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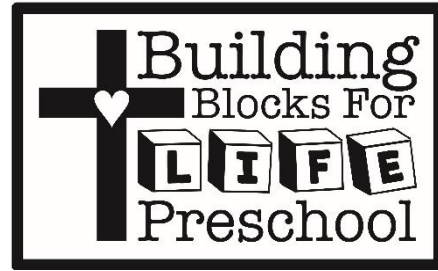
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## **WELCOME TO CHRIST!**

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

**LIKE THE GOLDEN SUN ASCENDING | #147**

*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

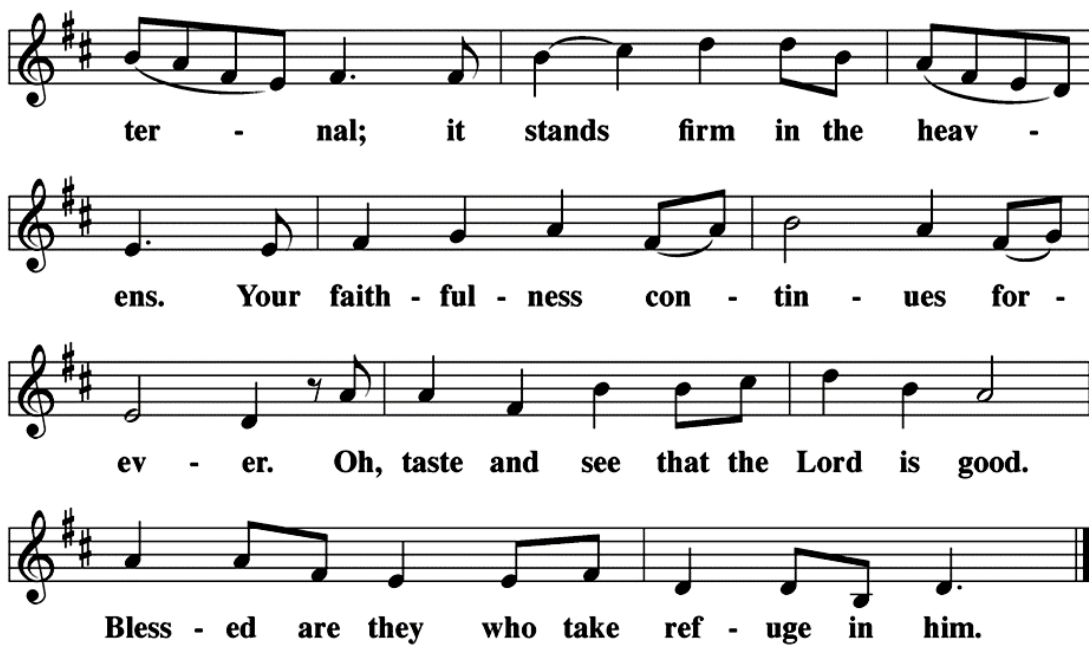
**L:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**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: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



C: A - men.

*Please be seated.*



**FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:14a, 32-41**

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:  
<sup>32</sup>“This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. <sup>33</sup>So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>“For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says: The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies a footstool under your feet.’ <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” <sup>37</sup>Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter answered them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 116 | pg. 107*

*“For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.”*



## SECOND READING

**1 Peter 1:17-21**

<sup>17</sup> If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, <sup>18</sup> because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Luke 24:32**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” Saddened, they stopped. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked them. They replied, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. <sup>23</sup> When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us,

since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. <sup>31</sup> Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



*Please be seated.*

Hymn

[Christ Our Hope in Life and Death](#)

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to him belong

Who holds our days within his hand?

What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good

Where is his grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with him

There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

O sing hallelujah!  
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SERMON    **Luke 24:13-35**  
**“He Lives to Restore My Hope”**

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](http://www.christcambridge.com)) and selecting the "Donate" tab under "About" in the site menu.)*



### Offering:

1 Peter 1:17-21

**What is your faith based upon? Is it the riches of this world? Is it the things you hope to accomplish? It is to be, and to remain, based on the One who has saved us from our sins. Continue to call upon him always and in all situations, for he is our faith and hope. That is being a faithful steward of God's call.**

### PRAYER:

L: O Lord, our God, we are filled with gratitude and awe as we reflect on the many ways you show your great love for us. We see the beauty of the creation around us and think of how you use it to provide us with everything we need for body and life. We remember our baptisms and rejoice that you have adopted us to be your own and daily forgive all our sins. We consider the blessings of family and friends, peace and health, the changing seasons and constancy of their cycle. Most of all we thank you for your Word through which you have revealed all this to us, and for your Spirit through whose work you have brought us to believe.

**C: Continue to increase our knowledge, our understanding, our faith so that we may grow in the peace and joy that only you can give.**

L: Lord Jesus, those who heard the news of your resurrection and of the forgiveness of sins that was theirs through it were transformed by that message. You have accomplished the same in us.

**C: Carry on that work so that we daily live our lives recognizing that our time here on earth is only temporary and that our eternal home is with you in heaven.**

L: Lord of the church, the news media cover those issues which their editors think are important. As a result many items which could be in the news are not. This is to be expected. Each of us can deal with only so much at any given time. We give thanks that you face no such limitation. We therefore commend to your care those who are too easily "forgotten:" the people in eastern European countries who have had to get by with limited fuel to heat their homes this winter; the people in Africa who have been living with drought, famine, and war; those whose lives were upended by tornados recently, but are no longer newsworthy, to give just a few examples.

**C: They might think they are forgotten. Cause the good news of your resurrection to be proclaimed to them so that they hear of your love and power. Let them know that the hairs on their heads are numbered, that you will be with them.**



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.**

### HYMN

### CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN | #155

### 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:

### JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON | #145 vs. 3-5

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