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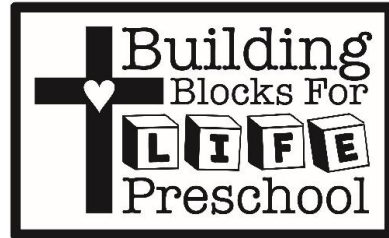
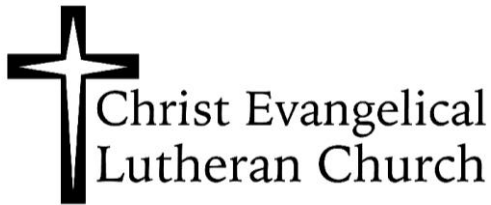
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WELCOME TO CHRIST!

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

His Mercy Is More CW 579

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Glory Be to God on High



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,



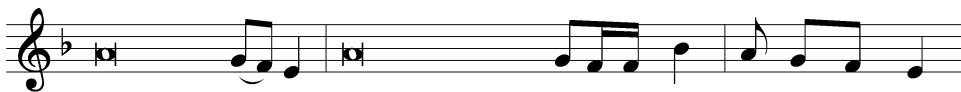
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



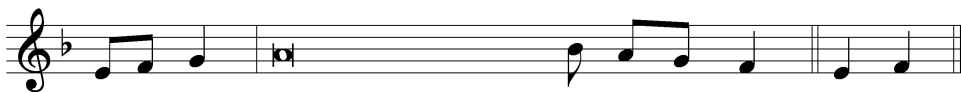
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷"This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 103

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:29—5:2

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

¹Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Bear with each other and forgive one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²²Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed

him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn

[More Than A Conqueror](#)

I’m more than what you see When you look at my life and evaluate me
I’m even more than I believe when I feel so lost and act so weak (Yeah)
Who I am is found in him Who died for me and lives again
He is the One who’s not afraid To love with nails and cross and pain
My guilt and fear he overcame
When he carried my sin and buried my shame
When he rolled that stone away I rose with him on Easter Day

So I'm more than a conqueror So I'm more than a conqueror
I'm more than a conqueror
(Woah) In him I'm more than I could ever be (Woah) In him I'm all I ever
wanna be (Woah)
I am his (Woah) I am his (Woah)
My living Jesus sets me free To see that I'm God's masterpiece
Made to serve with love for him Free from fear, forgiven of sin
Step by step he leads the way As I follow the voice who knows my name
'Cuz I'm more than a conqueror 'Cuz I'm more than a conqueror
I'm more than a conqueror
More than my doubts More than my fears More than my troubles
More than my tears More than my weakness More than my sin
Not life nor death Height not depth Nor anything
Can separate this child of God from him
Can separate this child of God from him (Woah) (Woah)
Though one day death will bury me One day I'll stand in victory
When my own eyes will open and see
The home that now my faith perceives
I'll never be hurt and nevermore cry As God wipes every tear from my eye
'Cuz I'm more than a conqueror 'Cuz I'm more than a conqueror
I'm more than a conqueror 'Cuz I'm more than a conqueror
'Cuz I'm more than a conqueror I'm more than a conqueror
'Cuz I'm more than a conqueror 'Cuz I'm more than a conqueror
I'm more than a conqueror
(Woah) In him I'm more than I could ever be (Woah) In him I'm all I ever
wanna be (Woah) I am his (Woah) I am his (Woah) I am his (Woah) I am
his (Woah)

Sermon

The Church God Wants: "A Church that's Quick to Forgive"

Genesis 50:15-21

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from**

Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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:

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

Does stewardship include the way we manage our mouths? What happens when our words hurt instead of building up? Does stewardship include controlling our emotions? What happens when bitterness, rage, brawling, and slander mar our relationships? The Lord calls us to manage every part of our lives. When we use our mouths to communicate forgiveness we imitate the

one who forgave us. When our lives are seasoned with sacrificial love we imitate the one who loved us first and best. That offering pleases the Lord too!

Prayer of the Church

We praise you, O God, for the faithfulness and mercy you show to us day after day. You do not treat us as our sins deserve. You do not keep a daily tally of our failings and then hold us hostage to them. You do not put a limit on the number of times you will forgive us for failing to love you and others as you have loved us. You simply declare that you have removed our guilt through the sacrifice of your Son Jesus and pronounce us to be your sons and daughters through faith in him. **Enable us to stand firm in your promise so that we may live our lives in the peace that only you can give.**

Jesus, you asked the Father to forgive those who sinned against you. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may reflect that same attitude toward those who sin against us. It refreshes and revives us to know that you have chosen to set aside the judgment you could rightly bring on us. Enable us to bring to others the blessing you have brought to us. **Give us also the ability to forgive ourselves as you have forgiven us. Free us from the shackles of our past.**

O Holy Spirit, you have brought us together to be one in Christ. Lead us to accept one another in love. Help us to always remember that Jesus has received each of those around us just as he has received us. **Through that knowledge equip us to carry on in unity of mind and spirit the ministry to which you have called us.**

We ask your blessing, Lord, on believers around the world who struggle as they live the faith to which you have called them. Protect them from those who would persecute them. If their resources are meager, give them confidence that you will make them enough. If they feel isolated and alone, remind them that you will never forsake them and supply them with the fellowship they need.

Be with Pastor Austin Ziche as he transitions to being the new pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Maple Grove. We thank you that you have granted this congregation a pastor of their own. May his ministry among them be one of mutual benefit and blessing.

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

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

The Sacrament

Stand

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 7/8 time signature. The notes are: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The second staff continues with: F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3, A3, G3. The third staff continues with: F3, E3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2, G2. The fourth staff continues with: F2, E2, D2, C2, Bb1, A1, G1. The lyrics are: 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.'

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

Distribution

God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to use God's Holy Word. Therefore, we invite only current members of Christ, (and those from sister WELS and ELS congregations) come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. Thank you so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

¶ One option for preparation is available in the blue hymnal on page 295.

Hymn

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive *CW 733*

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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Message

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Hymn

Oh, How Good It Is CW 731

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