

**Lord,
increase
our faith.**

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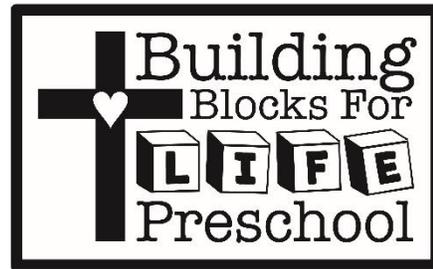
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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

I AM TRUSTING YOU, LORD JESUS | #446

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

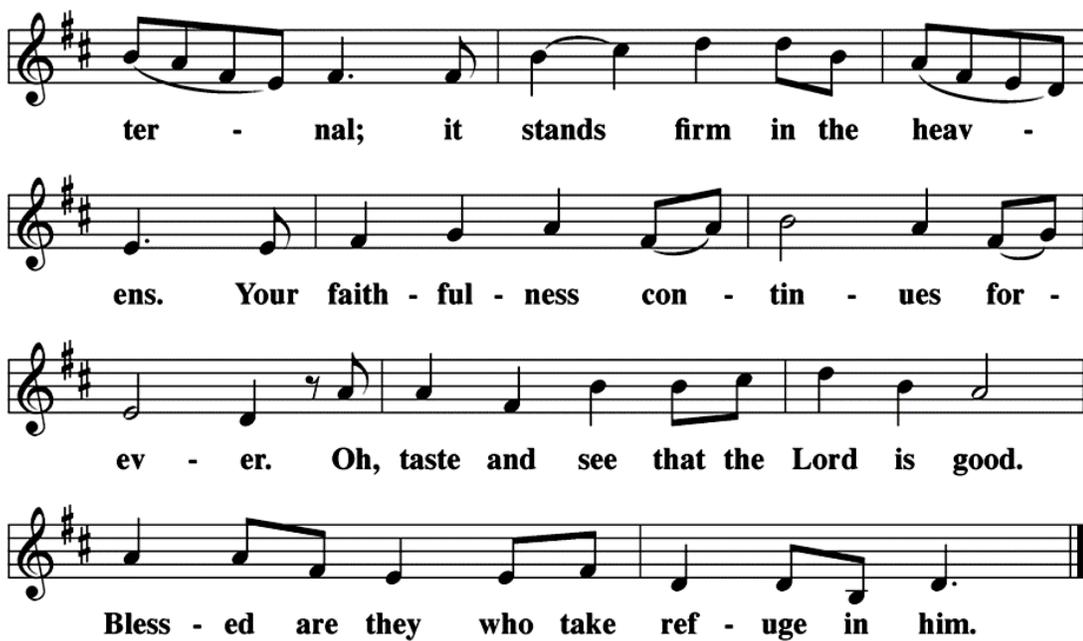
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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 God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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.

Please be seated.



FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹² So now, Israel, what is the LORD your God asking of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ to keep the commandments of the LORD and his statutes that I am commanding you today for your own good. ¹⁴ Indeed, the heavens and the heaven of heavens, the earth and everything that is on it—these belong to the LORD your God. ¹⁵ Still, the LORD attached himself to your fathers, loved them, and he chose their descendants after them (that’s you!) from all peoples, as it is today. ¹⁶ So cut away the tough shell of your sinful nature,ⁿ and do not be stubborn any longer. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is God of Gods and Lord of Lords, the great God, the mighty one and the

awesome one, who does not show favoritism and does not take a bribe. ¹⁸ He carries out justice for the fatherless and widows. He loves the alien who dwells among you and gives him food and clothing. ¹⁹ So you are to love the alien, because you were aliens in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ Fear the LORD your God, serve him, cling to him, and take your oaths in his name. ²¹ He is your glory. He is your God, who performed for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. ²² When your fathers went down to Egypt, they numbered seventy people, but now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of the sky.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 90 | pg.99

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.”



SECOND READING

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, boasting about material possessions—is not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 2:12

Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:18-30

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked Jesus, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹ Jesus asked him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one—God. ²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. Honor your father and mother.’” ²¹ “I have kept all these since I was a child,” he said. ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²³ But when the ruler heard these words, he became very sad, because he was very rich. ²⁴ When Jesus saw that the man became very sad, he said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ Those who heard this said, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ He replied, “What is impossible for people is possible for God.” ²⁸ And Peter said, “Look, we have left our possessions and followed you.” ²⁹ He said to them, “Amen I tell you: Anyone who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will most certainly receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come, eternal life.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn

"Angels Watching Over Me"

All night, all day
Angels watching over me, my Lord.
All night, all day
Angels watching over me.

When at night I go to sleep,
Angels watching over me, my Lord.
Pray the Lord my soul to keep,
Angels watching over me.

All night, all day
Angels watching over me, my Lord.
All night, all day
Angels watching over me.

SERMON Luke 18:18-30

"Lord, Increase Our Faith--Demonstrated Through Total Dependence"

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:

In Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Moses offers the LORD's definition of a good steward: 1) fear the LORD, 2) walk in his ways, 3) love him, 4) serve him, 5) observe his commands. Why would we want to do all of that? The LORD has already done it all for us. He loves us, even though we do not deserve it. He chose us, even though we ran away as far and as fast as we could. He takes care of the needy, even when we forget about them. He has done so much for us. We can respond with lives that serve him!

Prayer:

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, you have established us to be your own in Jesus. You have redeemed us in him, adopted us as your sons and daughters. You have blessed us with gifts and abilities and then honored us by calling us to use those talents to serve you and those whom you place around us.

C: We thank you for your love and mercy.

L: In these last times, O Lord, it is all too easy for us to become complacent and careless in the practice of our faith. Our sinful pride can cause us to be unconcerned as to how our attitudes and actions will affect those around us. Self-centeredness can lead us to fail to serve you and others with the humility that characterized our Savior.

C: We thank you that you have forgiven us these sins. Renew our zeal for you and our love for one another by keeping our eyes focused on our eternal home where we will dwell with you and you with us in perfect glory. May that vision inspire us to carry out willingly and faithfully the responsibilities you have given us. Cause all that we are and do to bring praise to you and blessing to those around us.

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, these end times in which we live hold many hazards for our spiritual health. You do not leave us to face them alone, but send your holy angels to guard and protect us. Help us to find comfort and courage in their invisible companionship as we also find strength in knowing that you are always with us. Enable us to stand firm in the face of all adversity and distress. When you in your wisdom choose not to give an answer to our questions of, "Why?" give us the ability to live by faith.

C: We ask your special blessing on your saints who live in places where they face death or other loss because they believe in Jesus. If it is your will, preserve them from harm, protect them in all things, cause them to prosper according to your good pleasure. Most importantly keep them steadfast in the faith; do not let Satan triumph over them.

L: We intercede, Lord, for those who are absent today. If they are travelling, keep them safe and refresh them as they see the beauty of your creation in other places. If they are ill, restore their health. If their faith is weak, strengthen them through the Word we speak to them.

C: Be with us as we begin another week in your name.

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

L: Lord God, you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. We know that you hear all of our prayers. Enable us to find peace in the answers you give. We ask it in the name of Jesus who 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

WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME | #477

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:

LEAD ME

Soloist sings through the hymn and Congregation joins in the second time



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous - ness;



make thy way plain be - fore my face.



For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord on - ly, that



mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.