



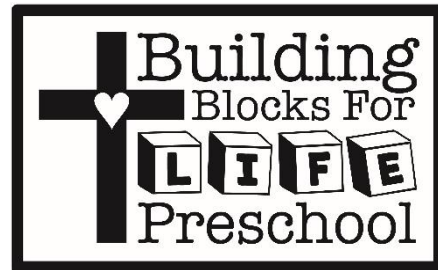
*Worship Folder for June 11, 2023*

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

## THE SON OF GOD, OUR CHRIST | #525

*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

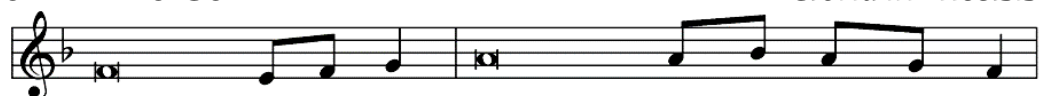
L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

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: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; 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

**Exodus 3:1-15**

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup> So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.” <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!” Moses said, “I am here.” <sup>5</sup> The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup> He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> Now indeed, the Israelites’ cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup> So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.” <sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?” <sup>14</sup> So God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.” <sup>15</sup> God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’”

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 119c** | pg. 111

*“Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path”*



## SECOND READING

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I give thanks to the one who empowered me, namely, Christ Jesus our Lord, that he treated me as trustworthy, appointing me into his ministry. <sup>13</sup> He did this even though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. <sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord overflowed on me along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,” of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But I was shown mercy for this reason: that in me, the worst sinner, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his unlimited patience as an example for those who are going to believe in him, resulting in eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, to the immortal, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

L: Our Savior meets us in the Gospel according to Matthew 9.



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

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 9:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector's booth. He said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup>As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

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

[Follow Me](#)

At the end of myself  
I'm empty and dry  
I have nothing to give But surrender inside  
Let down your nets  
This is not the end  
From now on, you'll be  
Fishers of men.

Follow me  
Follow me  
Follow me  
Follow me

At the end of myself  
Judgment calls out my name  
I've been looking for love  
But I'm swallowed by shame  
Throw away all your stones  
Find forgiveness in me  
Let me be your new passion  
My daughter, you're free.

Follow me  
Follow me  
Follow me  
Follow me

At the end of myself  
I've done things my own way  
This world gave up on me  
Now it's death I do pay  
You know who I am  
I'm sin's sacrifice  
Today you will be  
In paradise.

Follow me  
Follow me  
Follow me  
Follow me

Who is this man who calmed the seas  
And who is this man who loves the least of these  
I am the promised One  
God gave his only son  
And those who believe  
Will live eternally.

At the end of yourself, just follow me  
If you lose everything, just follow me  
I will give you new life, just follow me  
Follow me.

If at the end of yourself, just follow me  
You may lose everything, just follow me  
I will give you new life, just follow me  
Follow me.

SERMON                      Exodus 3:1-15  
“The Holy Ministry is Filled with Sinners Called by God”

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Create in Me' from Psalm 51. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.



## 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.)*



### Matthew 9:9-13

**It sounds so simple. Jesus said, "Follow me," and "Matthew got up and followed him." As a tax collector, job and money meant a lot to Matthew. But when confronted with the choice of keeping his job with its good income or following Jesus with his gospel of forgiveness and life, Matthew left behind all that had been dear to him. Following Jesus means our Savior, not our money, is our priceless treasure. Keep it that simple.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise you for all that you have done for us. You have not only provided all that we need for life but have enriched us with treasures that will never perish, spoil, or fade – your Word in this life, the glories of heaven in the life to come – through your Son Jesus Christ.

**C: Let your blessing be on us as we trust, O God, in you.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Word made flesh. You have revealed who our God is by becoming man so that we might see, know, and believe that love which is beyond our comprehension. Through your example of meekness and humility encourage and enable us to proclaim who you are both by what we say and by how we live.

**C: Let your blessing be on us as we trust, O God, in you.**

L: Holy Spirit, the days are evil. Satan is cunning. Our sinful natures rebel against all that you are and do. Yet by your grace we continue to stand fast. Purify us from all sin. As much as it depends on us, help us to live in peace with all people. Enable us to reflect our Savior whether we are persecuted or when we are praised.

**C: Let your blessing be on us as we trust, O God, in you.**

L: Lord of the nations, we bring our petitions before you for our land. You know better than we do the challenges our country faces. But you are the Lord of the nations. Endow our leaders on the national, state, and local levels with wisdom, righteousness, integrity, and strength that they may govern wisely and well. May our business leaders always have the understanding that they are here that they might serve others and not just themselves. Give workers a sense of pride and satisfaction in the work that they do. Make our schools institutions of true wisdom and learning.

**C: Let your blessing be on us as we trust, O God, in you.**

L: We thank you, Lord, that you continue to protect and preserve those who trust in you who live in places that are dangerous, whether that be in places like Ukraine and the Sudan where war rages, or Pakistan or India or China where your believers are persecuted. May they not lose their confidence that you are with them.

**C: Let your blessing be on them as they trust, O God, in you.**

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

L: Heavenly Father, you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. It is in that knowledge that we bring our praise and petitions before you and pray as your Son has 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

**BY GRACE I'M SAVED | # 384**

### 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

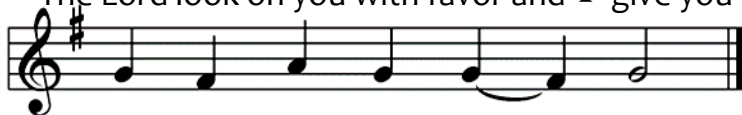
### THE LORD'S BLESSING

*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

**DEAR LORD, TO YOUR TRUE SERVANTS GIVE | #542**