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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

## SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR | #492

*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*



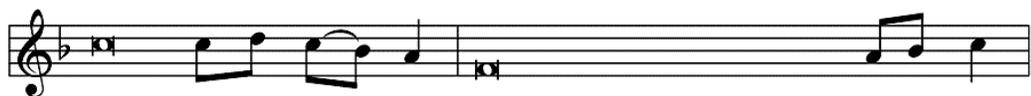
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

# THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Ruth 1:1-19a

During the days of the judges a famine occurred in the land. So a man left Bethlehem in Judah to stay awhile in the territory of Moab—he, his wife, and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were from the clan of Ephrath from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, so she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>They then married Moabite wives. The name of the first was Orpah, and the name of the second was Ruth. They lived there for about ten years. <sup>5</sup>But Naomi's sons, Mahlon and Kilion, also died. So the woman was left without her two children and without her husband. <sup>6</sup>Then Naomi set out with her daughters-in-law to return from the territory of Moab, because while she was in the territory of Moab, she had heard that the LORD had graciously visited his people by providing them with food. <sup>7</sup>So she left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law left with her. They set out on the road to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back. Both of you return to your mother's house. May the LORD show you kindness as you have shown kindness to the dead and to me. <sup>9</sup>May the LORD grant that each of you finds security in the house of a husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept loudly. <sup>10</sup>But they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>Then Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Am I going to give birth to any more sons who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters. Go! For I am too old to be married to another husband. Suppose I say, 'I have hope, and I will be married to another husband tonight, and I will even give birth to sons.' <sup>13</sup>Would you wait for them until they grow up? On the basis of that hope would you give up the chance to marry another husband? No, my daughters. It is much more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has reached out against me." <sup>14</sup>They once again wept loudly. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth would not let her go. <sup>15</sup>Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and to her gods. Go back! Follow your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to abandon you or to turn back from following you. Because wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you make your home, I will make my home. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. <sup>17</sup>Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely and double it if anything but death separates me from you." <sup>18</sup>When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. <sup>19</sup>Then the two of them traveled until they arrived at Bethlehem.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 25 | pg.74

*"Guard my life and rescue me, for I take refuge in you."*



## SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. <sup>13</sup>After all, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh. Rather, serve one another through love. <sup>14</sup>In fact, the whole law is summed up in this one statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you keep on biting and devouring one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. <sup>17</sup>For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not

continue to do these things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Galatians 4:6

Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

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



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

## GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> “What is written in the law?” he asked him. “What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup> He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> He said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?” <sup>37</sup> “The one who showed mercy to him,” he replied.

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

["City On A Hill"](#)

I am a city on a hill

I am a light in the darkness

Jesus living in me can change the world

I am a city on a hill

I am a light in the darkness

Jesus living in me can change the world.

I am a city on a hill

I am a light in the darkness

Jesus living in me can change the world

Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine

Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine

If God is for me, who can stand against me?

Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine

I am a city on a hill

I am a light in the darkness

Jesus living in me can change the world

I am a city on a hill

I am a light in the darkness

Jesus living in me can change the world.

Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine

Let it shine

Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine

If God is for me, who can stand against me?

Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine

If God is for me, who can stand against me?

Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine

We are a city on a hill  
We are a light in the darkness  
Jesus living in us can change the world  
We are a city on a hill  
We are a light in the darkness  
Jesus living in us can change the world

Let your light shine, let your light shine, let your light shine  
Let it shine  
Let your light shine, let your light shine, let your light shine  
If God is for us, who can stand against us?  
Let your light shine, let your light shine, let your light shine  
Let it shine  
If God is for us, who can stand against us?  
Let your light shine, let your light shine, let your light shine

I will shine for you  
Burning bright with your life, forever  
I will shine for you  
Burning bright with your life  
I will shine for you  
Burning bright with your life  
I will shine for you  
Burning bright with your life.

SERMON

Luke 10:25-37

Theme: "Focused Love Finds a Neighbor Rather Than Avoiding One"

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.)*



**So often churches and pastors take God's Old Testament command to the Israelites concerning tithing and use it to bind the consciences of God's New Testament people. They do it because it works—people give. But it doesn't really work if people are giving grudgingly and dutifully rather than joyfully and worshipfully. They give as ones who have been burdened with a yoke of slavery. May we remember the encouragement given from our lesson in Galatians 5, we are freed by Christ who has fulfilled all those Old Testament laws for us. How shall we use such freedom in the area of stewardship? As we live by the Spirit, we will freely, joyfully, and worshipfully use our wealth to serve God and one another in love.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L:** We give thanks to you, O God; we praise you. Like the measure of the universe, the extent of your love for us is beyond our grasp; the little that we do understand fills us with awe.

**C:** **Keep our hearts firmly focused on the truth of your love and its unchanging character in our lives so that it and you will be our peace and joy in both the troubling and the triumphant times in life.**

**L:** We thank you for the blessings you have poured out on the labors of our hands. May our attitude in life always be like that of your Son who did not come to earth to be served but to serve.

**C:** **Fill our lives with the fruits of faith that will bring praise to you, and benefits to us and those around us.**

**L:** O Lord, the world in which we live can be a dangerous place as Satan and his minions work to bring woe and distress to our lives.

**C:** **Keep us in your loving care and protect us from all dangers. When we must endure hardship, remind us that you will use all things for our eternal good.**

**L:** O Holy Spirit, it lifts our spirits to hear the reports of the Gospel being preached in places where it needs to be proclaimed – places like India, Pakistan, the nations of Africa and South America – and that it continues to convert the hearts of the unbeliever and rekindle the flame of faith in those whose love for God has grown cold.

**C:** **Keep us steadfast in our support of those who go where we cannot, whether that be in our own nation or in other places around the world. Bless our missionaries everywhere to keep them and their loved ones safe.**

**L:** You encourage us, O Lord, to show your love for all people and our love for you by giving tangible aid to those who are in need. We thank you that gifts from your people have allowed our Synod's committee for Christian Aid and Relief to provide funds that have, among other things, repaired water wells in Africa, given food assistance to the poor in Indonesia, assisted war refugees and orphans in Ukraine, and supported sewing classes and clothing for the poor in Nepal.

**C:** Keep our eyes and hands open so that we continue to be those who bring blessings to others both through the Gospel we proclaim and the care we provide to those who are in distress. Fill our hearts with your love so that we pray for all those whom you love.

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

**L:** Triune God, we pray to you, confident that you will hear us, and according to your wisdom grant our petitions, 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.**

## HYMN

**LORD OF ALL NATIONS, GRANT ME GRACE | # 521**

## PRAYER

**L:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN:

**FOR THE FRUIT OF HIS CREATION | #611**

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