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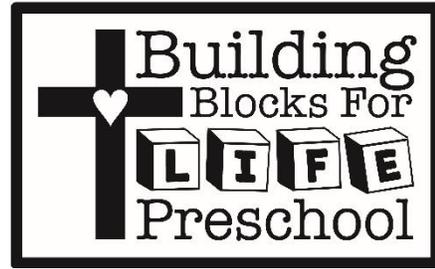
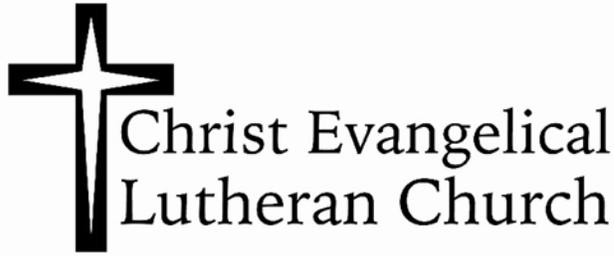
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT | #771

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

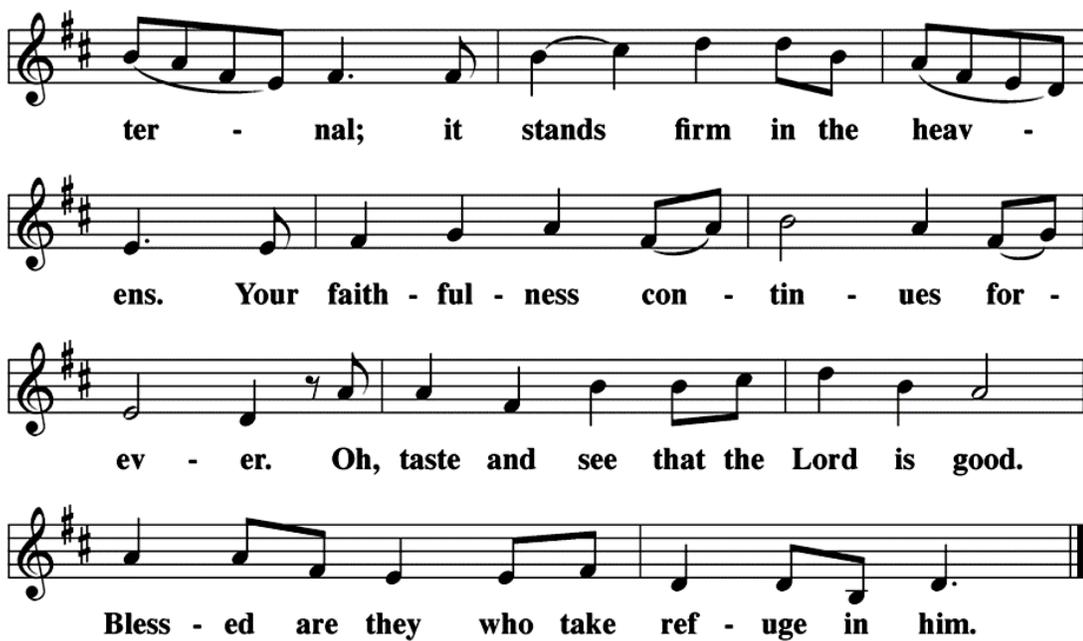
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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 -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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

Acts 14:8-22

⁸In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. ⁹When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith to be healed. ¹⁰Paul said in a loud voice, “Stand up on your feet!” And the man jumped up and began to walk. ¹¹When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form.” ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices along with the crowds. ¹⁴But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵“Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in

them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness.” ¹⁸ Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them. ¹⁹ Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds to stone Paul. When they thought he was dead, they dragged him out of the city. ²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered around him, he stood up and went into the city. The next day, he left with Barnabas for Derbe. ²¹ After they preached the good news in that city and had gathered many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, “We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 65 | pg.89



"The earth is full of the goodness of our God!"

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:21-27

²¹ The twelve gates are twelve pearls. Each of the gates is made out of one pearl. And the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass. ²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ There is no day when its gates will be shut, for there will be no night in that place. ²⁶ They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ Nothing that is unclean and no one who does what is detestable or who tells lies will ever enter it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. *Please stand.*

GOSPEL

John 16:16-24

¹⁶ “In a little while you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father.” ¹⁷ Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, “What does he mean when he tells us, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going away to the Father?’” ¹⁸ So they kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he’s saying.” ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me’? ²⁰ Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. ²¹ A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of her joy that a person has been born into the world. ²² “So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away

from you. ²³In that day you will not ask me anything. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ²⁴Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



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

YOUTH HYMN

["Peace Like A River"](#)

SERMON Revelation 21:21-27

Theme: Victorious: "Joy Over Circumstance"

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.)



Paul's appeal to the citizens at Lystra from our reading in Acts 14 is timely for us, too. Turn away from worthless things. There are so many things that tempt us to sin; yet, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we turn to the living God. He provides all that we need for life in this world and, even more, all we need for eternal life with him in heaven.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: “My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.” Heavenly Father, that is the promise your Son gave to his disciples the night before he died for our sins. He knew what we would be facing as we lived in this world and that we would need what only you can supply. It is why he himself prayed for us and promised to send his Holy Spirit to comfort and intercede for us.

C: We thank you for all that you have given to us: Word and Sacrament to bring us to and keep us in the faith, strength to face challenges, comfort when we have been saddened, forgiveness and restoration when we have fallen, joy through the beauty and blessings you bestow on us; peace in the knowledge that you hold us and our lives securely in your hands.

L: Lord Jesus, in your great love for us you have brought us together as an assembly of diverse individuals to be one body in you. We each have our strengths and weaknesses, our skills and those areas where abilities are lacking. We gratefully acknowledge your goodness in supplying in this way both what we need to receive from others and the opportunity to serve them with our gifts.

C: Maintain in us a humble spirit that remembers that all that we are and have is from you. Grant us hearts that embrace your will for our lives so that we put our talents and abilities to use in your service in every aspect of our daily walk. Grant us eyes to see the times and places where we can be your representatives to those around us.

L: Dear Savior, we aren't in heaven yet and so we have the trials and tribulations that come to us in this life.

C: Keep before us the glory that awaits us in the New Jerusalem so that we continue to press on toward the goal to which you have called us.

L: Lord of the church, just over a week ago we celebrated Call Day at our college; this coming week we will do the same at our seminary. We thank you for those you have given us who will be going out to work in your harvest field. Be with both the graduates and the congregations they will be serving so that their labors together will be ones of mutual benefit and blessing.

C: We also know, O Lord, that there are other congregations, us included in that number, that did not or will not receive the workers for which they asked. Be with them as they are compelled to revise their plans. Provide them with what they need so that their ministries may continue to reach out to the lost and retain those whom you have found. Let them know your strength and peace. Move the hearts of those who are able to do so to prepare for work in your kingdom.

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

L: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable as we pray that which you have taught us:

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

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED | #759

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 LIVES ! THE VICTORY'S WON | #145

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