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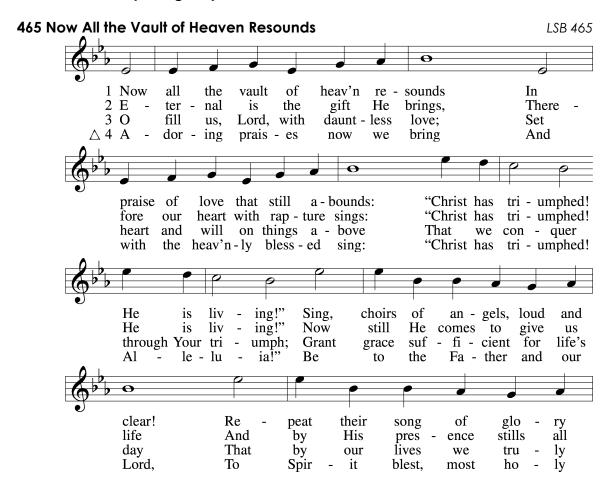
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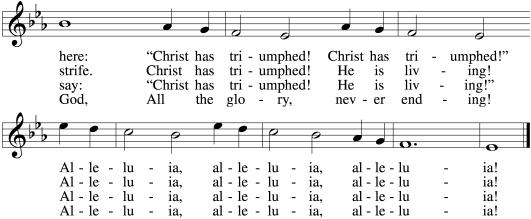


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Welcome and Opening Prayer





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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Divine Service Setting Five, page 213

+ Confession and Absolution +

Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, "To absolve of sin and wrongdoing," more specifically, to affirm God's forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5 LSB 213

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.



Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Consider: Have you loved God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength? Have you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Confession of Sins John 20:19–23 LSB 213

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution [John 20:19–23] LSB 213

- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- + Service of the Word +

Sit



- P Like newborn infants, Alleluia,
- C long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alleluia.
- **P** Sing aloud to God our strength;
- shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
- P In distress you called, and I delivered you;
- I answered you in the secret place of thunder.
- P I am the LORD your God,
- **C** who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
- P Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;
- and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Like newborn infants, Alleluia,
- C long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alleluia.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

A Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy!" A brief prayer not only imploring God's mercy but rejoicing in it through Jesus Christ.

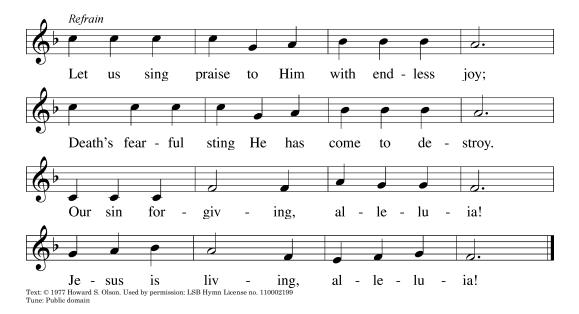


C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.









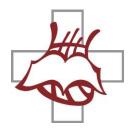
Salutation and Collect of the Day

"Salutation" is a word from Latin meaning, "to salute" or "to greet." "Collect" (KAH-lekt), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also "collects" the message of the day's Gospel reading.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



A The Old Testament Reading is from Ezekiel, chapter 37.

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 John 5:4–10

A The Epistle is from 1 John, chapter 5.

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

- A The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven: if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- **A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds agreed upon by the ancient church.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

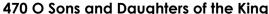
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Children's Message

Matthew 19:14; Luke 18:16

A message especially for children from our Director of Christian Education, Amanda Adams.









- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of daysBe laud and jubilee and praise:To God your hearts and voices raise.Alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon



Offering

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If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office (office@christlcms.org) or call the office at (785) 266-6263. We will include them in next week's service, and also share them with our prayer chain if desired.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4 LSB 215

- Per Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us as individuals, a congregation, and a country. We petition that comfort and healing come to those who are ill or suffering (especially ...). Build up and strengthen us to minister to our friends and loved ones who are experiencing turmoil in their lives (we name before You...). Help us to hand over our own worries and concerns to You. Continue to spread Your Gospel and strengthen those who suffer persecution for calling Your Son Lord. Protect our armed forces and first responders and bring peace to their families, drawing them close to You. Bless our country and the leaders of our country, our state, and our cities that they may make good, wise and godly decisions. Bless the ministry and missions of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), the Kansas District of the LCMS, our congregation, Topeka Lutheran School and the Center for Young Children. Guide us in our lives to serve You in everything we do. In Christ's name we pray.
- C 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.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Sit

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

(beh-neh-dih-KAH-moose), Latin for "bless we [the Lord]." We give thanks to God for everything He has done for us in Jesus Christ.

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

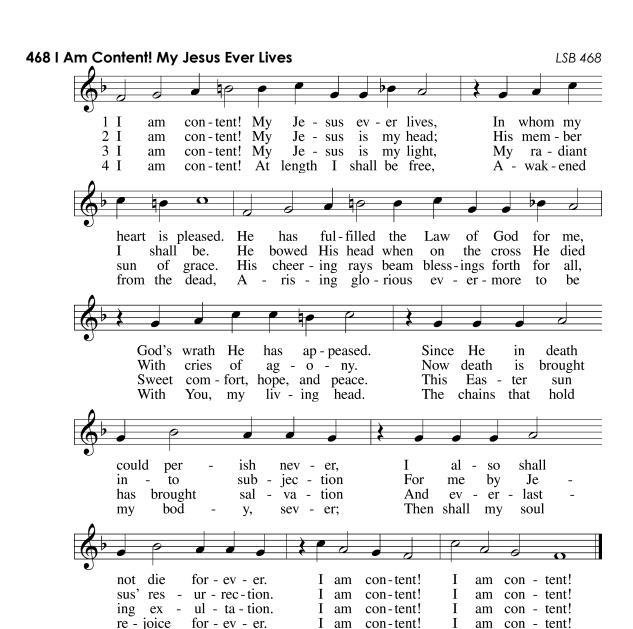
BenedictionNumbers 6:24-26

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.





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-- Announcements --

Celebrating

Birthdays: Mert B., Jamie H., Emagene M. (19th); Jayde S. (20th); Sharon L. (21st); Amber H., Ashley H. (22nd); Connie D., Tara S. (23rd); Emma G., Jennifer H. (24th); Danica H. (25th); Barbara B., Trinity C., Taylor S., Brenda Z. (27th); Brooklyn W. (28th); Dieter B., Avery L. (29th); David B. (30th)

 $\textbf{Baptism Birthdays:} \ Dennis \ L. \ (19 ^{th}); \ Aaron \ B. \ (20 ^{th}); \ Kaelyn \ B., \ Jacelyn \ G. \ (21 ^{st}); \ Ann-Marie$

B., Jeremiah O. (22nd); Kora K. (23rd); Wayne P. (24th); David C. (25th)

Anniversaries: (none this week)

Call Committee Update

The update that you have been waiting for... Pastor Micheel has ACCEPTED the Call to be our pastor here at Christ! We do not have a date yet when he will arrive. Once "stay at home" orders have been lifted and the Micheels are able to visit, go house hunting, and such, we will know more. Please continue to keep Pastor Micheel and his family in your prayers, and offer up a prayer of thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior!

Emergency Assistance Fund

If you and your family have not been financially affected by the current crisis, you may want to consider donating to the Emergency Assistance Fund set up at Christ Lutheran to help fellow Church members in need due to the Covid 19 crisis. The Emergency Fund provides our families assistance for groceries and utilities. Any level of giving and praying will be a tremendous blessing. Should monies remain in the fund after at the end of the crisis they will be used for Missions, church debt and the general fund as determined by the Church Council. Prayerfully consider what you can donate by cash, check or PushPay (keyword: CHRISTLCMS and select the "OTHER" button), by Text (text CHRISTLCMS to 77977) For those needing assistance please contact the office at 785-266-6263 or office@christlcms.org. Your request is forwarded to the Stewardship Committee and is strictly confidential.

Need Help?

Are you self-quarantining at home and need assistance? We have a list of members who have offered to help run errands and make deliveries. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer, or if you would benefit from a helper. (Helping others in need is not a violation of Shawnee County's "Safer at Home" order.)

Devotions

Visit our website (christlcms.org/devotions) for resources you can use at home!

-- Announcements --

Women's Bible Study & Devotions via Zoom

Beginning this week (4/23), we'll be holding a weekly devotion and Bible study for women via Zoom! This group will meet online every Thursday at 6:00 pm, and meetings will take about 20 minutes. If you are interested, please e-mail the church office, and Amanda will send you an invitation link via e-mail.

Men's Bible Study via Zoom

Our Saturday morning Men's Bible Study group is continuing to meet at 10 am via Zoom! If you would like to join them, please contact the church office for more information.

Thrivent Cards

Thrivent members -- if you have unused Action Teams, please contact Amanda Adams (<u>dceadams@christlcms.org</u> or 785-266-6263). We are planning multiple projects to help us continue connecting as a congregation and keeping us in God's Word during this time of limited in-person interaction.

<u>Offerings</u>

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Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Linda F., Alice M., Luke H., Betty C., Julie J., Don L., Natalie J. (daughter-in-law of Liz J.), Brittian K.(grandson of Sondra K.), Lance L., Jerry M., Bob T., Jean B. (sister of Pauline C.), Kathryn B. (granddaughter of Robert & Marjean P.), Judy P. (Lynne D.'s aunt), Cassandra H., Glenn T., Steve C. (Brenda Z.'s brother), Jeanette H. (Phil H's sister), and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, the Schumachers in Ghana, and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for our next pastor as well as our guest pastors, Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of TLS and the Center for Young Children. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.

Last names have been removed for the bulletins posted online. For a complete list of members' birthdays/anniversaries or people in our prayers, please contact the church office. Thanks!

The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

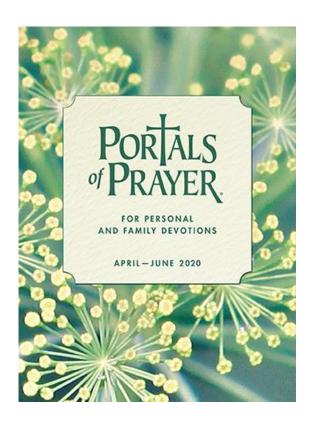
Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs: \$7,300 Offerings Received - Week of 4/12 \$8,056

Budgeted Needs (Jan-Mar) \$96,024 Offerings Received (Jan-Mar) \$78,398

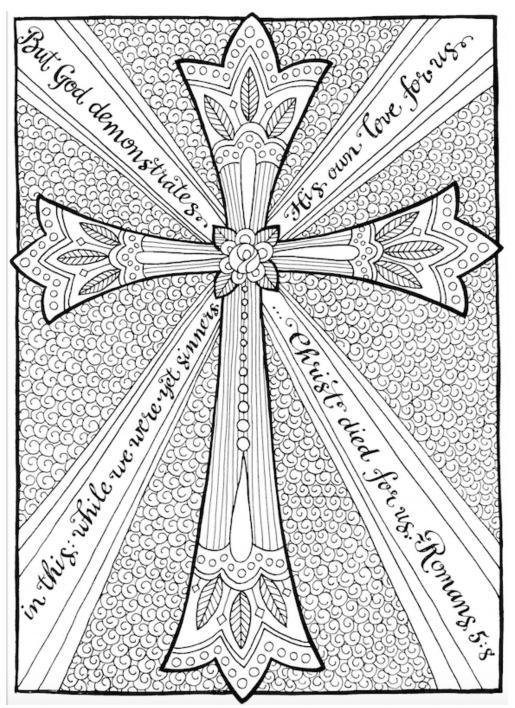
John 20:19 – "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

We have Portals of Prayer for April through June 2020.



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A coloring page for children and adults.



Marsha Appelhans – In memory of her mother, Helen Brame Phil & Jolene Balch –

In memory of Herb & Enola Meyerhoff and Glen & Mildred Balch Donna Boyer - In memory of Bill Boyer Wayne & Linda Bradley -

In memory of their parents and great granddaughter Lynne Dryer & Chase Ford - In memory of Lura Lee Dryer Liz Hartpence - In memory of JoAnn Gay Alan Hill - In memory of Janice Hill

The Holmer Family – In memory of Terry Holmer
Wayne & Barbara Kellner – In honor of their grandson, Carter Pentz
Matt & Mel Lang – In memory of loved ones gone before us
Dennis & Glenna Lemke – in memory of their parents
Walt & Kendra Malone - In memory of Walter & Wilma Brandes,
Geraldine Ross, and DeWitt Malone

Gladys Neuhaus – In memory of Allen and son Kenneth Ríchard Schuette – In memory of Betty Schuette Kímberly Scruggs – In memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Saxton Arloa Tíchenor – In memory of Dean Tíchenor