



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 2020
8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, & 10:30 AM



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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Stand

Blessing of the Organ

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

- P** Beloved in the Lord, the gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has made this a day of special rejoicing. With this renovated organ we will be encouraged to “sing to the LORD and bless His name, to tell of His salvation from day to day.”

It will also adorn the Word of Christ which dwells in us richly in all wisdom so that, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, we may sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. As He has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this instrument for use in God’s holy house.

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You dwell in the heavens surrounded by angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as they offer their worship and sing, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.” We thank You that You have united our voices with their unending hymn of praise. Of Your goodness You have blessed us with this organ to enliven our hearts and adorn our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by Your mercy we may ever glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this organ for use in the services of His house.

C Amen.

Sit

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

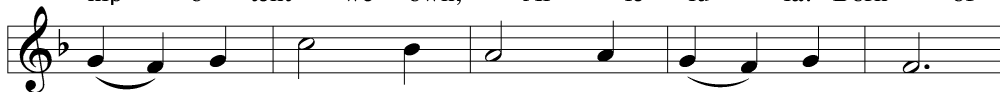
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



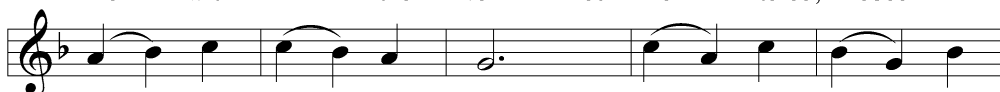
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



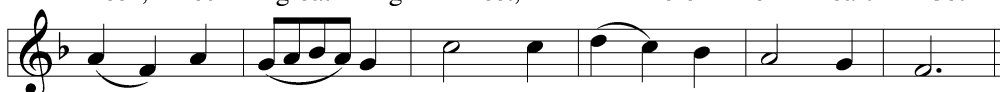
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

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Stand

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✠ 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.

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

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

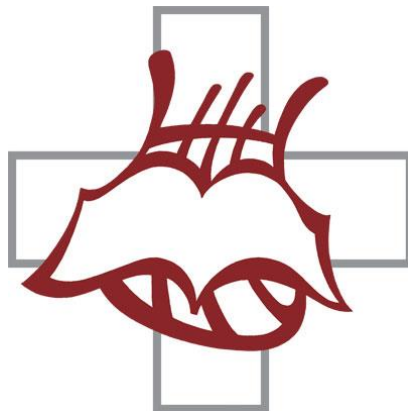
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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
- C** **make known his deeds among the peoples!**
- P** Sing to him, sing praises to him;
- C** **tell of all his wondrous works!**
- P** Glory in his holy name;
- C** **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**
- P** Seek the LORD and his strength;
- C** **seek his presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
- C** **his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**
- P** O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
- C** **children of Jacob, his chosen ones! 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** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
- C** **make known his deeds among the peoples!**



Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 152

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

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



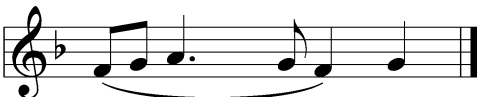
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

“Salutation” is a word from Latin meaning, “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 al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

A The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 7.

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 8.

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

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

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The music is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

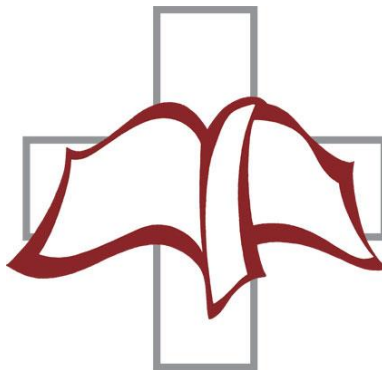
⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.



Apostles' Creed

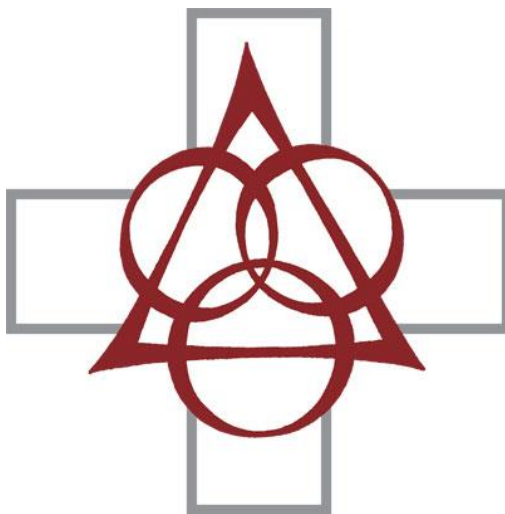
Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds agreed upon by the ancient church.

**☩ 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.**

Sit



644 The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644 sts. 1-5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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Sermon



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 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).

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 116:12-13, 17-19 LSB 159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Brief silence

P That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may grant to us good and faithful pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of His Word, and that we may receive their words with joy and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may remember our Baptism into Christ and live boldly in our vocation as His children no matter the difficulties of this fallen world, within our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may bless all lawful occupations and professions, and that we may pursue honesty and virtue in all things, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That God's people may recognize the true treasure of the cross and rejoice in the resurrection, pursuing with all their hearts, minds, bodies and souls the things of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace, *[and especially do we pray for _____.]* let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may grant us generous hearts so that we may honor Him with the worship of our hearts and bring to Him the tithes and offerings that support His work, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may be steadfast and immovable, abiding in Christ and in His Word of truth, and that we would be kept from error and delivered from temptation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may watch over our comings and goings and deliver us safely into the arms of His mercy, in the blessed rest of the faithful, to receive with all the dead in Christ the gift of life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

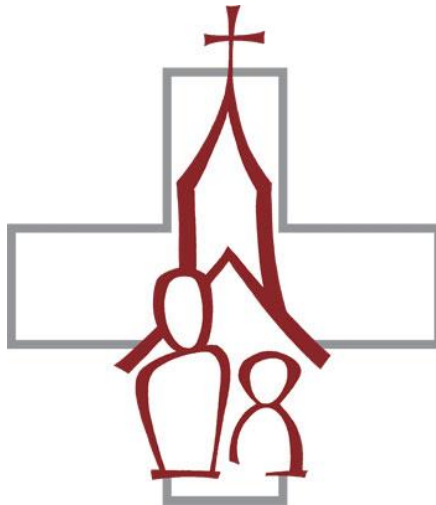
Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 166

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 A - men.



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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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-- Announcements --

Celebrating

Birthdays: Katie D., Paul R. (26th); Doug H. (27th); Kerry D. (28th); Dana H. (29th); Don L. (31st); Jaclyn H. (1st); Haley G., Jennifer G. (2nd)

Baptism Birthdays: Parker A., Doug H. (27th); Jzanasia S. (28th); Karlee G. (30th); Heather M., Bill O. (31st); Mayah M., Joann W. (1st); Frankie J. (2nd)

Anniversaries: Marty & Bev C., John & Carlie G. (2nd)

Worship Services Update

All worship services will continue to utilize our online sign-ups.

Sunday, July 26th – Worship service times are now 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 am

(All service times will now be held in the sanctuary.)

Wednesday, July 29th – No more Wednesday Communion Services

Sunday, August 2nd – Communion resumes during Sunday Worship Services

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Ben will begin a weekly adult Bible class on Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 pm in the gym. To attend in person, please sign-up each week online. To virtually attend via Zoom, please e-mail the office.

Altar Guild Meeting

There will be a brief Altar Guild meeting on Sunday, August 2nd at 9 am in the church basement.

Organ

“Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation.”
What a blessing it is to play this wonderful instrument with my church family. The organ brings us together as we sing our hearts out to the Lord. It is such an expressive instrument that has the sounds of an orchestra at the fingertips. We now add new pipes in the reed section: the krummhorn. This bold sound will add majestic tones to some of our favorite hymns, as well as Easter and wedding celebrations. This addition brings fond memories of my mom, Leila Becker, who loved music and encouraged me to play both piano and organ. The memorial funds given in her name will be used towards these beautiful copper pipes and I am so grateful for the love shown to her. I can picture her gentle smile while listening to favorite hymns and believe she would approve. Blessings to all of you. – Michele Skinner

-- Announcements --

Movie in the Gym

Instead of just youth, we're opening up our movie day to the congregation! Join us this afternoon at 3 pm in the gym to watch Disney/Pixar's *Onward*. If you'd like to sit on something other than a folding chair, please bring that with you. We will be wearing masks and distancing as much as possible. Individual snacks will be provided. We will plan on a movie day for the last Sunday in August (30th), as well.

Meet & Greets for Pastor Ben

We're hosting two outdoor cookouts so that you can get to know Pastor Ben and his family a little better! Join us either at Gage Park on Friday, August 14th or at Lake Shawnee on Friday, August 21st. Both events will be from 6:00-7:30 pm. Hot dogs and chips will be provided – please bring your own drinks. We'll be able to socialize in the open air and spread out as needed.

Trivia Night

Save the date – we'll be having FREE a trivia night on Saturday, August 8th at 6:30 pm. You may join us in-person in the gym (with masks and distancing) or join us from home via Zoom. Sign up info will be available soon!

Youth Group

7th-12th grade youth will meet here at church for Bible study and fellowship on Sunday, August 9th and Sunday, August 23rd at 5pm. Masks will be worn, and we will choose a room that allows us to distance based on the number of people we have in attendance.

LWR Care Kits

During the month of August, LWML will be collecting Care Kit items for Lutheran World Relief. The following items are needed: towels (52" x 27" maximum size), bars of soap, nail clippers, and sturdy wide tooth combs. Donations may be placed in the bin in the coffee lobby.

Portals of Prayer

LWML is collecting past copies of Portals of Prayer to send to Lutheran Church Charities. You may drop them off at the church office.

LWML Work Day

We will be holding a work day on Tuesday, July 28th at 9:00 am in the church basement.

-- Announcements --

Thank You

Dear members of Christ Lutheran Church, Rachel, the children, and I want to express our great thanks for your wonderful generosity. The gift cards and notes that we received from so many of you are such a blessing for us as we get settled into our home and get our feet under us. We are so grateful for your generosity as well as your continued prayers. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you better in the weeks and months ahead. God continues to have great things planned for this congregation and we are so excited to be a part of it. Blessings, Pastor Ben and family.

Thank You

Thank you for all of the prayers, calls, and cards after Larry's surgery. They were all very much appreciated. – Larry & LaJean Rinker

Face Masks

With mandatory mask orders in place from the state and county, face masks must be worn while inside the church building – including for the duration of worship services. If you would like a cloth face mask, or have masks that you would like to donate, please contact the church office.

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.



-- 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.

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., Don C., Tim (Garry & Lila N.'s son-in-law), Gary (Ruth S.'s son), 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 Ben, 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 Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be “*his treasured possession,*” not because of any strength in us, but solely “*because the LORD loves*” us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He “*keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments*” (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us “*great value*” by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His Kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are “*hidden in a field,*” covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but “*to be conformed to the image of his Son*” (Rom. 8:29). Since we “*are called according to his purpose*” (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us “*at the right hand of God*” (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from “*the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 8:39).

Offerings

We have multiple options for your gifts, tithes, and offerings. You can text CHRISTLCMS to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at 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).

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 7,300
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 7/19</i>	\$ 4,634
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-June)</i>	\$192,048
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-June)</i>	\$184,848

Matthew 13:45-46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us and purchased us back from sin and death with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is the foundation for our own generosity: imitating the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

zoom

Family

TRIVIA

Night

The logo features the word "zoom" in a teal, lowercase, rounded font at the top. Below it, the word "Family" is written in a red, cursive font. The word "TRIVIA" is displayed in large, white, uppercase letters, each contained within a colored block (alternating between teal and gold) that has a red outline and a slight 3D effect. The word "Night" is written in a red, cursive font at the bottom right. Small, four-pointed starburst graphics are scattered around the "TRIVIA" blocks.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH – 6:30 PM

**IN-PERSON TRIVIA IN THE GYM
(WITH MASKS & DISTANCING)**

–OR–

ATTEND WITH US VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

***** IT'S FREE! *****

WATCH FOR SIGN UP INFO SOON!



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

WITH COMMUNION

8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM

SIGN UP AT CHRISTLCMS.ORG

FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM 8 AM; RECORDINGS AT CHRISTLCMS.ORG