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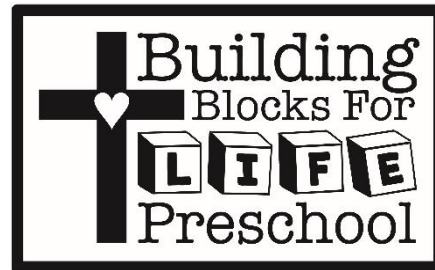
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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

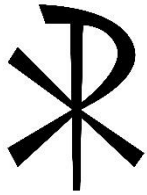
Our guest register is located in the entryway. Please leave us a record of your visit and we will be glad to supply you with more information about our church.

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DIVINE SERVICE I

This liturgy, found on page 15 in the blue supplement, is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE | # 168

Please Stand.

GATHERING

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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: (spoken) **Amen.**

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

All Sing: **Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly, King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory,
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer,
Receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God, glory to God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man recommended to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know. ²³This man, who was handed over by God’s set plan and foreknowledge, you killed by having lawless men nail him to a cross. ²⁴He is the one God raised up by freeing him from the agony of death, because death was not able to hold him in its grip. ²⁵“Indeed, David says concerning him: I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced. My flesh also will rest in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon my life to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life. You will fill me with joy in your presence. ²⁹“Gentlemen, brothers, I can speak confidently to you about the patriarch David, that he both

died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he saw what was coming and spoke about the resurrection of Christ, saying that he^l was neither abandoned to the grave nor did his flesh see decay. ³² “This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 16 | pg. 68



“You have made known to me the path of life”

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵ Through faith you are being protected by God’s power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

⁶ Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials ⁷ so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:29b

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Please stand.

L: The Gospel according to John 20.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.” ²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶ After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood

among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

Please be seated.

HYMN

[Christ Is Risen](#)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave

The prodigal is welcomed home
The sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life
And everything is changed

Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave

Oh death, where is your sting?
Oh fear, where is your power?
For the mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed
Eternal life resounds
Oh praise His name forever

Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave
And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave

And on the day You call me in
To Heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars, Your open arms
And the beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy, I'll lift my voice
In everlasting praise
Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave

Oh death, where is your sting?
Oh fear, where is your power?
For the mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed
Eternal life resounds
Oh praise His name forever

Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave

And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave
Jesus is alive, ooh

And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave

And on the day You call me in
To Heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars, Your open arms
And the beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy, I'll lift my voice
In everlasting praise
Hallelujah
Christ is risen from the grave

SERMON 1 Peter 1:3-9
“He Lives to Give Me Proof and Peace”

CREATE IN ME

Psalm 51

All sing: **Create in me a pure heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit with in me.
Do not cast me away from your presence
Or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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.)



John 20:19-31

As God's stewards we respond to his grace by serving him. As we serve, we look for opportunities to use our resources where they are needed most. Jesus took the time to give special attention to calm the fears of his disciples and then, later, to provide the proof Thomas needed. One would not have expected less from Jesus, whose patient service did not end with the cross. Our regular response through our offerings of time, money, and abilities in service to our Lord's church are supplemented by our attention to special needs. When the opportunity comes to provide specific support, may we be willing to do what is necessary to meet that need.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Heavenly Father, we stand before you in awe as we again contemplate the Easter message. You took the evil plans and purposes of wicked people and used them to accomplish your will. You made your Son the sacrifice for our sin and then raised him from death to life so that we might know that our guilt has been removed and eternal life is ours. You have caused that message to be proclaimed to us that we might know and believe it. Your wisdom and your love for us are beyond our comprehension.

C: Like the psalmist, our hearts are glad and our tongues rejoice. Continue to make known to us the path of life. Fill us with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, all glory is yours. But it wasn't always that way. You endured the cross to ransom us from judgment. You suffered the persecution of wicked men so that we might be delivered. You have promised us eternal glory in heaven and your blessing while we are here on earth. But you have also told us that the cross will come to us in our lives and that we will at times be tested with the fires of affliction.

C: Give us patience and steadfastness to endure those times. Do not let us be surprised by them, or think that something strange is happening to us when they fall on us. Rather keep our eyes focused on the eternal treasure that is ours and enable us to live our lives in your steadfast love.

L: O Holy Spirit, Jesus came to his disciples on the first Easter evening to give them peace and to commission them to share that peace with others. Both of those blessings have also come to us.

C: Preserve in us the peace that only you can give. May we ever hold fast the truths that our sins are forgiven, that our Savior sees us as his brothers and sisters, that he will be with us always. Help us to share that peace and those truths with others.

L: In these unsettled times, O Savior, there are many who have no peace. Some are filled with fear as we hear regularly that civilization will come to an end because of climate change. For others, their world has been turned upside-down by any number of things: loss of job or income; life-altering sickness or accident; family tragedy; a natural disaster.

C: We know that true peace will be found only in you. We therefore pray that those who don't know you may hear of you, believe on you and be comforted. Be with those who do know you and enable them to keep their focus on you that they, like Peter, might be able to "walk on water" no matter how the storms of life might rage.

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

L: Lord Jesus, you live forever to intercede for us before your Father's throne. Trusting your promise that the Father will hear and answer whatever we ask in your name we also 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.

THE SACRAMENT

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1Corinthians 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: (spoken) **AMEN**

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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. 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

AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING | #141

Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your

ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for

ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the

glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

L: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

L: 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: (spoken) AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION | #416 vs. 1, 4, 5

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