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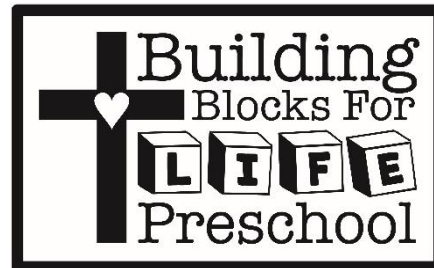
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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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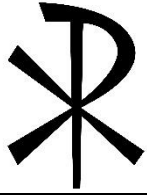
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DIVINE SERVICE I

This liturgy is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST | #644

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: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-11

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found!

Call on him while he is near!

⁷ Let the wicked man abandon his way.

Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.

Let him turn to the LORD,

and he will show him mercy.

Let him turn to our God,

because he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ Certainly my plans are not your plans,

and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹ Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so my ways are higher than your ways,
and my plans are higher than your plans.

¹⁰ Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and do not return there
unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout,
so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth
will not return to me empty.

Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please,
and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 65

“The seed that falls on good ground will bring forth food for all.”



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:5-11

⁵ What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? They are ministers through whom you believed, and each served as the Lord gave him his role. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷ So then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but it is God who causes the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters are united, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For God is the one whom we serve as coworkers, and you are God’s field, God’s building. ¹⁰ In keeping with the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. But let each person be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹ In fact, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 8:15

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

Please stand.

L: The Gospel according to Matthew 13.



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

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. ² A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ He told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. ⁶ But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. ⁸ But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.

⁹Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.” ¹⁸“So listen carefully to the parable of the sower.
¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path.
²⁰The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. ²²The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. ²³But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.”



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

[Speak, O Lord](#)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

SERMON **Isaiah 55:6-11**
Define Christian --- “The Christian is Planted by the Word”

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.)



Offering: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Using the parable of the sower, the Lord teaches us to rejoice with those who produce the fruits of faith as they live for God. Every act of faith is a work of service to the Lord as we live for God and manage his gifts accordingly.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: O Lord, one of your saints of old penned the words, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts can find no rest until they rest in you.” We have rest when our hearts condemn us for you are greater than our hearts and know everything and have forgiven everything. We have rest even in the midst of our troubles for you have told us that in this world we will have troubles, but we are not to fear because you have overcome the world. We have rest from our worries for you have promised that you will supply all that we need.

C: We thank you that you have not only brought us to know and believe your promises, but that we have seen them fulfilled again and again in our lives.

L: We are greatly blessed, but there are many who are not so fortunate. We pray for those whose guilty consciences oppress them because they do not know your love or forgiveness.

C: Cause them to hear, know, and believe your word of pardon and peace so that they may find rest for their souls.

L: We pray for those who have been ensnared by the lies of this world that have promised them happiness, satisfaction, and fulfillment in lives that are lived contrary to your Word and will, lives that are purposely devoid of your presence.

C: Cause them to hear, know, and believe your truth that they may take hold of the life that is truly life and find rest for their souls.

L: We pray for those who feel overwhelmed by the burdens they are bearing, whether those are the challenges that come when we are no longer able to do what we have done in the past, or the insecurities of youth, or the tensions that can develop within family dynamics, or anything else that weighs on them.

C: Cause them to hear, know, and believe your promise that your strength is made perfect in our weakness. Grant them the strength that you alone can provide that they may have rest for their souls.

L: We pray for those, O Lord, who fear they have no future because they have been told the world as we know it because of war, or climate change, or politics or who knows what else, will be gone before we reach the middle of the century.

C: Cause them to hear, know and believe that the One who made this world is still in control of all things and that you will preserve it until our Savior returns in glory that they, too, may have rest for their souls.

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

L: These and all our prayers we bring before you, confident that you will hear and answer them, because our Savior 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. 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 note of the piece is marked with a circled number 8, indicating a repeat.

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 blue hymnal on page 295.

Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The final note of the fifth staff is a whole note with a fermata, indicating the end of the piece.

In peace, Lord, you let your
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
 eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
 ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
 glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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.

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