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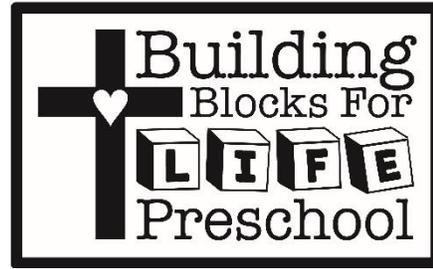
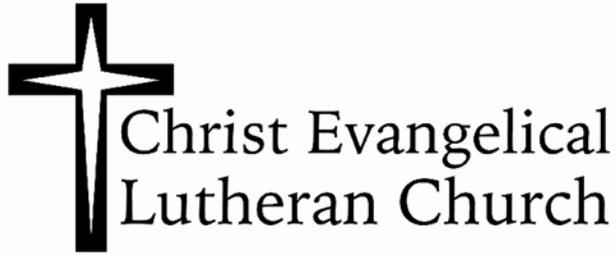
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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 PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT | #90

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

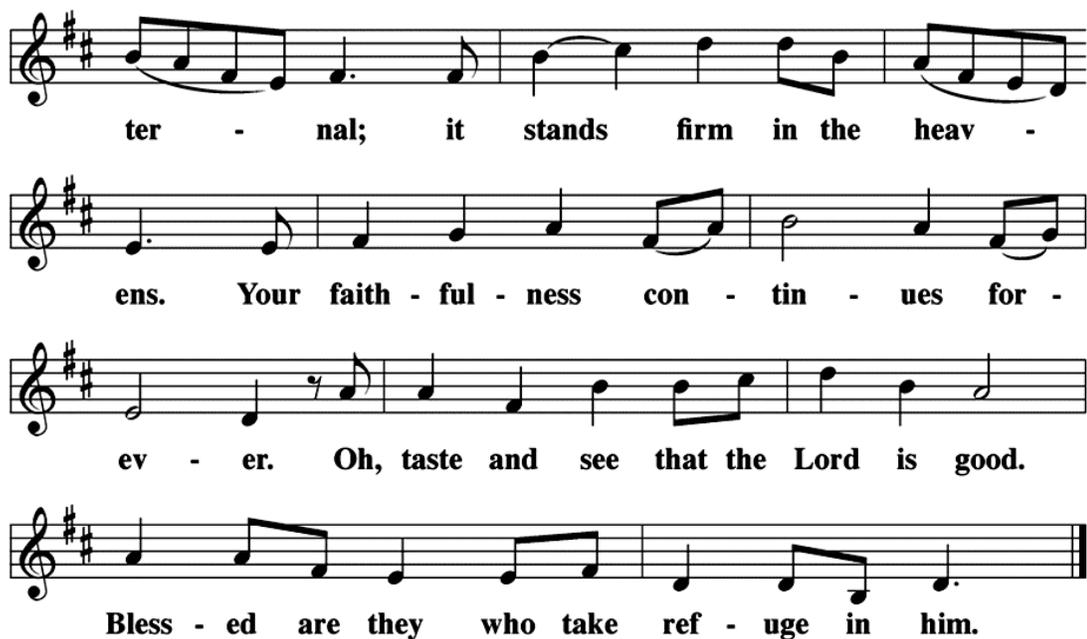
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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.



THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:19-9:4

¹⁹When they tell you, “Consult the mediums and the spiritists, who whisper and mutter,” shouldn’t a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. ²¹They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king and their God. They will turn their faces upward, ²²and then they will look down to the ground, but I tell you, they will see only distress, darkness, and the gloom that brings anguish. They will be banished into thick darkness. Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he

humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.

³You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time,
like the celebration when people divide the plunder.

⁴For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them.

You have broken the bar on their shoulders and

the rod of their oppressor,
as you did in the day of Midian.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 27 | pg. 75



“The Lord is my light and my salvation of whom shall I be afraid?”

SECOND READING

1 John 2:3-11

³This is how we know that we have known him: if we keep his commands. ⁴The one who says, “I know him,” but does not keep his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵If anyone keeps God’s word, the love of God is truly made complete in him. This is how we know that we are in him: ⁶The one who says he remains in him should walk as Jesus walked. ⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one that you have had since the beginning. The old command is the message you heard. ⁸At the same time, the command I am writing is new—it is true in Jesus and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and nothing causes him to stumble. ¹¹The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles,

¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,
and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a light has dawned. ¹⁷From that time, Jesus began to preach: “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near.” ¹⁸As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁹He said to them,

“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ They immediately left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn

["This Little Light of Mine"](#)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine
Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine
Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine
Let Him shine, let Him shine, let Him shine

I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hands and shout! Shout!
I will run around, and I'll jump off the ground and shout! Shout!
I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hands and Shout! Shout!
I will run around, I'll jump off the ground and Shout! Shout!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hands and shout! Shout!
I will run around, and I'll jump off the ground and shout! Shout!
Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine,
Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine
Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine,

Let Him shine, let Him shine, let Him shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine Let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine

SERMON **Isaiah 8:19-9:4**
“Jesus Appears as Light in the Darkness”

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.)



In our lesson from 1 John 2:3-11, John reminds us of an old command, taught in the Old Testament: Love your neighbor as yourself. However, in Jesus this old command becomes new. We don't follow this command in the old way, as one of the hundreds of things we do to show we deserve God's kingdom. This command is made new in the love of Jesus for us who gave himself for us. Motivated and empowered by that gospel love, we want to love and serve others. We can do that personally as we take time to help others in need. One way we can do that on a broader scale is by joining with the brothers and sisters in the WELS and supporting WELS Christian Aid and Relief and the mission of our synod.

PRAYER:

L: Lord Jesus, we praise you for revealing yourself as the promised Messiah by all that you said and did so that we know you as our Savior. You have brought us your Word to comfort and strengthen us. You have called us to be your disciples. You have taken upon yourself our difficulties and distresses so that we might have relief.

C: Keep our eyes focused on you so that we may continue to enjoy the blessings only you can supply.

L: Lord of the church, you call and knit us together to be one body of believers with you as our head. The devil and our sinful flesh rebel at that idea and would like nothing more than to

destroy that unity, separating us from you and from one another so that we might be destroyed spiritually.

C: Give us wisdom and insight to understand their schemes and snares. Keep us firmly established on you and your Word alone that we might build up the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

L: Heavenly Father, you cause your sun to rise on the evil and the good and send your rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. The “wise” of this world say that adverse weather we experience is solely caused by man’s doing. They refuse to acknowledge your control over all things.

C: We know differently. Throughout the world continue to send the conditions that are needed so that the earth may produce its bounty and provide for your creation. Lead your people to praise you for your goodness, and lead those who do not yet know you to seek you as their God and Savior.

L: Lord of life, we live in an age in which many no longer believe or confess that truth. They see themselves as the ones who have the authority to determine when life begins and when it shall end. They set you and your Word and will aside as they no longer see life as a gift from you.

C: Give us boldness to stand against this error and sin. Help us to make you known as the Lord of life. May we be ones who give encouragement, aid, and godly counsel to those struggling with life issues, whether they be beginning-of-life, mid-life, or end-of-life. Keep us strong in you during those times in our earthly pilgrimages that we might personally struggle with these challenges.

L: Lord of the nations, we commend to your care our land and its leaders. You know the political turmoil that so often seems to characterize our government. Be with our leaders to give them wisdom and integrity to rule well.

C: Be with us so that we retain a proper attitude toward those who are over us. Remind us that you have established all authorities for our good, that they are a blessing from you. Move us to pray for them as you desire. Cause us to give honor to those to whom honor is due, respect to those who deserve respect.

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

L: Dear Savior, thankful for all that you have supplied and done, we join to pray as you have taught us:

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.

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, THE WORD OF GOD INCARNATE | #750 vs. 1, 6

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