

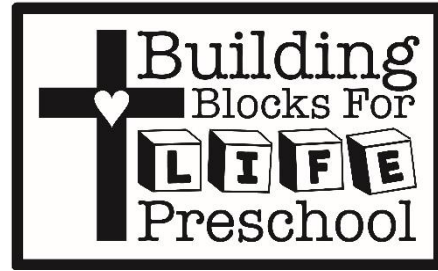


Worship Folder for June 25, 2023

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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

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,
 frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,
 face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,
 slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,
 res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,
 all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!
 al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

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, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.



THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ You persuaded me, LORD, and I agreed to it.
You are stronger than I am, and you won out.
I have become a laughingstock all day long,
and everyone is mocking me.

⁸ Whenever I speak, I cry out.
I cry out, "Violence and destruction!"
But the word of the LORD has brought scorn on me.
I am mocked all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak in his name anymore,"
then there is a burning fire in my heart,
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary of holding it in.
I cannot!

¹⁰ I hear many whispering,
"Terror on every side!"
All my close friends,
those who are watching for my fall, say,
"Denounce him! Let's denounce him.
Perhaps he can be pressured into making a mistake.
Then we will have the upper hand against him,
and we will take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior.

So my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not gain the upper hand.
They will be put to shame completely,
because they have not been successful.
Their eternal disgrace will never be forgotten.

¹² LORD of Armies, you test the righteous.

You see the heart and the mind.

Let me see your vengeance on them,
for I have laid out my case before you.

¹³ Sing to the LORD!

Praise the LORD,
for he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of the wicked.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."



SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:1-8

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: ² Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. ³ For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. ⁴ They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry. ⁶ You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 132:9

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

⁵ Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, ²¹ "Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. ²³ And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If the master of the house was called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! ²⁶ "So do not be afraid of them, because there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known.

²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ “Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without the knowledge and consent of your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows. ³² “Everyone who confesses me before others, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn

[Battle Belongs](#)

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is the mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You.

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
Oh God the battle belongs to You
Every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God the battle belongs to You.

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb.

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
Oh God the battle belongs to You
Every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God the battle belongs to You.

Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
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SERMON 2 Timothy 4:1-8
“The Holy Ministry Preaches Christ Despite Persecution”

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) and selecting the "Donate" tab under "About" in the site menu.)



Offering:

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah suffered so much for preaching God's Word. It brought him "insult and reproach all day long." Not preaching God's Word was worse. It burned like a fire in his heart and in his bones. His strength for doing the Lord's work was the Lord himself. "The Lord is with me like a mighty warrior." We find strength and encouragement in the Lord to carry out his work. So, we rejoice with Jeremiah, "Give praise to the Lord!"

PRAYER:

L: Worship and praise belong to you, O Lord, for all that you are and have done for us. You are perfect in righteousness and holiness, yet you call us who are sinful and rebellious to be your own. You dwell on high in perfect majesty and glory and at the same time reveal your greater glory in wanting to live with us and have us live with you. You are faithful and constant, a rock on which we can build, while we are too often flighty and fickle in our attitude toward you.

C: We thank you for your forgiveness which absolves us of all guilt.

L: Lord Jesus, you revealed your perfect love for God and man during your ministry on earth. You fulfilled both the letter and the spirit of the law in all that you thought, said, and did, and taught true righteousness to the people.

C: Fill us with your Spirit that we may imitate you while we are on earth. Remind us that "righteousness" without love is a contradiction in terms and has as much winsomeness as a clanging gong or crashing cymbals.

L: Lord of the church, you enabled the early leaders of the Lutheran reformation to give a clear witness to the hope that was within them in the document we know as the Augsburg Confession. In keeping with your instruction, their statement of faith was presented with gentleness and respect so that they might win the hearts of others. The need for such confessions and such a spirit remain in our own day.

C: Grant us your Spirit, as you have promised, so that we are always prepared to speak to others the reason we have for the hope that is within us. There are many in the world today who profess to proclaim your name, but speak that which is contrary to your Word. Give us the ability to share your truth, especially in those times that we face opposition, so that you may be known.

L: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with those who take your Word where we ourselves cannot go. Whether they are at home or abroad, keep them safe, let them see your blessing upon their labors, enable them to find satisfaction in their calling.

C: Be with their spouses and families so that they, too, are able to live in peace and joy.

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

L: Heavenly Father, you are always more ready to listen than we are to pray, and more willing to grant than we are to ask, hear our thoughts and words for the sake of your Son 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.

HYMN

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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:

LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY I SHALL SEE | #219

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