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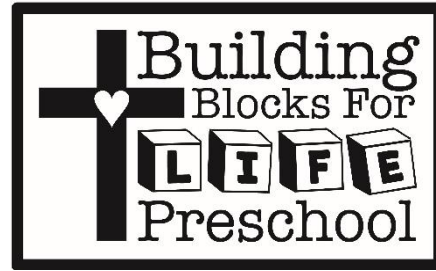
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## **WELCOME TO CHRIST!**

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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# 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

**IN CHRIST ALONE** | #510

## 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

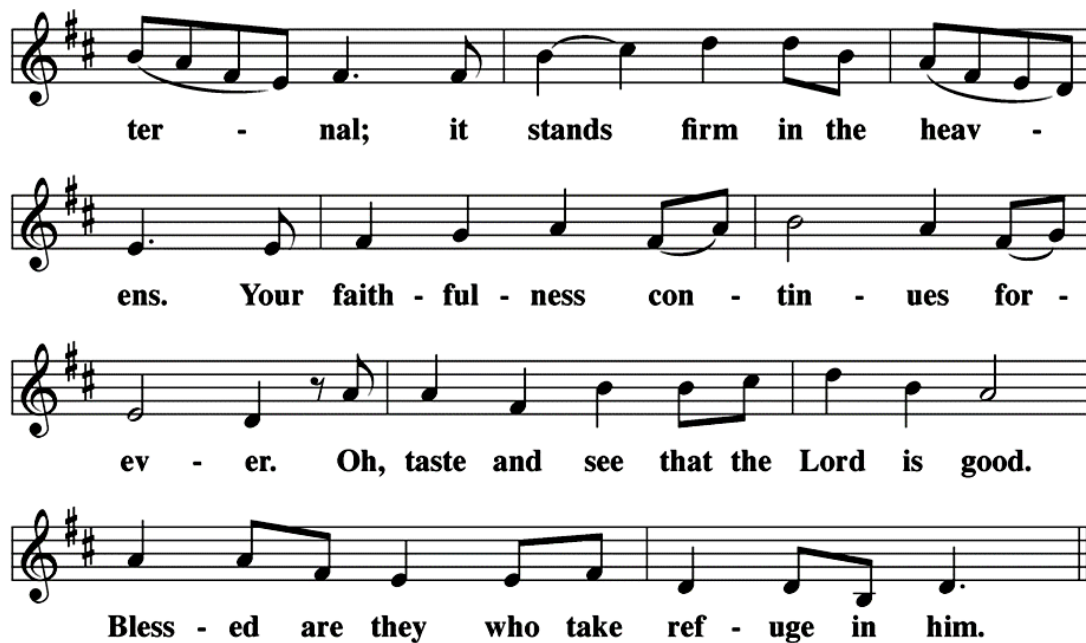
L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**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:** Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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**

**Exodus 34:5-9**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD came down in the cloud. He took his stand there with Moses and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>The LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed: “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and overflowing with mercy and truth, <sup>7</sup>maintaining mercy for thousands, forgiving guilt and rebellion and sin. He will by no means clear the guilty. He calls their children and their children’s children to account for the guilt of the fathers, even to the third and the fourth generation.” <sup>8</sup>Moses quickly bowed to the ground and worshipped. <sup>9</sup>He said, “If I have now found favor in your sight, Lord, please let the Lord go along

with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our guilt and our sin, and accept us as your possession.”

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 138**



“Though you, O God, are holy, yet you regard the lowly and raise them from the dust.”

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 10:5-13**

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: “The one who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. <sup>9</sup> Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. <sup>11</sup> For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> Yes, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**Hebrews 4:12**

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## Hymn

## [Ten Thousand Reasons](#)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
I'll worship your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship your holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name  
I'll worship Your holy name.

SERMON Exodus 34:5-9  
**The Church God Wants: "A Church That Really Knows Jesus"**

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:**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

**Jesus' life was a living testimony of who he was. Were the disciples observant? What did they see in Jesus? Was his living testimony clear? Did it dispel the common misconceptions and occasional misunderstanding of his mission? We can ask the same questions about our own lives. Are they testimonies of our Christianity? Are our beliefs evident in our actions? Could people describe who we are in Christ by observing how we live? Someone once said, "I can tell who you are by looking at your calendar and your checkbook." What we choose as priorities in our lives witnesses to where we place our faith and trust. As stewards of all God gives, our living and giving will reflect our faith.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L:** Lord, with the saints who have gone before we praise you this day for all your benefits toward us. You have not treated us as our sins deserve, but removed our transgressions from us and crowned our lives with your mercies. You have satisfied our desires with good things and renewed our hearts and souls and spirits. You have given us the beauty and bounty of this world to enjoy while we await that time when you will take us to a far better place.

**C: Receive our thanks and praise for who you are and what you have done.**

L: Faithful God, bless us and all who trust in you with faithful hearts that will hold to you and live in you both in times of trial and temptation and in times of peace and prosperity. We cannot fully comprehend the dangers we face but we know that the ones of which we are aware seek to cow us into submission. Strengthen the faith of all your saints so that what we say and do will give ample opportunity for you to show your glory. Help us to confess your name boldly.

**C: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and look with favor on our petitions.**

L: O Lord, we commit to your care those who are struggling in their lives. Whether the source of their stress is health or heartache, family or financial issues, or any other difficulty, assure them of your abiding presence. Enable them to trust that your grace is sufficient for them, and that your strength will sustain them in their weakness. Grant them deliverance according to your wisdom. Cause them to rejoice in you.

**C: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let your ear be attentive to our intercessions.**

L: For the holy Christian Church and the congregation, that the blessing of worship and preaching may continue through the week; for the practice of family worship, for the baptized and the communicants; for those absent from worship due to travel, illness or struggle.

**C: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let your ear be attentive to our intercessions.**

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

L: We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have invited us to pray to you and promised that you will hear us through the merits of your Son Jesus. In that confidence we pray also as he 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.**

HYMN

**LORD JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR KING | #899**



## 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:

**ONWARD CHRISTIAN, SOLDIERS | #869**

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