

*Worship Folder for July 30, 2023*

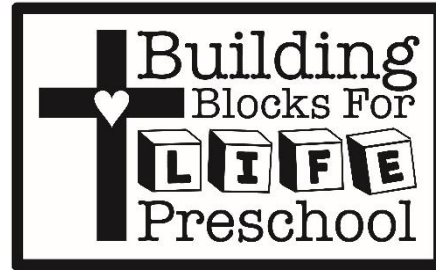
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## **WELCOME TO CHRIST!**

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 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

**O WORSHIP THE KING | #620**

## 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

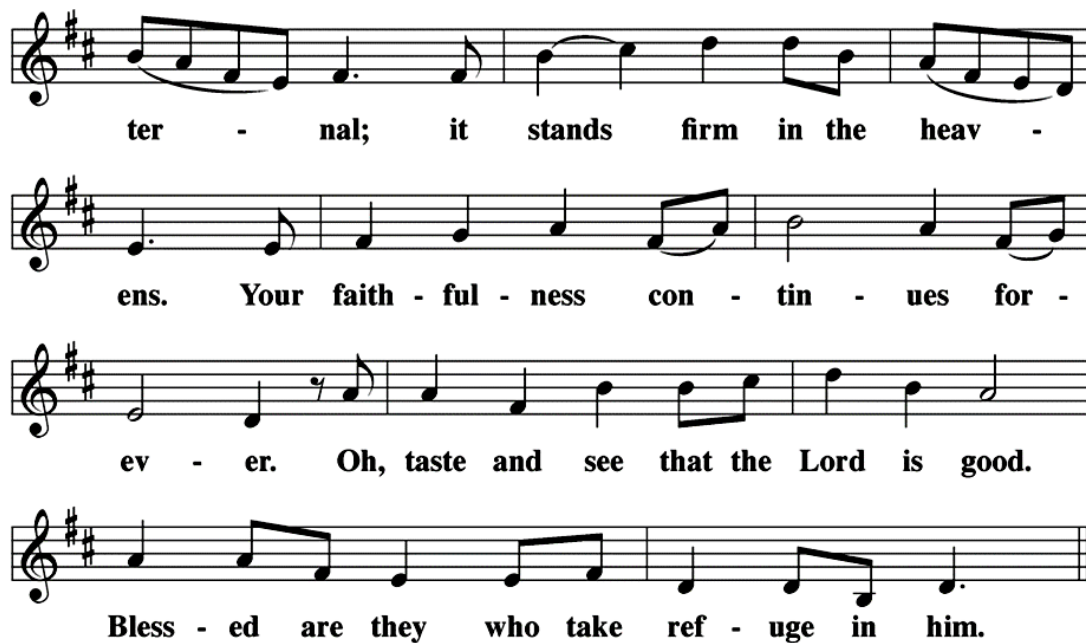
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**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:** Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*Please be seated.*



# THE WORD

**FIRST READING**

**1 Kings 3:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” <sup>6</sup>Solomon said, “You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. <sup>7</sup>O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. <sup>9</sup>Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to

judge this great people of yours?”<sup>10</sup> In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon’s request was good. <sup>11</sup> So God said to him, “Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, <sup>12</sup> therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 46c (Psalter pg. 236)**

*“The LORD almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”*



**SECOND READING**

**1 Timothy 6:17-21**

<sup>17</sup> Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. <sup>20</sup> O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge.” <sup>21</sup> By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**Isaiah 55:11b**

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13:44-52**

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. <sup>49</sup> That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. <sup>50</sup> And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>51</sup> Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?” They answered him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## Hymn

## [Lord I Need You](#)

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowling here, I find my rest  
Without You, I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
Where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

To teach my song to rise to You  
when temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

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SERMON    **Matthew 13:44-52**  
**Define Christian -- "The Christian Seeks Spiritual Wealth"**

## 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](http://www.christcambridge.com)) and selecting the "Donate" tab under "About" in the site menu.)*



## Offering:

**In 1 Kings 3:5-12 Solomon was presented by God with what we might call a “golden opportunity.” Solomon was instructed to ask for whatever he wanted God to give him as king. How would most people respond to such an offer? How would you respond? Some might ask for financial security, a good family, long life, or a position of power and prestige. Solomon asked for wisdom, for a discerning heart, so that he could govern God's people well. What a great choice! A discerning heart is also a great blessing for Christian stewards. It is a great blessing because it helps the wise stewards recognize that all of life and its resources belong to God and are to be used for his purposes.**

## INSTALLATION OF LYNSEY MAROHN

Let us pray.

**L:** Almighty God, source of all wisdom, we thank you for the opportunity we have to reach out in our community with our early childhood ministry. May your life-giving Word be the center of all teaching and every activity so that little children and their families may come to know and believe your holy law and saving gospel. Equip our new teacher with spiritual zeal that she may faithfully carry out the duties of her call. Give us zeal to add our own efforts to the goals of this ministry so that many more may come to serve you throughout their lives and finally inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## 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: 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:

## REJOICE, MY HEART, BE GLAD AND SING | #827

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