



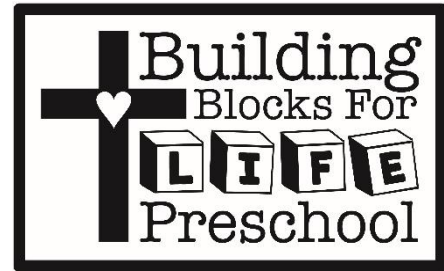
Worship Folder for May 14, 2023

Christ Lutheran Church

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Cambridge, MN

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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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COMMON SERVICE

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

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE | #160

Please Stand.

GATHERING

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

C: (sings) **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



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

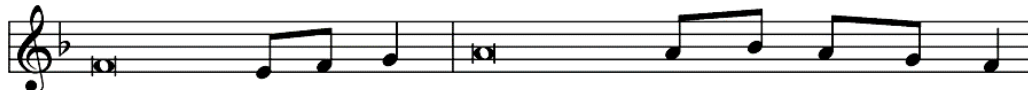
L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) **Amen.**

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

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

L: Let us pray.

C: **Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C: (sings) *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³ For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you. ²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶ From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷ He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’ ²⁹ “Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰ Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 66 | pg. 90

“Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.”



SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶ But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers. ¹⁷ Indeed, it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, ¹⁸ because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹ in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰ These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹ And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²² He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.
Please stand.

L: Our Savior meets us in the Gospel according to John 14.



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

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

¹⁵“If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLE’S 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

Please be seated.

HYMN

[Shout to the Lord](#)

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord, there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
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SERMON **Acts 17:22-31**
“He Lives and Calls Me to Live for Him”

CREATE IN ME

Psalm 51

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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 14:15-21 Love for Jesus cannot help but act. We are moved by his love to make the most of the time, talents, and financial resources given to us. To aid us in our actions of love, the Lord does not leave us to ourselves; the Holy Spirit is working in and through us. How do you see yourself at this time in your life evaluating and then putting into practice the various gifts God has given to you not just for your personal interests but also in the interests of others? Because he lives, we too shall live. God help us expand who is included in the "we too shall live" category.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: We praise you, O God, for your great love and mercy toward us. You have opened our eyes and hearts to know and believe in you. You have given us your Son, and through him have brought us the forgiveness of sins, salvation, and eternal life. You have poured out your Holy Spirit upon us that we might have his comfort and counsel.

C: Help us to put into practice in our lives all that you have told us in your Word so that others will know our great love for you and – more importantly – know you through us.

L: Dear Savior, you proclaimed your victory over sin and Satan to those who had refused to believe during the days of Noah and were now confirmed in that unbelief and its consequent damnation forever. Fill us with your Spirit that we may share your Word with those who are still alive so that they may be spared a similar judgment.

C: Let our lives and our language at all times and in all circumstances be a witness to who you are and what you have done.

L: Son of Mary and Son of God, you honored your mother even as you were dying by commending her to the care of your disciple John. We thank you for the mothers you have given us. Bless mothers everywhere. Strengthen them for the challenges they face as they carry out their responsibilities. Fill them with love for you, for your Word, and for those whom you have placed into their lives that they may fulfill their roles in ways that give glory to you.

C: Give to us and others hearts that always honor them and you for the blessings you provide us through them.

L: Lord of the church, yesterday graduates from our college received their first calls to full-time work in your kingdom. We thank you that you have moved the hearts of these individuals to dedicate their lives to you in this way. Be with them as they go to their various fields of labor. Give them confidence that you will be with them in all things.

C: Enable those congregations to which they have been called to receive them with love. Grant that their labors in those places may be ones of mutual benefit and blessing.

L: O Holy Spirit, we know that Christians at various times throughout history and in various places have endured severe persecution, hardship, and suffering because of their faith. We have been spared such conditions. We thank you for this blessing because we know that such difficulties can come. Be with us at such times so that we may stand firm when we must endure them. Grant us the same fortitude for facing the less-daunting challenges to our confession that we do encounter.

C: Be with all Christians everywhere who are presently enduring persecution because of their faith. Enable them to stand firm and to state clearly the reason for the hope that they have.

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

L: We bring these and all our prayers before you in the name of Jesus 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.

PRAYER

L: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

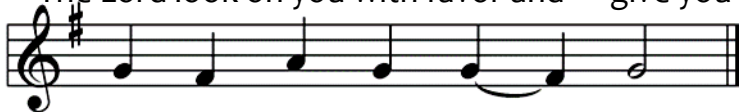
THE LORD'S BLESSING

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: **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

CLOSING HYMN

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW | #334