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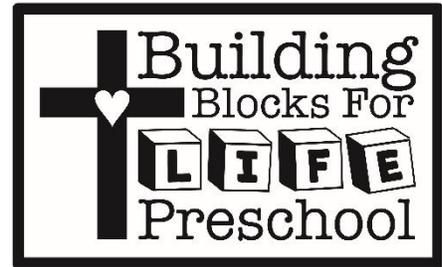
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## WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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 WORD & SACRAMENT

You can follow along with this service order on page 26 in the front of the red hymnal.

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

Please Stand.

## GOD'S OWN SON MOST HOLY | #17

## 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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

## 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: Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

## Kyrie Eleison

L: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C: Lord, have mer - cy.**

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C: Christ, have mer - cy.**

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

L: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

*O Lord, Our Lord*



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through 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**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>He will be delighted with the fear of the LORD.  
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,

nor will he render decisions based on what he hears with his ears,  
4 but with righteousness he will judge the poor,  
and he will render fair decisions in favor of the oppressed on the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath from his lips he will put the wicked to death.

5 Righteousness will be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his hips.

6 The wolf will dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat,  
the calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together,  
and a little child will lead them.

7 The cow and the bear will graze together,  
and their young ones will lie down together.  
The lion will eat straw like the cattle.

8 The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole,  
and the weaned child will put his hand into a viper's den.

9 They will not hurt or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD,  
as the waters cover the sea. 10 This is what will take place on that day. The peoples will seek the  
Root of Jesse, who will be standing like a banner<sup>l</sup> for the peoples, and his resting place will be  
glorious.

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## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 130** | pg. 114

*"But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared."*



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## SECOND READING

**Romans 15:4-13**

4 Indeed, whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that, through  
patient endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we would have hope. 5 And may God,  
the source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in  
accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you  
to the glory of God. 8 For I am saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised  
for the sake of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs. 9 He also did this so  
that the Gentiles would glorify God for his mercy, as it is written:

For this reason I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and I will sing to your name.

10 And again it says:

Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again:

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples give him praise.

12 And again Isaiah says:

There will be a Root of Jesse,  
and he is the one who will rise up to rule the Gentiles;  
on him the Gentiles will place their hope.

<sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

GOSPEL

**Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days, John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near!" <sup>3</sup> Yes, this is he of whom this was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

"Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight."

<sup>4</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem, all of Judea, and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him. <sup>6</sup> They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore produce fruit in keeping with repentance! <sup>9</sup> Do not think of saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. <sup>10</sup> Already the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> I baptize you with water for repentance. But the one who comes after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated.*

HYMN

[Light One Candle vs. 1-2](#)

Light one candle for hope,  
One bright candle for hope.  
He brings hope to everyone.  
He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace,  
One bright candle for peace.  
He brings peace to everyone.  
He comes! He comes!

SERMON                      Isaiah 11:1-10  
“Come, LORD Jesus!—As Judge”

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.**

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.)*



**Matthew 3:1-12 points us to a deadline. We don’t relish deadlines, but they do push us into action. John reminds us that the end is near, the deadline for all people and all things. The wisest use of our time is to give Jesus what he calls for: repentance, which is true sorrow for our sins and trust in Jesus for our forgiveness. With that kind of daily preparation, we’re ready for his deadline.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L: Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise you for the One whom you sent to be our Savior. You poured out your Spirit on him to bring wisdom and understanding, righteousness and judgment, power and peace to your people.**  
**C: We rejoice that these blessings are ours in him.**

L: Lord Jesus, you call your people to perfect unity in you. You have gathered to yourself people of every tribe and nation and tongue. You have made us one with you and with one another.

**C: Keep our eyes and hearts open to understand and appreciate the blessing that is ours in the communion of saints. Strengthen our unity through your Word and Sacraments so that we may glorify you with one heart and mouth.**

L: O Holy Spirit, you filled the heart of your servant John the Baptist and enabled him to proclaim your Word clearly. He did not fear to pronounce judgment on either the self-righteous or the secure sinner. He did not hesitate to proclaim your pardon to the penitent who needed to know your promised forgiveness.

**C: Continue your work with us. Cause us to live daily in our baptisms, drowning our sinful nature through contrition and repentance, rejoicing in the life that is ours as we are united with Jesus in his resurrection. Bestow on us wisdom and understanding and power that we may share your Word with all who need to hear it.**

L: Lord, our hearts go out to those whose earthly lives this Christmas season have been or will be thrown into turmoil by various disasters. It might be an earthquake and tsunami, fire or flood, volcano or violence, a storm or sudden catastrophe. Only you know what is in store for the days ahead. Be with all those who are affected by these and all such events. Let them find their comfort and strength in you.

**C: Keep them from despair. Cause them to see the birth of the promised Messiah as proof that you will be true to your word. Remind them that the first Christmas was also one of disruption and turmoil but that you directed all things for your glory. Bring them to trust that you will be doing the same in their lives.**

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

L: With hearts thankful for the answers to our prayers you have given in the past, we bring all our petitions before you in the name of our Advent Lord 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: (sings) *And also with you.***

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: (sings) *We lift them up to the Lord.***



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

C: (sings) *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

L: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 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: A - men.

## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



**C: 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.**

## 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

## COMFORT, COMFORT ALL MY PEOPLE | #11

### Song of Praise

*Thank the Lord*



**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.**



**He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with**



**shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

## PRAYER

L: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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

## ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY | #16

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