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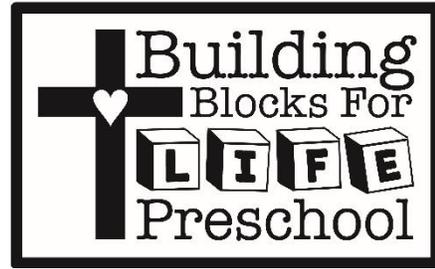
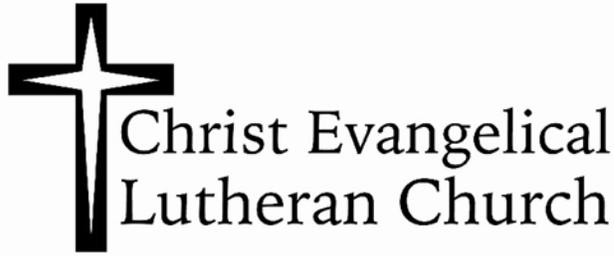
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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

SPEAK, O SAVIOR; I AM LISTENING | #283

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

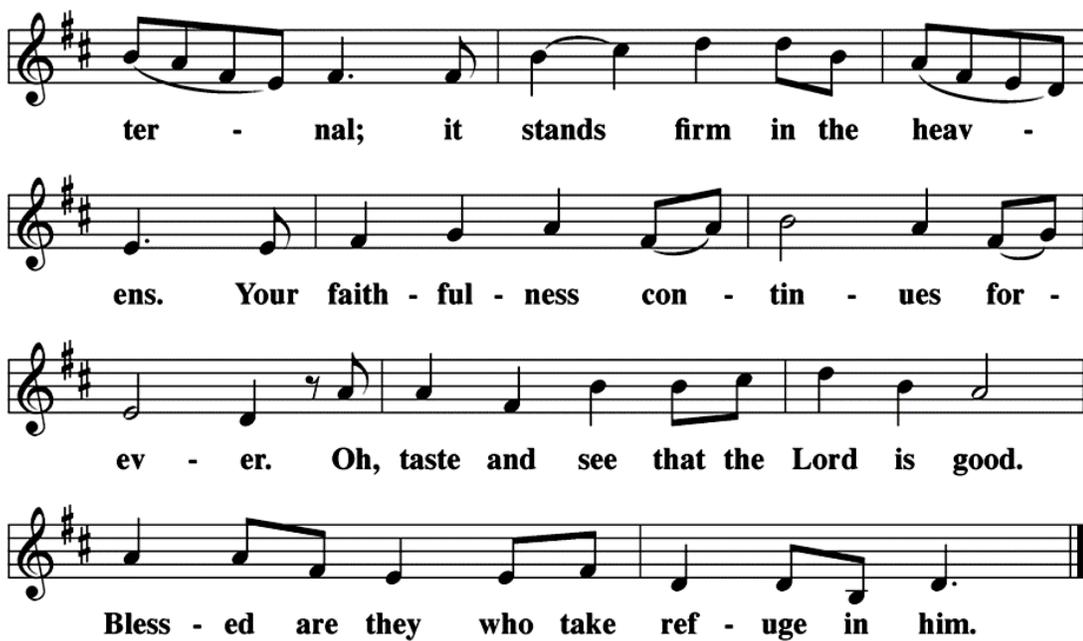
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated.



FIRST READING

Amos 6:1-7

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you distinguished people of the leading nation, to whom the house of Israel comes. ²Travel to Kalneh and look. Go from there to Hamath Rabbah, and go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than those kingdoms? Are their territories greater than your territory? ³You who are trying to put off the evil day, you bring near the session for violence! ⁴Those who lie on ivory beds, sprawling upon their couches, eating lambs from the flock and calves straight from the stall, ⁵improvising tunes on the lyre, composing music for themselves on musical instruments like David, ⁶drinking large bowls of wine — they slather themselves with the most expensive perfumed

oils, but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. ⁷That is why they will go into exile as the first of the exiles. Those who sprawl out at their feasts for the dead will depart.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 146 | pg.120

"Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save."



SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-6

Continue to show brotherly love. ²Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it. ³Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily. ⁴Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers. ⁵Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said: I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you. ⁶So then we say with confidence: The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?

VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 4:4

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. ²⁰A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and ²¹longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. ²²Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴He called out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.’ ²⁵“But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. ²⁶Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ ²⁷“He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s home, ²⁸because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹“Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.’ ³⁰““No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹“Abraham replied to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

SOLOIST: (Congregation joins in on last verse and refrain)

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Soloist:

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast

Congregation:

Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

SERMON Luke 16:19-31

Hard Truth: “What Seems to Help in Life Fails in Death; What Seems to Fail in Life Helps in Death”

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:

Stewardship thoughts from Hebrews 13:1-6

Philadelphia means “the city of brotherly love.” It’s also the Greek word God uses to describe the attitude we are to have for one another. The philadelphia bursts forth into action. That stranger in need? He’s my brother. That man behind bars and that woman in an abusive relationship? My brother and my sister. Philadelphia lusts neither after other people’s bodies nor other people’s money. Instead, it sees the person next to me as an opportunity to serve and the money in my pocket as a means to serve. And, most of all, it sees Jesus my Savior with me every step of the way—never changing, never leaving, always faithful, always forgiving, always loving me like his own brother or sister.

Prayer:

L: Lord Jesus, you have loved us with an everlasting love, a love that we cannot fully comprehend. You loved us before time began and in time you took upon yourself our human nature that you might redeem us from our sin and condemnation. You have given us your Spirit and your Word so that we have come to know and believe the good news that our sins are forgiven. Daily you assure us that, even though our attitudes and actions fall short of the perfect love you require from us, you have absolved us of our guilt and still see us as your brothers and sisters.

C: Increase our love for you day by day. You have shown complete devotion to us; enable us to show the same toward you. Give us your Spirit so that we love others – our spouses, our children, our parents, our friends, our enemies, all people – through you, and so reflect in our daily lives your perfect love and righteousness. Do not let the activities of life interfere with the invitation you give us to come to your banquet.

L: Lord of the nations, our Congress is again in session. The Supreme Court will inaugurate its new year next Monday. The President is dealing with matters at home and abroad. We ask your blessing upon our leaders. Bestow upon them wisdom, righteousness, and humility as they carry out their respective responsibilities that they may be blessed in their duties and be a blessing to our nation.

C: Be with also those who serve in non-elected positions. Enable them to carry out their duties with dedication and diligence. Be with those who serve in our armed forces. Of necessity they put themselves in harm's way to protect us and preserve the freedoms we enjoy. Shield them from unnecessary danger as only you can. Be with us so that we honor those whom you have placed over us.

L: Lord of the church, it is such a gift that we can say that you have blessed us with the staff and people we need to carry out the ministry before us. Other congregations in our synod are not so blessed. New missions and long-established congregations await a pastor who will lead them. Schools struggle to find the staffing they need to carry on their work. Some ministries face challenges with inadequate or no permanent facilities to carry out the work they want to do.

C: We thank you for all that you have provided for us. Do not let us ever take it for granted. Give us a willingness to support it with our efforts, prayers, and offerings. Strengthen those congregations that are facing struggles and challenges. Let them know your smile upon them. Be with our synodical leadership as it faces the issues before it.

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

L: Triune God, these and all our thanksgivings and petitions we bring before you in the name of Jesus who 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, YOU I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART | #434

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:

CHRIST IS WITH ME | #761

Soloist sings verse 1 and Refrain

Congregation sings verses 2 and 3 and Refrain

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