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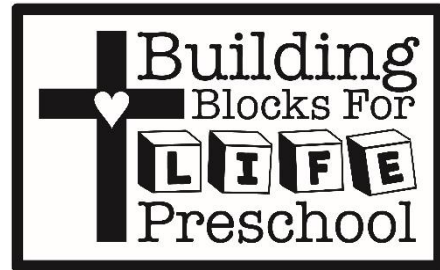
Worship Folder for August 13, 2023

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

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE | #805

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.

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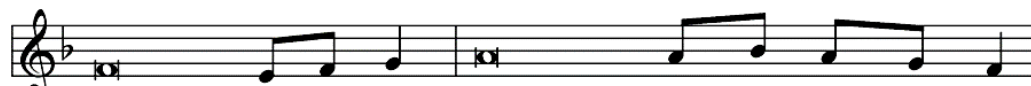
L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

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



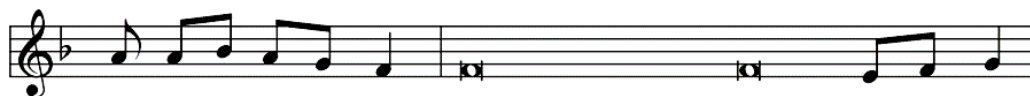
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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 reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C: (sings) *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹He came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, “Why are you here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

¹¹Then the LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. ¹⁸But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 73

"God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."



SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him? ³³Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written: For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia.

Please stand.

L: Our Savior meets us in the Gospel according to Matthew 14.



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

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. ²⁴ By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, "It's a ghost!" ²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, "Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Come!" Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

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

The sun beams on behind the clouds
And in the dark still grace abounds
All is well because of God's great love
The road of disappointment runs
Where unseen mercies wait for us
And all is well because of God's great love

How brightly shines the love of the Father
In our Savior, Jesus Christ
With faithful hands
He fulfills every promise
He will never leave our side

He feels our weakness, knows our need
And for our good He intercedes
All is well because of God's great love
Through every failure, every fear
The Lord of comfort draws us near
And all is well because of God's great love

How brightly shines the love of the Father
In our Savior, Jesus Christ
With faithful hands
He fulfills every promise
He will never leave our side

His coming soon will fill the sky
And all that's wrong will be made right
With newborn eyes we will behold
The glory of the risen Lord
All will be well because of God's great love
Yes, all is well because of God's great love

SERMON

Matthew 14:22-33

Define Christian --- "The Christian Answers Doubt with Faith"

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



In 1 Kings 19:9-18 Elijah was discouraged and depressed thinking his service to the LORD was all in vain. God spoke to him in the still, small voice and encouraged his servant to serve his people with the Word. Compelled by the love of Christ we will manage our possessions in amazement that God gives us his gifts and graciously equips us to serve him and the needs of others.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, we praise you that you have brought us through another seven days and gathered us together to worship you. Whether it was a week of storms or one of smooth sailing, it was your strength and love that sustained us. Because our faith is sometimes weak, there might have been those occasions when, because we did not see you in the way that we wanted to or expected to, we felt overwhelmed. But you were always with us.

C: We thank you for your unfailing love for us. Increase both our knowledge and understanding of what you have told us about the life that we will have on this earth so that we are not surprised by what we experience but rather see it all as the fulfillment of what you have said.

L: Heavenly Father, when we reflect on our lives we can come across times when our thoughts and actions showed complete disregard for you and your Word. But although you have disciplined us – and perhaps even done so harshly – you have never abandoned us. Rather, you have forgiven and restored us.

C: Bless us with your Holy Spirit so that we believe your forgiveness and forgive ourselves as well. Restore us. Enable us to rededicate ourselves to be in service to you.

L: Ruler of nations, we commit to your care those to whom you have given the responsibility to protect and defend us. Today we especially pray for those who serve in our police forces. Some are esteemed and honored in the communities in which they serve, but many face difficult and dangerous times. They are attacked by those who want to bring harm and devastation to them and others. They are not supported by those who have asked them to serve.

C: Give them steadfastness of purpose as they carry out their responsibilities. Enable them to continue to perform their duties with fairness and respect. Do not let the challenges they face cause them to become bitter or resentful. Instill in them an awareness of the purpose you are having them serve so that they do their work accordingly.

L: Lord of the church, the Apostle Paul prayed for all the congregations he served and encouraged them to pray for one another. We thank you that you have gathered us into a synod of like-minded believers. We are one in truth but varied in our circumstances. Be especially with those congregations that are struggling because of the challenges they face. Let them continue to find their strength in you.

C: Be with your brothers and sisters who are absent from worship today. If it is because of illness restore them to health. If it is because of travel, keep them safe. If it is because of guilt over sin, assure them that they are forgiven. If it is because their love for you and your Word has grown cold, let them see their sin and rekindle in them the fire of faith.

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

L: Lord Jesus, you have told us to ask and seek and knock as we come to you and through you in prayer to our God. You have promised that, just as earthly fathers give good gifts to their children, so our heavenly Father will do for us. It is because of your promises that we pray as you have 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

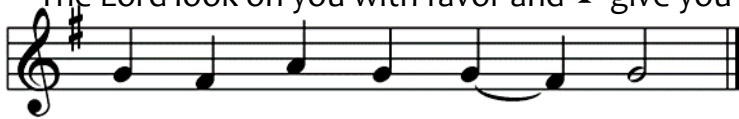
THE LORD'S BLESSING

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

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME | #849

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