that can call God “Our Father.” We are sons—legal heirs—of God, who owns everything. How do we say thank you for such great gifts? By using the family fortune shared with us to help bring more and more people into the family of faith.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings that we can celebrate \|['today. You have clothed us with robes of righteousness. You have adopted us to be your sons and daughters. You have poured out on us every spiritual blessing that we need. You have provided for our physical welfare. You have brought us safely into a new year.

C: Strengthen our confidence that, as you have been with us in the past, so you will be with us in the days to come. Enable us to find our peace and joy in you no matter what our personal circumstances might be. Let us be ones through whom others know that same peace and joy.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate your birth and remember at the same time that you are King of kings and Lord of Lords. You rule over all things for our benefit. Rule in our hearts. Give us the ability to defeat the desires of our sinful nature which always wants to rebel against you. You saved us by serving us. Instill in us the same attitude that we may serve both you and those around us.

C: By your power and authority guide and direct the affairs of the nations of this world. Be with our political leaders that they may govern wisely and well. If it is your will, let us enjoy peace. Most importantly, direct all things that your Gospel may go to those who need to hear it.

L: Holy Spirit, you convict us and all people as sinners through the preaching of the Law, and bring comfort to us through the message that our sins have been forgiven. Strengthen our faith and increase our understanding of what you have revealed. Enable us to see the glory of God in the great love he has for us.

C: Be with our missionaries, especially those who work in places where there can be violent opposition to the truth. Strengthen them to proclaim your Word clearly and faithfully. Be with the Christians who face the attacks of those who want to compel them to worship a false god. Be with the members of our own congregation whose faith is weak to restore them to full trust and life in the one true God.

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

L: Heavenly Father, you hold us in your hands. To you we lift our hearts and hands in prayer. Hear us for the sake 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. When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. 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.

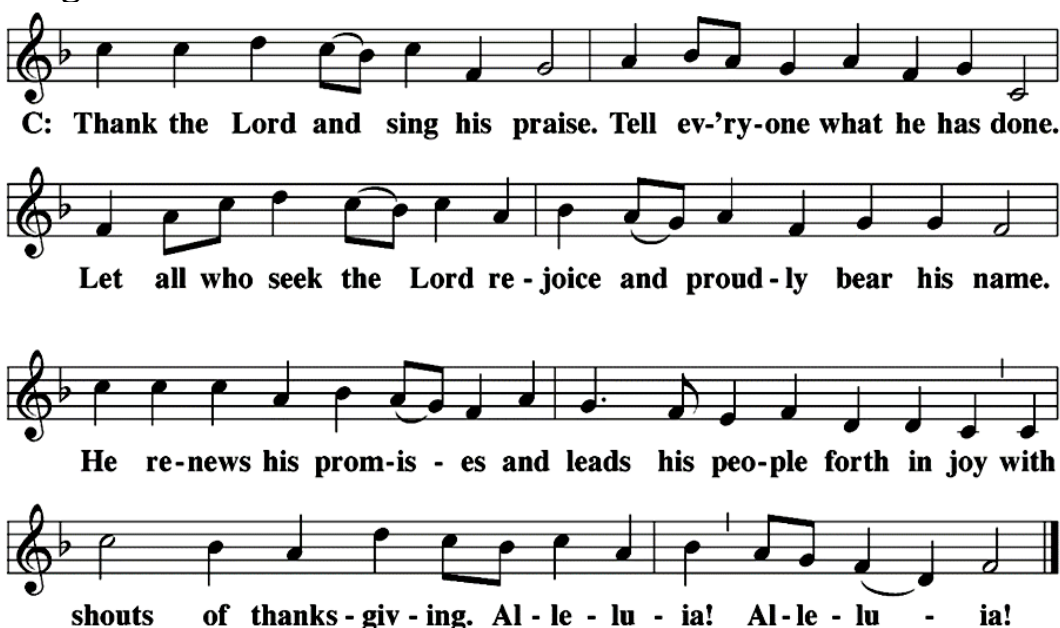
‡ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

YOUR LITTLE ONES, DEAR LORD, ARE WE | #46

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:

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW | #334

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