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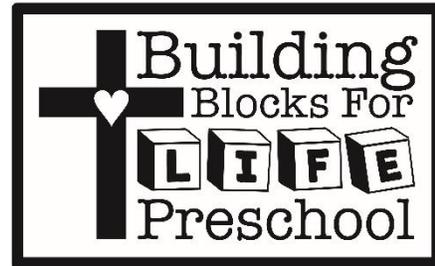
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## WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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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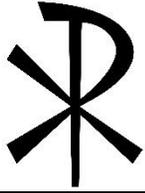
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# DIVINE SERVICE I

This liturgy, found on page 15 in the blue supplement, is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

## SEEK WHERE YOU MAY TO FIND A WAY | # 395

*Please Stand.*

## GATHERING

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

C: (spoken) **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*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

## 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: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

## GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

All Sing: **Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly, King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory,  
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
Receive our prayer,  
Receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Glory to God, glory to God!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**C: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 66:18-24**

As for me, because of their works and their thoughts, the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages. They will come, and they will see my glory. <sup>19</sup> Then I will set up a sign among them, and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers, to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands, who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory. Then they will declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup> Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries<sup>[e]</sup> to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. <sup>21</sup> Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD. <sup>22</sup> For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will

stand. <sup>23</sup>As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD. <sup>24</sup>They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 103 | pg. 105**

*"He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities."*



**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 12:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, <sup>19</sup>to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, <sup>20</sup>because they could not endure what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." <sup>21</sup>The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." <sup>22</sup>Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; <sup>23</sup>to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; <sup>24</sup>to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**John 14:23**

Alleluia. Jesus replied, "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.*

L: The Gospel according to Luke 13.



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

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 13:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Someone said to him, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?" He said to them, <sup>24</sup>"Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open for us!' He will tell you in reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup>And he will say, 'I don't know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.' <sup>28</sup>There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. <sup>29</sup>People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## YOUTH HYMN

["Ten Thousand Reasons"](#)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
I'll worship your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship your holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name  
I'll worship Your holy name.

SERMON     Luke 13:22-30

**Hard Truth: "The First Will Be Last; The Last Will Be First"**

CREATE IN ME

*Psalm 51*

All sing: **Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit with in me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence  
Or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## 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.)



Our stewardship thought for the day brings us back to our lesson from Isaiah 66. There is a joke that says no gathering of Lutherans is official unless an offering is received. It's true that we limit our idea of the offering to "that which takes place in the service, usually after the sermon, where we deposit our money in the collection plate." But in both the Old and New Testament the word "offering" carried deep meaning. An offering was an act of worship. It carried the meaning of relinquishing whatever was given into the control of God, to use as he saw fit. An offering of self was the greatest gift one could bring. On the cross, God in Christ offered himself for us. It was, and still is, the greatest gift. As a steward of God's gifts, including life itself, what have you offered lately?

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, we gather before you today and praise you for your goodness to us. But our corrupt natures would have us look at those things we don't have and have us find fault with you for not fulfilling all our selfish desires. Such conclusions are nothing more than sinful greed and rebellion, in them, it is easy to express the thought our earthly wants should be the first things you address. For these thoughts we deserve your judgment. Instead we have your forgiveness, and in that forgiveness the basis to truly enjoy all that you supply.

**C: Keep our eyes focused on the truth you have put our greatest need first. You purchased us to be your own and have made us heirs of heaven itself. May that knowledge give us contentment day by day and cause us to dedicate ourselves to you, soul and body.**

L: Lord, Jesus, you set aside for a little while the glory and honor of heaven so that you might redeem us from our guilt and condemnation. You made yourself last for our benefit. Though you were rich, you made yourself poor so that we through your poverty might become rich. This is who we are in you. Help us to live for others as you have for us.

**C: May our thankfulness for what you have done cause our attitude to be that of the hymn-writer who sang, "All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free, In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for Thee!"**

L: O Holy Spirit, on that Pentecost long ago, you removed language differences as an obstacle for proclaiming the Gospel and brought 3,000 to believe in Jesus as their Savior. In our own day you let the differences in language become an opportunity for teaching people about their Savior both in our own country and in foreign lands. We thank you for the individuals you have led to give themselves to this work. We celebrate with the angels all those who have come to faith through their ministry

**C: We pray especially for those doing this work in places hostile to the Gospel. Protect those who serve. Strengthen in the faith those who are gathered. Move the hearts of your people to support such ministries with their prayers and offerings. Enable those taught in the faith to mature so that they in turn may become the teachers to their own people. Guard them against all forces that will try to destroy them and their work.**

L: Heavenly Father, we pray not only for ourselves and our needs, but also for those around us. Be with those who are troubled so that they find their rest in you. Be with the sick and dying so that they find healing and life in your Son. Be with those who have great responsibilities so that they carry them out with great humility.

**C: Bless our government, our families, our homes. Take care of those who struggle to find income and employment. Be with us as we go about our daily activities that all we do may serve you.**

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

L: Heavenly Father, you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Continue to fill us with your Spirit that through him we may always pray confidently as your Son has 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1Corinthians 11:23-25

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."  
 Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."  
 The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) **AMEN**

## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to use God's Holy Word. Therefore, we invite only current members of Christ, (and those from sister WELS and ELS congregations) come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. Thank you so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

⇒ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS | #372**

Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your

ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for

ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the

glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

L: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) 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: (spoken) AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN:

ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN | #322