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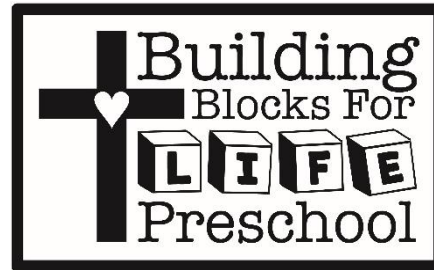
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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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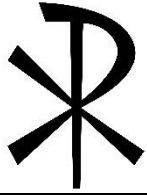
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DIVINE SERVICE I

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

COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST | # 177

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: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace.
Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell
abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently. ⁵ Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.”

¹² They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.” ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51b | pg. 87



“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-11

³ Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God’s Spirit says, “A curse be upon Jesus,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶ There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷ Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹ by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰ Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Please stand.

L: The Gospel according to John 7.



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

GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! ³⁸ As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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EXAMINATION AND RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Adrianna Green

Morgan Mundt

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.)



Acts 2:1-21

The events of Pentecost remind us of the global mission of the church. The ending verses of our reading remind us not only of the geographical spread of the gospel, but the proclamation of the gospel over time. Each one of us is part of that mission. Locally or globally, now or in the future, we serve God and support the church's mission with our resources. Truly the Spirit works the miracle of faith, but faith is not sustained and nourished outside of the Word of God. The proclamation of the Word happens through the physical presence of people who give of themselves in service to the church. God's stewards recognize that all that they have and are results from what he has done. As his modern disciples and stewards, we, too, want to use our resources to make the proclamation of the gospel a priority.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord Jesus, you have fulfilled your promise to send your Holy Spirit on those who are your own. For this we thank and praise you. It is because you have been faithful to your word that others, blessed with the Spirit and his gifts, have brought the Gospel to us. It is because you have poured out that same Holy Spirit on us that we believe in you and rejoice in the spiritual gifts he has given us.

C: May the truth that you continue to keep the promise you made to your disciples give us the confidence that you will keep all your other promises as well.

L: O Holy Spirit, you bestow your gifts on the saints according to your pleasure and will and wisdom so that we might be able to carry out the purpose and work for which the church has been established: proclaiming the Gospel of salvation to the nations.

C: Help us to see that you have given to us all that we need, both as individuals and as a congregation, to do that which needs to be done. Fan the fire of faith in the hearts of each of us so that we use our gifts faithfully.

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, it is your desire that all people call on the name of the Lord and are saved. You made that clear at Pentecost when you gave the disciples through your Spirit the ability to speak in many different languages so that those who came together were able to hear the wonders of your grace in their native tongues.

C: Keep alive in us the desire to take your Word to the nations. You continue to open doors for us for this important work, whether it be in Viet Nam or Africa, or reaching out to the Hispanics, South Sudanese, and Chinese in our own district. May we always gladly, richly, and faithfully support the mission activities of our Synod through our prayers and offerings.

L: We ask your blessing, Lord, upon those who do not yet know you, especially those who are leaders of their cities and nations.

C: By your Spirit cause them to hear the Gospel, and keep them from putting any obstacles in the way of proclaiming it.

L: We remember this weekend, O Lord, those who have given their lives in defense of this country and the ideals for which it stands. It is by your grace alone that their sacrifices have not been in vain. We thank you that you have blessed us in this way.

C: Remind us always that our true strength and defense are in you. Protect those who are currently serving in our armed forces that they may be spared from harm. Enable them to carry out their responsibilities with wisdom, virtue, honor and courage.

L: Heavenly Father, we commend to your care those who are celebrating that they have completed milestones in their schooling.

C: Grant them wisdom as they move to the next stage of their lives. May the knowledge they have gained be put to good use serving you whether it be in the workforce or as they continue their education or as they choose some other path.

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

L: O Holy Spirit, you intercede for us with groans that words cannot express. Transform our human petitions to sanctified prayer through the merits 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.

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, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. 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

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final measure of the piece contains a circled number 8, indicating a repeat sign.

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.

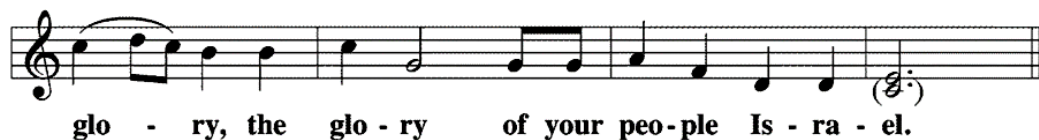
DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis



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

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME | #439