



*“I am the
good shepherd.”*

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Misericordias Domini
“The Mercies of the Lord”

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8:00 AM



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Welcome and Opening Prayer

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

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

Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Three, page 184

✠ **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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20] LSB 184

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 184

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,

C **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

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- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **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 185

- P** 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

Introit

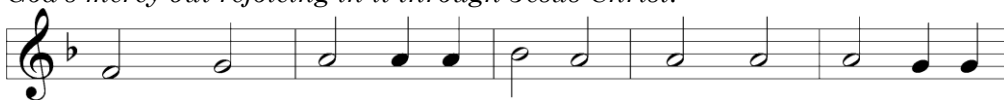
Psalm 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a

- P** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.
C **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.**
P Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
C **Praise befits the upright.**
P Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
C **on those who hope in his steadfast love,**
P that he may deliver their soul from death
C **and keep them alive in famine.**
P Our soul waits for the LORD;
C **he is our help and our shield. 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 The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.
C **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 186

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 up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

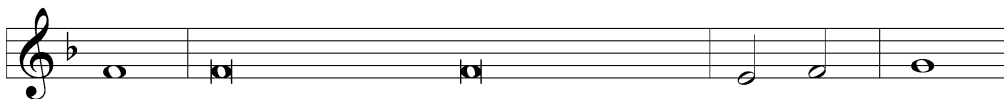
Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187

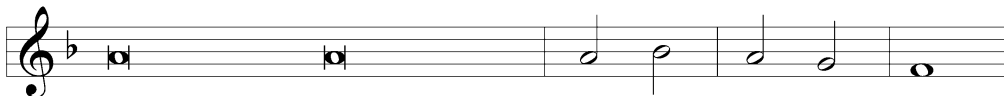
P Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



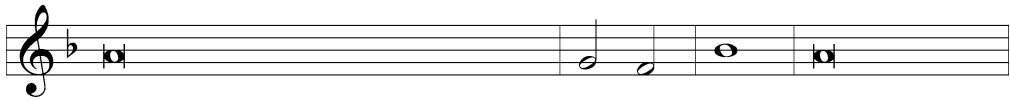
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



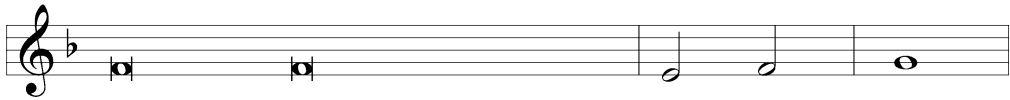
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

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 with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

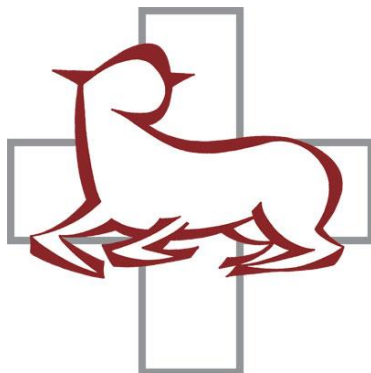
Ezekiel 34:11-16

A The Old Testament Reading is from Ezekiel, chapter 34.

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Epistle

1 Peter 2:21–25

A The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

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Hebrew word meaning "praise the LORD." Also spelled "Hallelujah".



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–16

A The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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.

C 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.**

Sit

Children's Message

Matthew 19:14, Luke 18:16

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

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

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6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12 LSB 192



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4 LSB 193

P 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

Mark 6:9-13 LSB 196

- C** 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

- C** 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.

Benedicamus

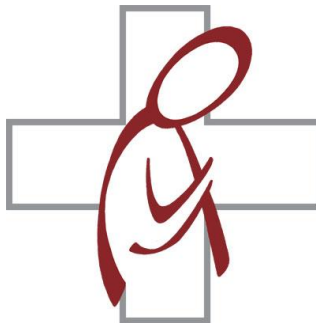
Psalm 103:1 LSB 202

*(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** Bless we the Lord.



- C** Thanks be to God.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon on you and be gracious unto to you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

LSB 693



- 1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior
2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;
3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.
Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.
Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered
O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new
Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.
life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

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-- Announcements --

Celebrating

Birthdays: Barbara B., Trinity C., Taylor S., Brenda Z. (27th); Brooklyn W. (28th); Dieter B., Avery L. (29th); David B., Nancy C., Janiah E. (30th); Jason K. (1st), Judy C. (2nd)

Baptism Birthdays: Kennedie B., Kendra M., Charlotte R. (27th); Kelsie D. (28th); Dieter B., Carter C., Trinity C., Melissa F., Avery L., Ashley S. (29th); Bessie T. (30th); Jayde S., Hannah T. (1st); Richard H., Cassidy W. (3rd)

Anniversaries: Casey & Robyn F. (28th); Frank & Lisa S. (29th), Chuck & Heather S., Eric & Bessie T. (30th)

Holy Baptism

We rejoice that our church family at Christ grew by three yesterday! Maelyn Gerhardt, Lillian Capper, and DelRay Capper were all baptized Saturday morning in small family gatherings here at Christ. Maelyn Gerhardt is the daughter of Brian & Jackie Gerhardt, and her sponsors are her grandmothers, Carolyn Craver and Lisa Gerhardt. Lillian (Lily) Capper is the daughter of DelRay and Kadie Capper, and her sponsors are Sarah Fogg and Kevin Capper.

Holy Communion

Beginning on 4/29, we will offer weekly 15-minute communion services from 4:00-6:00 pm. In order to keep these services at 10 people or less, you must sign up for a 15-minute time slot each week that you would like to attend. (If you are attending as a family of 4, please sign up using four slots). You may sign up online through Sign Up Genius (the link for this week's services is <https://bit.ly/ChristCommunion429> - visit our website for future links). Or call the church office and leave a message – Mel or Amanda will call you back and help you sign up!

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!

Bible Studies via Zoom

If you would like to participate in any of these online Bible studies via Zoom, please e-mail the church office (office@christlcls.org).

The Lutheran Difference – Sundays at 9:15 am

Women's Study & Devotion – Thursdays at 6:00 pm

Men's Bible Study – Saturdays at 10:00 am

-- Announcements --

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.

Devotions

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

Thrivent Cards

Thrivent members -- if you have unused Action Teams, please contact Amanda Adams (dceadams@christlcms.org 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.

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., Mert B., Steve C. (Brenda Z.'s brother), Angela (Mary D.'s daughter), Harold (Mary D.'s son-in-law), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, Marjorie H. and family after the death of her sister, our front line/essential workers, 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 Pastor Micheel 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.

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). “*For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls*” (1 Peter 2:25).

Offerings

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Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$7,300
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 4/19</i>	\$6,605

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

John 10:16 – “**And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.**” The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Following the Shepherd means life; following anyone else means death. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow Him!