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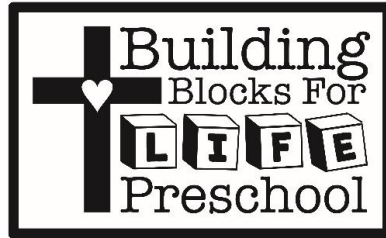
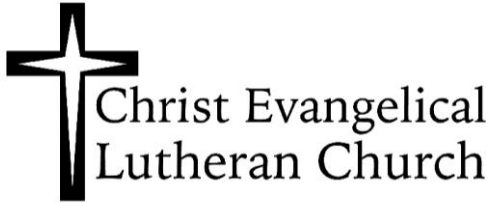
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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.

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Hymn

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me CW 839

Stand

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Teach me, Lord the way of your decrees.
that I may follow it to the end.

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

Faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Let us pray.

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. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

Almighty God, merciful Father,

I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.

In what I have done and left undone,

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved others as you command.

For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.

I am sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

Be seated

Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–11

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of

them. How then can we live?" ' "Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32

"I turn to you, O LORD, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."

Reading

Galatians 2:11–16

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

[The Lord’s Prayer \(It’s Yours\)](#)

Father, let Your Kingdom come
Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart (Repeat)

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let Your kingdom come

Father, let Your Kingdom come
Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart (Repeat)

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let Your kingdom come

It's Yours, it's Yours
All Yours, all Yours
The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours
It's Yours, it's Yours
All Yours, all Yours
Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours (Repeat)

Father, let Your Kingdom come
Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart (Repeat)

On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart

Sermon

The Church God Wants: "A Church Willing to Say Hard Things" Galatians 2:11-16

Apostles' Creed

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

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:

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary professor John Jeske once said, “Stewardship is taking God at his word.” God is faithful to his promises—all of them. In our lesson from Ezekiel 33, Ezekiel proclaimed God’s promises as his watchman. A loving, gospel-motivated response to God’s Word is our Christian stewardship—faithfully clinging to the promises of the Faithful One, even when those promises are difficult.

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Emma Biebert	Shannon Klawiter
Karen Gray	Lynsey Marohn
Michael Gunderson	Joella Sorgert
Dan Heinks	Grace Springborn
Tammy Heinks	

Prayer of the Church

O Lord, your eyes are on the righteous and your ears are open to their prayers. We thank you for the assurance you give us through that promise. You know all too well the spiritual and physical struggles we have when we face extended periods of difficulty and distress. Faith

holds to your word, but at the same time voices rise within us saying that you have forsaken and forgotten us. Strengthen our trust that you are in all things working for our good so that we find our peace and joy in you.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and look with favor on our petition.

Savior of the world, you rule over all things for the good of your church. You establish governments – including those led by unbelievers – to carry out your will and to serve your people. Enable us to see our civic officials through your eyes so that we may give you glory through the honor we direct to them. Bless those who are our local, state, and national authorities that they may carry out their responsibilities wisely and well. Quiet the discord that all too often disrupts our nation and restore those who have been harmed by it.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and look with favor on our petition.

O Holy Spirit, you empower us with your gifts that we might carry out the ministry to which you have called us. Give us a love for those whom you have loved so that we call to repentance those who do not acknowledge their sin. Give us faithfulness and steadfastness to continue this work during those times when it seems to be making no difference. Give us humility to understand and acknowledge that we are who we are only because of our God's undeserved love.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and look with favor on our petition.

Almighty God, we have had the privilege of being able to gather with others for worship this morning. Be with those who were unable to. If they are absent because of a weak faith, rekindle in them a zeal for you. If it is because of sickness or any other difficulty, heal and restore them. If it is because they are travelling, keep them safe on their journeys. If it is because they do not know you, bring them to a knowledge of their salvation.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and look with favor on our petition.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

You have assured us, heavenly Father, that the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective. It is in that promise that we come to you and also pray as your Son has taught us . . .

Lord's Prayer

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

Jesus Sinners Does Receive CW 654

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Children's Message

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CW 923

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Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. *Please take a few moments to fill out a Connect Card located in your aisle. Please put your card in the basket by the door as you walk out.*

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