I am speaking the truth in Christ

-- ROMANS 9:1 --



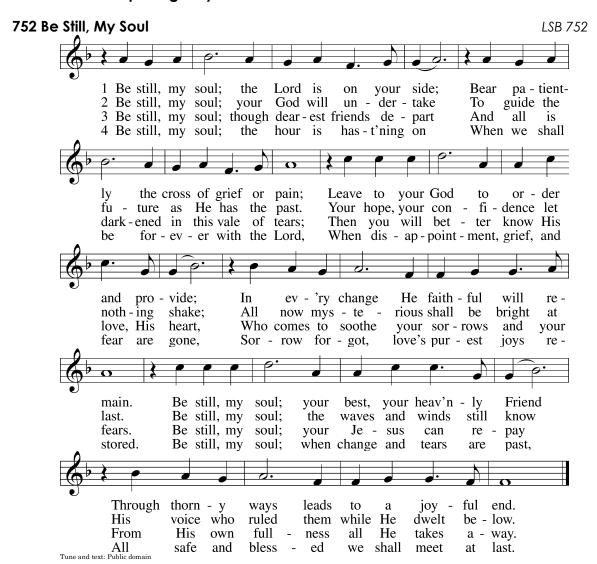
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost August 2, 2020 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, & 10:30 AM



Christ Lutheran Church 3509 SW Burlingame Rd. Topeka, KS 66611 785-266-6263 www.christlcms.org Rev. Ben Micheel, Pastor Amanda Adams, DCE Chris Francik, TLS Principal



Welcome and Opening Prayer



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

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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.

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?
- **B**ut 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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

- 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.

Sit

- P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
- **C** make known his deeds among the peoples!
- **P** He spread a cloud for a covering,
- and fire to give light by night.
- **P** They asked, and he brought quail,
- and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- P He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
- **©** it flowed through the desert like a river.
- **P** For he remembered his holy promise,
- **C** and Abraham, his servant.
- P So he brought his people out with joy,
- his chosen ones with singing. 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!

+ Service of the Word +

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204

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.



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204

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Lord.



3 For You a - lone are ho - ly: You on - ly



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.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 55.

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters: and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

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



Epistle Romans 9:1–13

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 9.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia LSB 205

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





Verse John 20:31 LSB 205



Alleluia LSB 205



Holy Gospel Matthew 14:13–21

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Nicene Creed

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.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made. being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead.

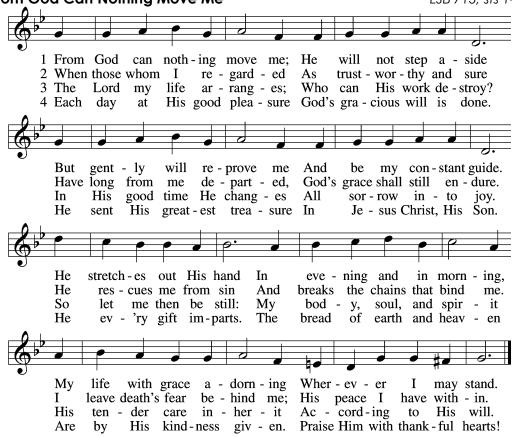
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life +of the world to come. Amen.



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 \triangle 7 For thus the Father willed it,

Who fashioned us from clay;

And His own Son fulfilled it

And brought eternal day.

The Spirit now has come,

To us true faith has given;

He leads us home to heaven.

O praise the Three in One!

Sermon

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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

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4 LSB 207

Lord, You have bidden us to come without money to receive grace beyond price. Hear us as we heed Your call and turn to You in prayer, confident of Your promise to hear and answer us.

$Brief\,silence$

- Father, we have sought meaning, comfort and sustenance from all the wrong places. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be turned to Your Word, that we may hunger for Your Son's body and blood, and that we may discern truth from error. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Father, we give You thanks that You have blessed us beyond what we deserve and given to us Your Church. Guard her life by Your Spirit, and strengthen her witness before the nations. Bless all pastors and church workers in their service to us in Your name, and bless those now considering and preparing for church-work vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.



- Father, we too quickly focus on what we lack and not upon Your unlimited grace. Bless all relief agencies and services of Your Church on behalf of the hungry, the homeless, the hurting and those who have lost hope. Bless those visited by disaster and tragedy, and open our hearts to help them recover from their loss. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Father, we are daily blessed to know abundance and freedom. Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities. Be with our president, the Congress, our governor, and our judges and magistrates, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Father, we suffer with all manner of ills and afflictions. Hear us and grant to us healing according to Your will, strength in time of trial and peace at the last. We pray especially for _____ and those named in our hearts. Good Lord, deliver us and teach us to depend upon Your grace in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Father, we know that Your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted. Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in Your sufficient grace. Guide us to seek our consolation in Your Word and Sacraments, and prepare us to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy.
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Father, we are daily and richly surrounded with Your love and care. Grant us eyes to see Your mercies new every morning and grateful hearts, that what we have received we may share with those in need and generously support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Father, we remember the saints who lived by Your mercy and died in Christ. We long for that day when all divisions will end and the Church in heaven and earth shall be one in Your presence, singing Your praise in Your kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- Father, we ask You to grant us all things needful and to keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation for we trust Your wisdom and Your love. Teach us to pray without fear "Your will be done"; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

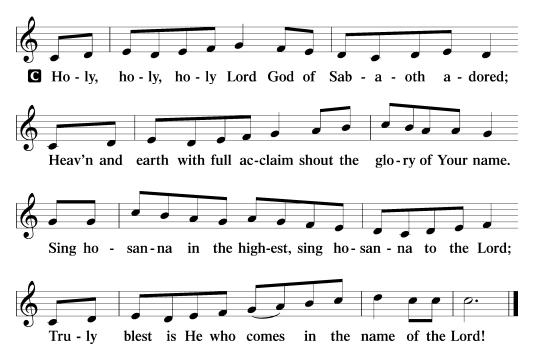
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22: Colossians 3:1: Psalm 136 LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



(SAHNK-toose), "Sanctus" is Latin for "holy"



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a lifegiving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

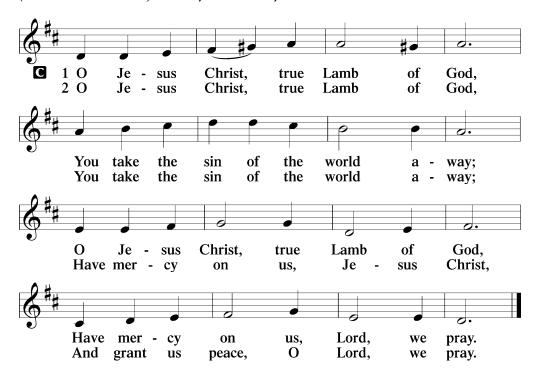
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 210

(AHG-noose DAY-ee). Latin for "Lamb of God."

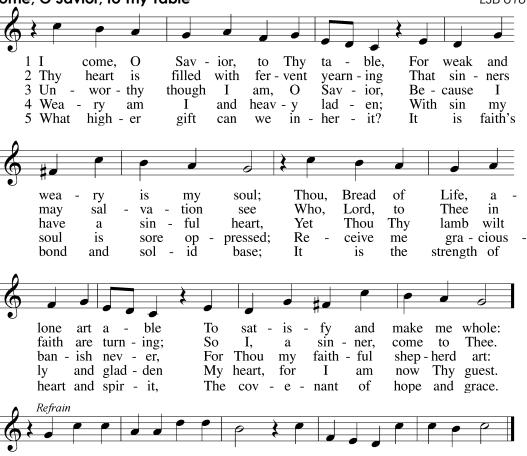


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Distribution

Communion is reserved for those who are members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or members of a church body in fellowship with the LCMS unless special arrangements have been made with the pastor. The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. Then they will distribute it to those who cannot come up to the front of the sanctuary due to physical ailments. Following that the ushers will dismiss the people from their pews to proceed to the front. All are invited up to receive a blessing.

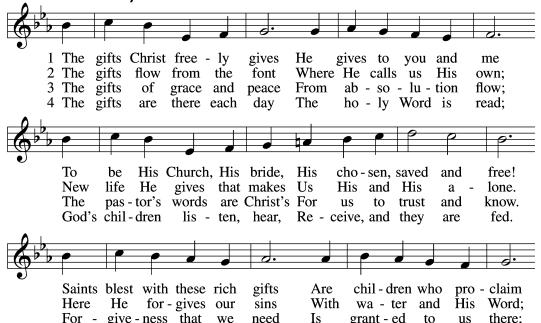




Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!









That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name. The tri - une God Him-self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord. mer - cy sends Us The Lord of forth in His blest care. Re - stor - ing and re-fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

Blest words that give them life.

Christ fills them with Him - self.



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Stand

Dismissal



Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32 LSB 211

(NUNK dih-MIH-tuss). Latin for "now [let your servant] depart," from the Song of Simeon.



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.

Benedicamus Psalm 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.

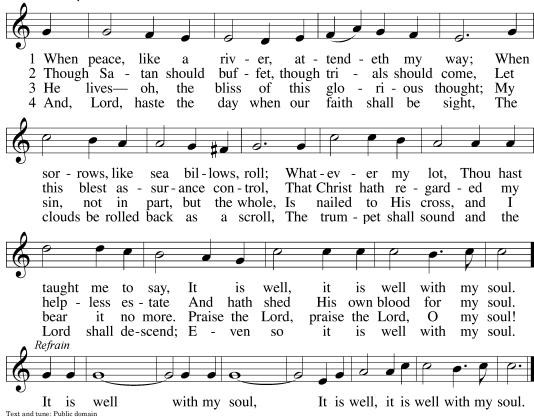
Benediction Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 212

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- 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





-- Announcements --

Celebrating

Birthdays: Haley G., Jennifer G. (2nd); Tracie C., Harper D., Leandra H., Jay W. (3rd); Satine G., Jenna H., Robert P., Henry S., Sandy S. (4th); Stephen B., Chance B., Alan H., Damien O. (5th); Dan F., Shelley J. (6th); Alexis H. (7th); Erin B. (8th)

Baptism Birthdays: Frankie J. (2nd); Elyas B., Ammi M., Nancy P. (8th); Yancy A., Satine G., Brett N. (9th)

Anniversaries: Marty & Bev C., John & Carlie G. (2^{nd}) ; Chris & Vikki N. (4^{th}) ; Thad & Marlee C., Lance & Denise L. (5^{th})

Worship Services Update

All worship services will continue to utilize our online sign-ups. Sunday, August 2^{nd} – Communion resumes during Sunday Worship Services

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Ben will begin a weekly adult Bible class THIS WEDNESDAY (August 5^{th}) 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 2^{nd} at 9 am in the church basement.

<u>Organ</u>

"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, 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 S.

If you wish to give an offering toward Leila's memorial and the new organ pipes, please use the "memorials" fund on PushPay, specifying "organ" in the notes, or specify on the memo/envelope for your offering given in-person.

-- Announcements --

Thank You

Dear elders, church council members, and members of Christ,

Please receive my sincere thanks for your kind card and generous gift marking the end of our service to you in your recent vacancy. If I may express my own further appreciation, please receive my thanks for allowing us the opportunity to serve you with Christ's Word and Sacrament during the vacancy, for opening yourselves to us and our ministry. I pray the Lord will allow us all to continue to enjoy the fellowship we have in Christ. Finally, I cannot say that I could be more delighted for you that the Lord has called Pr. Micheel to serve you. May He bless and prosper his ministry among you!

—Pastor Bruss

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 (Steak Grill Shelter) on Friday, August 14th or at Lake Shawnee (Shelter #4) on Friday, August 21st. Come and go as you please 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 available on our website!

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, toothbrushes, 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.

-- Announcements --

LWML Meeting

We will be holding our monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11^{th} at 7 pm. We will plan on meeting in the gym so that we can properly distance.

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.

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., 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), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Vera (Barbara B.'s aunt), Donna B., Don C., Gary (Ruth S.'s son), Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, our front line/essential workers, the family of Linda F. as they mourn her passing, 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.

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of "the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever" (Rom. 9:5), we are "the children of God" (Rom. 9:8), "not because of works but because of him who calls" (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, "listen diligently" and "hear, that your soul may live." By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made "an everlasting covenant" for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him "and eat what is good, and delight … in rich food" (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, "said a blessing," broke the loaves "and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds" (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as "they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces," there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

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

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 7,300
Offerings Received - Week of 7/26	\$ 5,475

Budgeted Needs (Jan-June) \$192,048 Offerings Received (Jan-June) \$184,848

Matt. 14:17-18 – "They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'" When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish, that's exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing. But, in Jesus, all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th - 6:30 PM

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

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