



Come, Lord Jesus!

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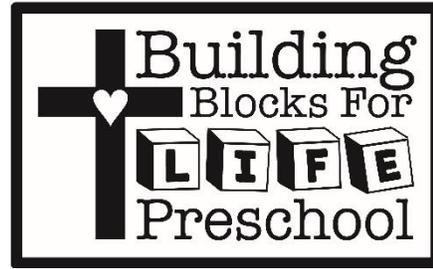
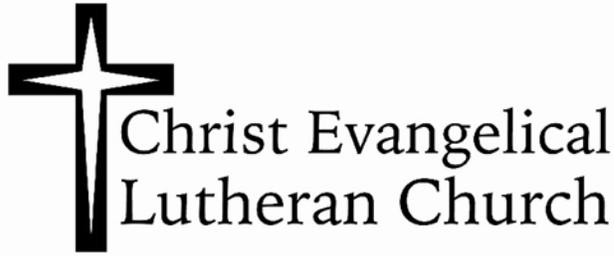
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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

THE KING OF GLORY COMES | #363

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

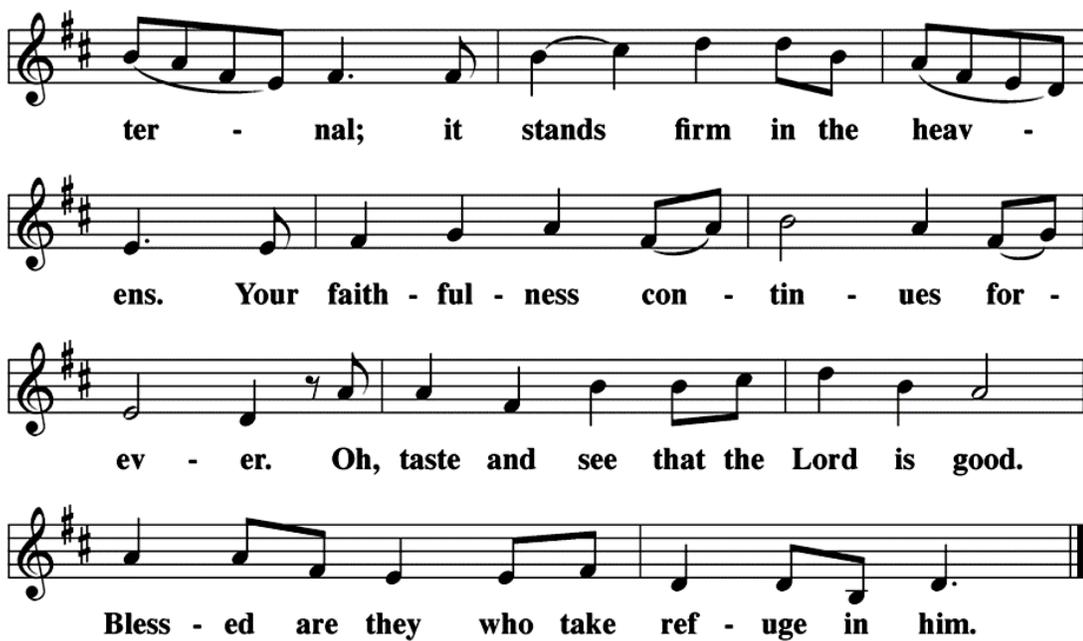
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; 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

Isaiah 2:1-5

This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²This will take place in the latter days:

The mountain of the LORD's house will be established as the chief of the mountains.

It will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it like a river.

³Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob.

Then he will instruct us about his ways,

and we will walk in his paths.”

For from Zion the law will go out,
and the LORD’s word will go out from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations,
and he will mediate for many peoples.

Then they will beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into blades for trimming vines.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation,
nor will they learn war anymore.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come,
and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 24 | pg. 73

“Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.”



SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Revelation 22:20

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ² “Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet: ⁶ You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.” ⁷ Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹ After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!
Please be seated.

Hymn

[Light One Candle](#)

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

SERMON **Isaiah 2:1-5**
“Come, LORD Jesus! — As King”

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:

Advent reminds us that the coming of our Lord and King is near. Paul encourages us in our lesson from Philippians 4 to find our joy not in the earthly gifts we may receive at this time of year, but in the Lord who is God's gift to us. We can express our joy and peace in the Lord's coming by generously giving our time, abilities, and possessions so the Lord's kingdom may come to others this Advent season.

Prayer:

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise you that you have once again gathered us to hear your Word, to sing your praises, to grow in the fellowship to which you have called us. All this is ours only because of your perfect and undeserved love for us, love which has declared our sins to be forgiven and has adopted us as your sons and daughters in Jesus.

C: Keep these truths before us as we again prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son. The many activities of the coming weeks hold the risk of distracting us from that which is most important. Keep our eyes focused on you and your Savior that the season may be a blessing to us and others and that we might have the peace and joy only you can supply.

L: “Why spend your money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?” You, O Lord, asked that question of your people 700 years before your birth. It is a question which could just as easily be addressed to too many people of our own time, especially during this Christmas season, as they try to find joy and satisfaction in everything but you and your birth.

C: In your love and mercy open their eyes and hearts to fully understand that which they might already sense – the futility of it all when you are not at the center of it all. Then let them find the answer to that emptiness in you and your great love for us which fills us with all good things eternal and earthly.

L: Holy Spirit, you have raised up us, your church, the communion of saints, that the Word of the Lord might go out into all the world and that people might be led to say, “Let us go to the house of the God of Jacob.” Give us the ability and confidence to share with others what we have been taught so that they also might know the truth that is in Jesus.

C: Be with the missionaries who go where we cannot. Bless the words they speak and the work that they do. We praise you for the souls you continue to gather in Africa. Be with those whom we send to guide and encourage your saints there so that many more will be brought into your kingdom. Be with those who are absent today that they may be able to be present when we worship again.

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.

HYMN

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU MIGHTY GATES | #4

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN:

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come
and take his servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!