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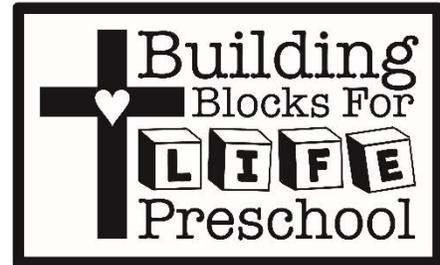
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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

TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US | #339

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

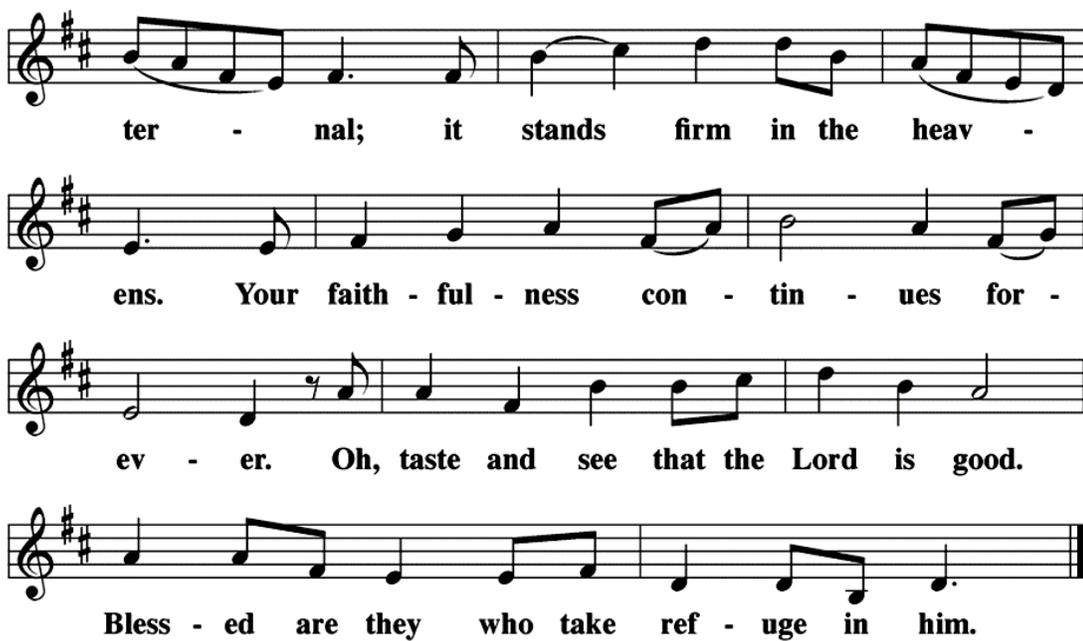
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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 -



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; 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.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say:

I will give thanks to you, LORD,
 for though you were angry with me,
 your anger has turned away,
 and you comfort me.

² Surely God is my salvation.

I will trust him and will not be afraid,
 because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and song,
 and he has become my salvation.

³ Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ In that day you will say:

Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name.
Declare among the peoples what he has done.
Proclaim that his name is exalted!
⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things!
Let this be known in all the earth!
⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion,
for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 32 | pg. 78

"Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him."



SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-10

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³ Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴ so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. ⁵ To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶ Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷ For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ He told them this parable: ¹¹ Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up, go to my father, and tell him,

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” ²⁰“He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. ²¹The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’ Then they began to celebrate. ²⁵“His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. ²⁷The servant told him, ‘Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹“He answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I’ve been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹“The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³²But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



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

SOLOIST

Worthy is the Lamb

Thank you for the cross, Lord.
Thank you for the price you paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love you came and gave amazing grace.
Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in your cleansing flow, now all I know, your forgiveness and embrace.
Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.
Crown you now with many crowns you reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

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SERMON **Luke 15:11-32**

Theme: “Our Condemnation is Crushed by God’s Grace”

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. (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.)



Romans 8:1-10 reminds us that for those controlled by the sinful nature, it’s impossible to live a life of God-pleasing stewardship. Their only focus is on themselves, instead of on God. Because Jesus perfectly met the righteous requirements of God’s law in our place and paid for our sins, and because we’ve been set free by the Spirit working faith in our hearts, we’re now able to live a life of God-pleasing stewardship using all that we have in loving service to God. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, in your great love for us you have made us your own. You have sent your Son to redeem us from our sin and guilt. You have poured out your Holy Spirit on us to bring us to believe this good news and have transformed us through it. You have given us peace and joy by leading us to understand that our salvation is certain, not because of anything we do or are, but because of what you have done and who you are.

C: It is in the peace and joy of that salvation that we worship you today. We thank you for your continuing love and mercy.

L: Almighty God, in your wisdom and love and mercy, you allow trials and tribulations, sorrows and sufferings, to come into our lives. You do so that we might be blessed through them. Give us the insight and faith to recognize that you will guide and direct all things in this life for our good. Enable us to grow in perseverance and Christian character as we deal with these difficulties that we might realize more fully why we can and do rejoice in you.

C: Let those who are groaning under such burdens in life – we ask this especially for those who live in Ukraine – retain the confidence that you have not deserted them nor has your love for them grown cold. Strengthen them by your power and through your Word. If it is your will, give them relief from their distress. Enable us to be ones through whom you bring your goodness to those in need.

L: Lord, you rejoice over us like the father in Scripture rejoiced over the return of his wayward son. We are blessed to know that this is the way that you feel about us.

C: Fill us with your spirit that we may have the same attitude toward all who repent of their sins and come to you. Help us to take hold of all that we have in Jesus so that through him we may live life to the full both now and in eternity.

L: Dear Savior, when you suffered and died and rose again, you did that not just for a few, not just for us – you did it for all. At the first Pentecost there were believers from many different places speaking many different languages who, at the end of that day, joined in one confession of faith. We rejoice that you keep Pentecost alive in the church today as you bring believers from different cultures and languages together in local congregations.

C: Give us strength to overcome any fears or prejudices we might have that would hinder or prevent such a reality among us. Continue to smile upon the efforts of your people to reach out to one another in cross-cultural ministries.

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

L: Eternal Father, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day and week. Keep us and those we love from all harm and danger and bless all that we do in your name. These and all our prayers we bring before you through 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.

HYMN

Amazing Grace | #379

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.



CLOSING HYMN:

JESUS SINNERS DOES RECEIVE | #304

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