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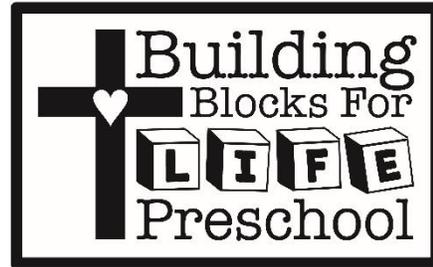
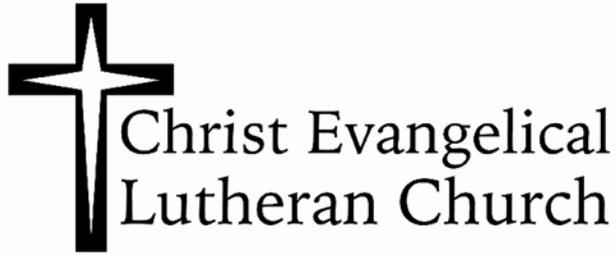
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## **WELCOME TO CHRIST!**

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

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE | #469

*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

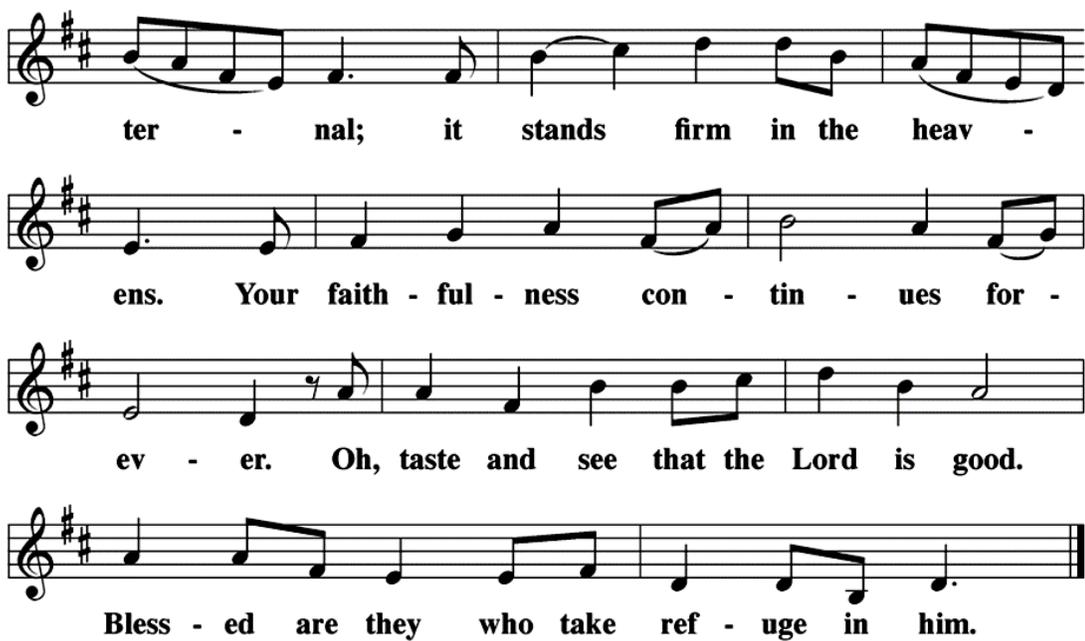
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**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:** O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



# THE WORD

**FIRST READING**

**1 Kings 19:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. Elisha was doing the plowing with twelve teams of oxen in front of him, and he himself was driving the twelfth team. Elijah crossed over to him and threw his cloak over him. <sup>20</sup> Then Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother good-bye! Then I will follow you." Then Elijah said, "Go back! For what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> So Elisha turned back from following him. Then he took the team of oxen and slaughtered them. Using the equipment from the oxen as fuel, he cooked the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 62 | pg.88**

*"My spirit looks to God alone, my rock and refuge is his throne"*



However bold anyone might be (I am speaking in a foolish way), I am going to be bold too. <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's seed? So am I. <sup>23</sup> Are they ministers of Christ? (I am speaking in a crazy way.) I am even more. I've done more hard work, been in prisons more often, been whipped far more, and I've been close to death many times. <sup>24</sup> Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. One time I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day on the open sea. <sup>26</sup> I have often been on journeys, in danger from rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own people, in danger from Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger on the sea, in danger among false brothers. <sup>27</sup> I have worked hard and struggled. I've spent many sleepless nights. I've been hungry and thirsty. I've gone without food many times. I've been cold and lacked clothing. <sup>28</sup> Besides those external matters, there is the daily pressure on me of my concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak without my being weak? Who falls into sin without my being distressed? <sup>30</sup> If it is necessary that I boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

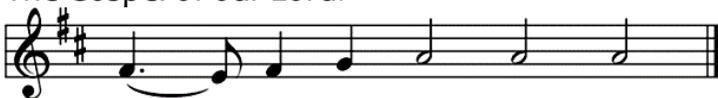
*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

<sup>51</sup> When the days were approaching for him to be taken up, Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> He sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered a Samaritan village to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. "You don't know what kind of spirit is influencing you. <sup>56</sup> For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people's souls, but to save them." Then they went to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they went on the way, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> He said to another man, "Follow me!" But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> Jesus told him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another man also said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus told him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



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

## YOUTH HYMN

["My Lighthouse"](#)

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore  
Safe to shore  
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore  
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Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms  
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## SERMON **Luke 9:51-62**

**Theme: “Through the Word, Christ Creates Committed Followers”**

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



**Luke 9:51-62 gives us important thoughts to think about. Corporations today often run what is known as a cost-benefit analysis. Before spending millions of dollars, the company wants to know what real benefits will result. If the ultimate benefits to the company don’t outweigh the expenses, the project is killed. Most of us, at least subconsciously, do a cost-benefit analysis of our giving. To give time, energy, and money to church costs us something personal. If all we do is weigh the physical evidence, we will concentrate too much on what we are giving up. However, our relationship to the Lord is spiritual. If we look with spiritual eyes, we will see that the rewards of being part of God’s kingdom far outweigh the earthly cost.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: “Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” So sang the psalmist 3000 years ago, O Lord, and so we sing today as we stop for a moment to call to mind just a fraction of what you have done and what you continue to do for us. You forgive our sins and crown our lives with love and compassion.

**C: For this we praise you, O Lord.**

L: You heal our diseases, and renew us in body and soul. You satisfy us with good things.

**C: For this we praise you, O Lord.**

L: You are not a hidden God, but one who dwells with us and makes yourself known to us so that we might know your love and mercy and truth and righteousness.

**C: For this we praise you, O Lord.**

L: You are the God who places the lonely in families, supplies government to rule and protect us, and gathers us into fellowships through which you strengthen and keep us in the faith.

**C: For this we praise you, O Lord.**

L: O Lord, we look at our lives and see how often our faith is lacking and our efforts to live it are lackadaisical. Renew us by your Spirit so that in his strength we hold to your Word and by his power we are transformed to be like you in our daily lives.

**C: We know there will be times that you discipline us; we know that such times will not be pleasant. Remind us in those circumstances that your love for us remains constant. Let us see the harvest of righteousness and peace you promise to those who are trained by your chastising.**

L: We thank you that, even though the progress on our seminary in Hanoi has been slowed by COVID, it has not been stopped. Let this project continue to move forward that many may be prepared to shepherd your sheep in Viet Nam and to reach out to the lost.

**C: Be with also our other missions in Southeast Asia, especially those in China, so that your word might continue to go out to those who need to hear it.**

L: We will leave this worship service once again today with the words of the benediction as your closing message to us. Once again we will hear your promise to put your name on us and bless us. There are many who will not.

**C: Be with your children who have been absent from worship. If it is because of illness restore them to health. If it is because of travel, keep them safe. If it is because of guilt over sin, assure them that they are forgiven. If it is because their love for you and your Word has grown cold, let them see their sin and rekindle in them the fire of faith.**

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

L: These and all our prayers we bring before you knowing you will hear us, for our Savior 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.**

