

# Victorious

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Christ Lutheran Church

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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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# COMMON SERVICE

*This liturgy, found on page 15 in the red hymnal, is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

## MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS | #382

*Please Stand.*

## GATHERING

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

C: (sings) **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Beloved in the Lord: 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*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## 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: (sings) **Amen.**

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

## GLORY BE TO GOD

## *Gloria in Excelsis*



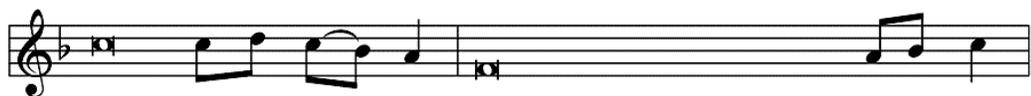
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

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

L: Let us pray.

C: **O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: (sings) ***Amen.***

*Please be seated.*

# THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**Acts 13:15, 16a, 26-39**

<sup>15</sup> After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Gentlemen, brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, say it.”  
<sup>16</sup> Then Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, <sup>26</sup> “Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham’s family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. <sup>27</sup> The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup> When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people. <sup>32</sup> “We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. <sup>33</sup> God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: You are my Son. Today I have begotten you. <sup>34</sup> “That God would raise him from the dead never again to be subject to decay, God said in this way: I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David. <sup>35</sup> “Therefore he also says in another place: You will not let your Holy One see decay. <sup>36</sup> “For David, after he had served God’s purpose in his own generation, fell asleep, was laid to rest with his fathers, and saw decay. <sup>37</sup> But the One God raised did not see decay. <sup>38</sup> “So, gentlemen, brothers, let it be known to you that through this Jesus forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, also forgiveness from everything from which you could not be justified through the law of Moses. <sup>39</sup> In this Jesus, everyone who believes is justified.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 23 | pg.72**

*"Life will not always be easy for the Christian, but at all times our Shepherd will take care of us."*



## SECOND READING

**Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen. <sup>13</sup> One of the elders spoke to me and said, “These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?” And I answered him, “Sir, you know.” <sup>14</sup> And he said to me: These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. <sup>16</sup> They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 10:14

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

L: Our Savior meets us in the Gospel according to John 10.



**C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup> Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father’s name testify about me. <sup>26</sup> But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

APOSTLE’S 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**

*Please be seated.*

YOUTH HYMN

[“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”](#)

SERMON

John 10:22-30

**Theme: Victorious: “Fulfilled Works Over Empty Words”**

## CREATE IN ME

Psalm 51

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## 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](http://www.christcambridge.com)) and selecting the "Donate" tab under "About" in the site menu.)



## Acts 13:15,16a,26-39

"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep." God has a purpose for each one of us. It can be easy to sometimes question or doubt this but the truth is He has given all of us gifts to use as we spread the good news of God's love and reflect the Lord's love in our relationships with our fellow human beings. We serve God's purpose until the time he takes us to our heavenly home.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: O Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we give you our heartfelt thanks that you kept your Word. You said you had the authority to lay down your life and also to take it up again, and that is what you did. You said that you would gather other sheep into your sheepfold, and you have brought us in. Give us confidence that, as you kept your word then, so you will keep your promises to us today.

C: When we traverse the valley of the shadow of death, enable us to hold to the promise that you are with us. When we find ourselves engaged in struggles against our enemies, help us to see the table you spread before us to refresh us. Ever lead us in the paths of righteousness to which you call us.

L: Lord Jesus, you told your disciples that you had other sheep that were not yet in your flock whom you wanted to make your own. Those words are still true today. Continue to make us willing to seek out and find those sheep, whether they be in a strongly Muslim nation like

Pakistan or Indonesia, or in a cosmopolitan city like London, England, or in places in our own country where it seems your Word and the Gospel are basically unknown. In these and many other places you still cause your Word to be shared and through it bring people to faith in you. We praise you for your love and mercy.

**C: Protect those who come to faith from the very real dangers they face, whether it be the threat of death because they have converted, being cut off from family or ostracized from society, loss of job or any other hardship. Enable them to stand firm in you so that many others may come to know you.**

L: “I was sick and in prison and you visited me.” With those words, dear Savior, you gave hope to those who are incarcerated, and instruction to those who are not. You identified with those who are behind bars, promising them you haven’t abandoned them. You encouraged your own to show your love to those who might seem to be unlovable.

**C: We thank you for enabling us as a synod to carry on a ministry to those who need hear your Word. Bless the labors of those who serve in this work. Unite us with them in spirit and in truth.**

L: Lord Jesus, during your earthly life your Heavenly Father granted you the blessing of a mother’s love and care. You, in turn, gave her the love and respect she deserved. That you were divine and she was human made no difference. That she made mistakes while you were perfect did not change anything. You honored and loved her as one given to you for your good.

**C: Maintain in us the same kind of understanding and love. Bless those who are mothers with your strength, your love, your wisdom, gentleness and understanding that they may carry out their responsibilities in a way that brings blessing both to them and those in their care. We especially pray that you cause them to be godly mothers, sharing the truths of your Word with their families and friends so that all might live in your grace in these trying times.**

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

L: Good Shepherd, you have again today refreshed our souls with the pastures and waters of your Word. Equip us so that we put into practice what we have learned and give us confidence always to pray as 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THANKSGIVING ON MOTHER'S DAY

M: On this day when much of our country is honoring the gift of mothers, let us join in giving thanks for women of faith who have been given the gift of bringing forth life, who have raised and nurtured their children with the Word, who have trustingly born the heartache of loss or inability to have children, who continuously pray for those in need, and who journey along with us towards our heavenly home.

Let us pray.

Father of glory, Your Son, our Lord Jesus, in His incarnation, took on our created human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mothers' Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom you have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child and protect them in their deliverance. Comfort all women who long to have children, but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love. May they be called blessed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

### *She Shall Be Called Blessed*

*After it has been introduced, all join in singing the Refrain as indicated;  
The stanzas are read.*

*Refrain*

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The first line is marked as the 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'She will be called bless - ed By her sons and her daugh - ters; Pre - cious to the Fa - ther Are those who seek his ways. She will be called bless - ed, Help a - bove ev - 'ry oth - er; Bless - ed is the moth - er Who turns to— God in praise.'

She will be called bless - ed By her sons and her daugh - ters;

Pre - cious to the Fa - ther Are those who seek his ways.

She will be called bless - ed, Help a - bove ev - 'ry oth - er;

Bless - ed is the moth - er Who turns to— God in praise.

1. Her strength and her dignity clothe her with beauty;  
In works of her hands she excels.  
A heart of compassion she turns to the needy;  
In service to others she gives of herself.

**Refrain**

2. She rises each morning to see her household;  
She looks toward the future with joy.  
She teaches her children true lessons of kindness  
And shares with them wisdom the world can't destroy.

**Refrain**

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.**

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