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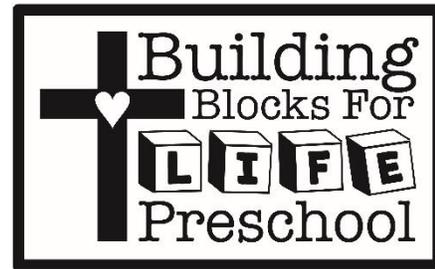
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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

GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT | #224

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

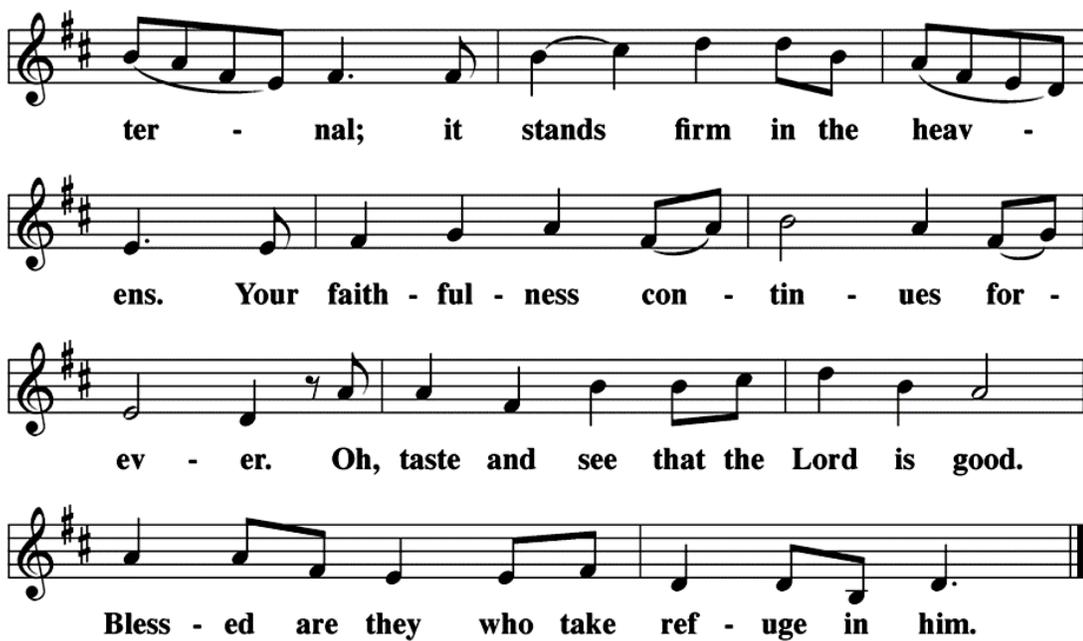
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated.



FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6, 7a

Do not honor yourself in a king's presence.
 Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,
⁷because it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
 than for you to be humiliated before a ruler.



"You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty."

SECOND READING**James 2:1-13**

My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. ² For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. ³ If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, "Sit here in this good place," but you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "Sit down here at my feet," ⁴ have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you dishonored the poor man. Don't the rich oppress you, and don't they drag you into court? ⁷ Aren't they the ones who blaspheme the noble name that was pronounced over you? ⁸ However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors. ¹⁰ In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, "Do not commit adultery, also said, "Do not commit murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³ For there will be judgment without mercy on the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

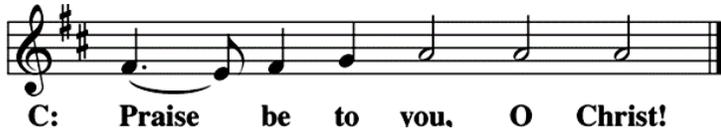
VERSE OF THE DAY**Hebrews 11:1**

Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.
Please stand.

GOSPEL**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. ⁹ The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, 'Give this man your place.' Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ "But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, 'Friend, move up to a higher place.' Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you. ¹¹ "Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." ¹² He also said to the one who had invited him, "When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back. ¹³ "But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



YOUTH HYMN

[“House of the Lord”](#)

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
Our God, He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise
We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

We shout out Your praise
There is joy in the house, there is joy in this house today
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise.

SERMON **Proverbs 25:6, 7a**

Hard Truth: “The Humble Will be Exalted; The Exalted Will be Humbled”

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.)



Offering:

A big stewardship thought is offered us in our gospel lesson from Luke 14. Commentators have compared the church to a money sinkhole. "Billions of dollars are spent with no apparent result," they point out. Perhaps, in a narrow sense, some of the criticism is valid. Our gospel reading for today tells us that the church is a business that doesn't have a great deal of "return on investment"—at least the kind we can see. What the church gives serves those who cannot repay. We help the poor. We serve the needy. We comfort the sick. We don't expect much back from them. Above all, we dispense God's forgiveness freely to all. How can anyone ever repay God for that? Following Christ's example, the church gives and gives—unconditionally, with no expectation of return. Your support of this ministry through your dollars, time, and service gain little earthly reward, if any. But the eternal reward—that's something!

Prayer:

L: Faithful and eternal God, you are timeless and do not change. It is only because of your love and steadfastness that we are not consumed by your wrath. We praise you for your patience and forgiveness. Renew us daily by your Spirit that we may make known your Word and your work in our lives. Keep us from relapsing into sins that arise either because of what we do or fail to do, understanding that is only when we live in perfect love toward you and those around us that we fulfill your Law. When our love is less than perfect, remind us that our sin is already forgiven in Jesus.

C: Remember us with favor, O God, and hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus, you have all glory and honor as God over all. Yet your love for us led you to seek another glory and honor, the glory of being Savior of all by humbling yourself to be one of us, to take our place to rescue us from our sin. Fill us with your spirit that so that we have in our lives an attitude of godly humility. Replace sinful pride with sincere gratitude for the gifts you have given.

C: Remember us with favor, O God, and hear our prayer.

L: Lord of the nations, the conflicts throughout the world as well as in our own country remain regular items in the news. While we share the sentiments of those who are distressed by the ongoing carnage, we are more greatly saddened by the reality, it is easy to let this news create worldly divisions among us over who is right and who is wrong. Continue to give opportunities for the proclamation of your Word that others might know and believe the Gospel of their salvation, that together, we may have true peace and freedom founded on your work and the grace you have shown to us sinners.

C: Remember us with favor, O God, and hear our prayer.

L: Lord of the church, watch over your people who are living in places where they are persecuted because of their faith in you. Preserve them from harm. Send your angels to protect them from those who would deprive them of their lives and livelihoods. Enable them to be your lights shining in the darkness of unbelief and false belief so that those for whom you have died might come to know you as their Savior.

C: Remember us with favor, O God, and hear our prayer.

L: Give ear, O Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

L: Lord Jesus, you have promised us that whatever we ask the Father in your name, he will give us. Cause all our petitions to be fully in agreement with your will that they may be pleasing to him, just as the ones are that you have 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

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR | #492

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:

MAY THE GRACE OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOR | #326

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