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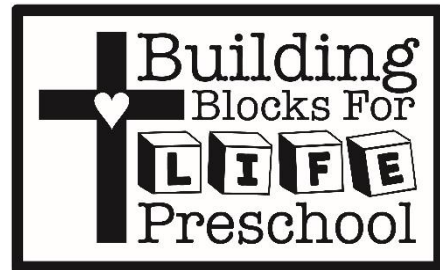
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Christ Lutheran Church

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

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

**LORD, HELP US WALK YOUR SERVANT WAY | #737**

*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

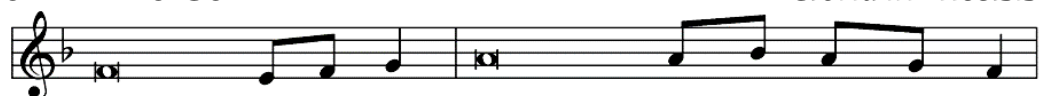
L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) **Amen.**

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

## GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*



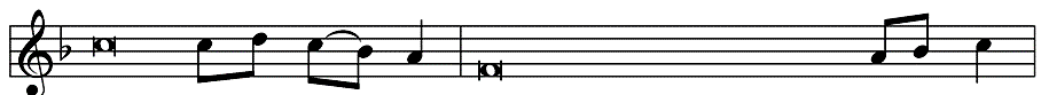
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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 have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 33:12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "Look, you yourself have been telling me, 'Lead this people up,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'" <sup>13</sup> So now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup> The LORD said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> Moses said to him, "If your Presence is not going to go with me, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> After all, how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in this way: that you go with us, so that we are distinguished, I and your people, from all the people who are on the face of the earth?" <sup>17</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have said, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup> The LORD said, "I will make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD in your presence. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy." <sup>20</sup> He said, "You cannot see my face, for no human may see me and live." <sup>21</sup> The LORD also said, "Look, there is a place next to me, where you shall stand on the rock. <sup>22</sup> It will happen that, while my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back. But my face will not be seen."

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 62**

*"Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."*



## SECOND READING

**Romans 7:15-25a**

<sup>15</sup> For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not keep doing what I want. Instead, I do what I hate. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But now it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is present with me. <sup>22</sup> I certainly delight in God's law according to my inner self, <sup>23</sup> but I see a different law at work in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin, which is present in my members. <sup>24</sup> What a miserable wretch I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Mark 8:34b**

Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

L: Our Savior meets us in the Gospel according to Matthew 11.



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

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 11:25-30**

<sup>25</sup> At that time, Jesus continued, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children.

<sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. <sup>27</sup> Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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.*

I run to Christ when chased by fear  
and find a refuge sure.

"Believe in Me, " His voice I hear;  
His words and wounds secure.

I run to Christ when torn by grief  
and find abundant peace.

"I, too, had tears, " He gently speaks;  
Thus, joy and sorrow meet.

I run to Christ when worn by life  
and find my soul refreshed.

"Come unto Me, " He calls through strife;  
fatigue gives way to rest.

I run to Christ when vexed by hell  
and find a mighty arm.

"The devil flees, " the Scriptures tell;  
He roars, but cannot harm.

I run to Christ when stalked by sin  
and find a sure escape.

"Deliver me, " I cry to Him;  
Temptation yields to grace.

I run to Christ when plagued by shame  
and find my one defense.

"I bore God's wrath, " He pleads my case,  
my Advocate and Friend.

I run to Christ in joy, in grief,  
and worship at His feet.

SERMON

Exodus 33:12-23

**“The LORD Responds to Faithful Requests”**



## 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.

## 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.)



## Romans 7:15-25a

We all know what we should do. I know I should give the first portion of my income to God, but sometimes a payment just has to be mailed or shopping just has to be done! I know I should give generously of my time to serve others, but I have a job and a family, and I just run out of time and energy! I know I should share all my possessions freely, not counting the cost, but certain things are just too special to loan or give away! We want to be good stewards of all God has given us, but the devil shows us excuses and rationalizations, and we don't do the things we know we should. I praise God that he sent his Son to die for my sins and be raised again on the third day so that I have a reason to try again to serve and glorify him!

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

L: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom and love.**



L: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

L: Ruler of nations, our hearts are at times distressed by the ungodly actions of those who have been established to be political leaders. They exercise authority with wickedness. They bring grief and harm to the innocent. That they seem to do so with impunity can test the faith of those who are your own.

**C: Remind us that, at all times, you are governing all that happens. You both raise up and remove whom you please to carry out your will. Even those who don't know or acknowledge you still serve your purpose. Give us hearts that trust your wisdom at those times that we don't understand it, and lives that honor those whom you have established to bless us.**

L: A few weeks ago, O Lord, there was the report of 46 Christians in Nigeria who were slaughtered simply because they confessed you as Lord and Savior. This is not something new there; it has been happening for some time. It reminds us that, although we are blessed to live in a land where we can live our faith without fear of persecution, believers in other places are not so fortunate.

**C: We thank you that you enabled these saints to stand firm unto the end and that you have now received them into your eternal rest. Continue to unite us in spirit with those who are having to contend for the faith under circumstances and in ways that we can't begin to imagine. Keep us ever mindful of the great blessing we have and help us to use it in ways that bring benefits to others, especially our fellow brothers and sisters in you.**

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

L: Eternal God, it is your desire that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. We therefore bring these petitions before you as we also join in the prayer 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.**

## 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

## ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME | #839

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