

*Be merciful,*  
**JUST AS YOUR FATHER**  
*is merciful.*  
LUKE 6:36

Fourth Sunday After Trinity  
July 5, 2020  
7:45 AM, 8:30 AM, & 9:15 AM



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## Welcome and Opening Prayer

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

### *Divine Service Setting Four, page 203*

#### ✠ 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.*

*Stand*

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b [18:20] LSB 203*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.



## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## 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.

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 50.

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Romans 8:18–23

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 8.

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



## Alleluia and Verse

### 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.

### Verse

John 20:31 LSB 205



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

### Alleluia

LSB 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

Luke 6:36–42

- A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

<sup>39</sup>He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first

take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

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*Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds (short statement of belief) 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

*Children are invited to join Amanda Adams, our Director of Christian Education,  
at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Message.*



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life  
 Confiding in my Savior;  
 By grace receive my soul  
 That it may live forever;  
 And let my body have  
 A quiet resting place  
 Within a Christian grave;  
 And let it sleep in peace.

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6 And on that final day  
 When all the dead are waking,  
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
 My deathly slumber breaking.  
 Then let me hear Your voice,  
 Redeem this earthly frame,  
 And bid me to rejoice  
 With those who love Your name.



## Offering

*For those gathered with us in-person, an offering plate will be at the back of the room for a contactless drop-off for your gifts, tithes, and offerings as you leave today's service.*

*For those still joining us remotely, we have multiple options for giving. You can text CHRISTLCMS to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at [pushpay.com/pay/christlcms](https://pushpay.com/pay/christlcms) for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the "My Church by PushPay" app, with keyword CHRISTLCMS. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611).*

*Direct links with more information are available on the church website ([christlcms.org/giving](https://christlcms.org/giving)).*

*If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office ([office@christlcms.org](mailto: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 207*

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** For an increase of mercy among all the baptized, that they would bless and not curse, forgive as they have been forgiven, give as they have been given to, and speak the truth in love, not with anger and pride, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all pastors in Christ, especially our Pastor-elect Ben Micheel, that they would remain bold to preach the Gospel in its purity and administer the Sacraments according to Christ's institution, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For favorable weather and a bountiful harvest, that our crops would receive God's nurture and blessing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all educational institutions of Christ's church, especially Topeka Lutheran School and our new teacher Miss Weinhold, that through them the children of our parishes would be nurtured in the Faith to life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the industries and the service sectors of this land, that their labors may be just and the work they do may be profitable for all people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For a culture of life in our land and throughout the world, that all life from the womb to the grave would be cherished, and that all who view life as expendable would have their hearts and minds changed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who have been placed in authority over and service to us, including Harold and Kathryn, that they would govern and serve with a mind focused on peace and the general welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For an end to the pandemic and for mercy on all who suffer physical, spiritual and economic hardship because of it, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the freedoms we enjoy in our country, let us give thanks to the Lord; that we would never take these freedoms for granted and always strive to defend and protect them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick, for those preparing to undergo surgery, for the elderly and shut-in, and for all who desire our prayers, including Charlie, Linda, Alice, Luke, Betty, Julie, Don, Brittian, Lance, Jerry, Bob, Jean, Mert, Pauline, Angela, Judy, Noel, Vera, Donna, Larry, and Ruu that, according to God's good and gracious will, they may receive healing, comfort and assurance of His care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who receive the Holy Eucharist this coming Wednesday evening, that they would eat and drink the very body and blood of Christ with faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 209*

**P** Lord, hear as us we pray in Your name and as You have taught us:

**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

*Psalms 103:1 LSB 212*

*(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.**

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 212*

*A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.*

**P** 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.**

*Sit*

# 828 We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB 828



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of  
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him  
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the  
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -  
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets  
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,  
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - als took the mes - sage,  
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior  
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and  
 Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of  
 Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y  
 Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,  
 Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!  
 res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.  
 grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.  
 grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring,  
 all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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# -- Announcements --

## Celebrating

**Birthdays:** Emil B., Lois N. (5<sup>th</sup>); Esther C., Jan C., Mayah M., Garry N. (6<sup>th</sup>); Damion B., Luke L., Madison L. (8<sup>th</sup>); Tracy C., Karlee G., Emmalynn H. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Donald M., Brooklyn W. (5<sup>th</sup>); Bianca L. (6<sup>th</sup>); Brad H. (7<sup>th</sup>); Henry S. (8<sup>th</sup>); Patrick C., Jackie G., Carter W. (9<sup>th</sup>); Alicia B. (10<sup>th</sup>); Lyn L. (11<sup>th</sup>); Nancy C. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Phil & Greta H., Duane & Linda S. (7<sup>th</sup>)

## In-Person Worship Services

We are beginning to offer in-person worship services again at Christ! Our service times are currently 7:45 am, 8:30 am, and 9:15 am. The 7:45 and 9:15 services will be in our sanctuary (face masks highly encouraged), and the 8:30 service will be in the gym (face masks REQUIRED so that higher-risk individuals and families may worship with us). The 7:45 service will also be live-streamed for those unable to join us in-person at this time. For the safety of all those present, please maintain proper distancing at all times.

In order to keep these gatherings at 45 people or less, each person must sign up for the time slot in which they plan to attend. (If you have a family of 4, please be sure to mark quantity as 4.) If all time-slots are full or you are having issues signing up, please leave a message at the church office – (785) 266-6263 -- and Mel or Amanda will be in touch. We will make sure additional slots or service times are added as needed - we have no desire to turn anyone away!

Please visit our website ([christlcms.org](http://christlcms.org)) to sign up! Next Sunday's sign up link is <https://bit.ly/ChristWorship712>. Note that each week has a unique sign-up link.

## Holy Communion

We are offering weekly 15-minute communion services on Wednesdays. ***Please note that our available time slots are now at 5:00 pm and 5:15 pm.*** In order to keep these services at 14 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/ChristCommunion708> - 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!

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## **Installation**

Pastor Ben's installation will be held on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Heritage Hall (1 Expocentre Drive, Topeka – parking is near 17<sup>th</sup> & Western). This venue was our best/safest option to be able to invite our congregation while still properly distancing. If you wish to attend, please use the sign-up link (<https://bit.ly/ChristInstallation712>) on our website or call the church office. For those not comfortable attending in-person, the installation service will be live-streamed through Facebook, and available on our website the next day. The visiting pastors and the Micheel family will return to Christ for a meal following the service. (We will hold a meal for the entire congregation at a later date, once it is safe to do so.)

## **Gift Cards**

We're collecting gift cards to welcome the Micheel family to Topeka and help them settle into their new home. If you would like to donate one, you may mail it to the church or drop it off at the church office. If you are at church for Sunday worship or Wednesday communion services, there is a drop off box in the hallway outside the office.

## **Thank You**

Thank you all for the wonderful anniversary greetings and cards. We so appreciated hearing from everyone! -- Charles & Adair

## **LWML**

We will be holding our monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the gym to better allow for distancing.

## **Thrivent Cards**

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

## **Cloth Masks**

As the state of Kansas falls under mandatory mask orders, some of our members are in need of cloth face masks. If you need a mask, or if you have masks that you would like to donate, please contact the church office.

## -- 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](mailto:office@christlcms.org). Your request is forwarded to the Stewardship Committee and is strictly confidential.

### Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Linda F., Alice M., Luke H., Betty C., Julie J., Don L., 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), Mert B., Larry R., Pauline C., Ruu C., Angela (Mary D.'s daughter), Harold (Mary D.'s son-in-law), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Vera (Barbara B.'s aunt), Donna B., Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, our front line/essential workers, and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, the Schumachers and their ministry 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.



### *Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others*

*“Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful”* (Luke 6:36–42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay”* (Rom. 12:14–21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15–21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8–13).

### Offerings

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### **Stewardship Corner**

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	<b>\$ 7,300</b>
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 6/28</i>	<b>\$ 4,069</b>
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-June)</i>	<b>\$167,340</b>
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-June)</i>	<b>\$185,186</b>

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**Rom. 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”** It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.