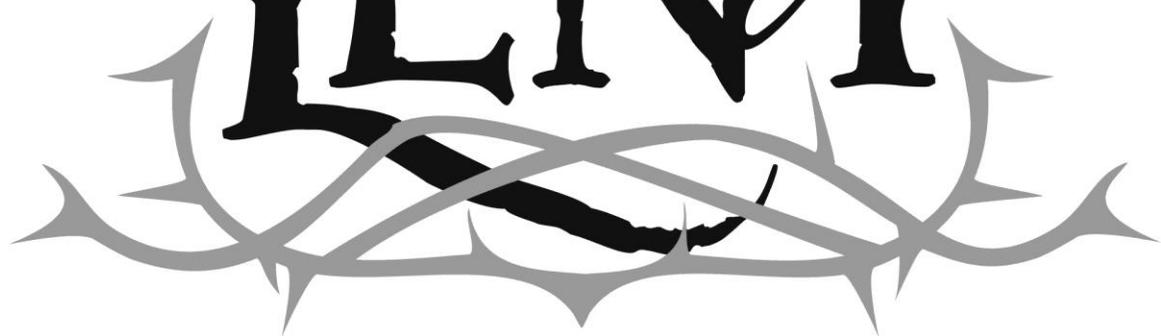


SECOND  
*Sunday*  
IN **LENT**



Second Sunday in Lent

February 28th, 2021

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

*Joining Jesus on His Mission:  
“Why is the Cross Necessary  
to the Mission of God?”*



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## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420, sts 1-4, 6-7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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*Stand*

## Divine Service Setting One, page 151

### ✠ 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.*

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9 151*

**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

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- 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.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6*

- P** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
**C** **for they have been from of old.**
- P** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!  
**C** **He is their help and their shield.**
- P** The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;  
**C** **he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;**
- P** he will bless those who fear the LORD,  
**C** **both the small and the great.**
- P** We will bless the LORD  
**C** **from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**  
**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** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
**C** **for they have been from of old.**



# Kyrie

Mark 10:47 152

*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.

## 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.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 17.

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will



<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**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.*

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

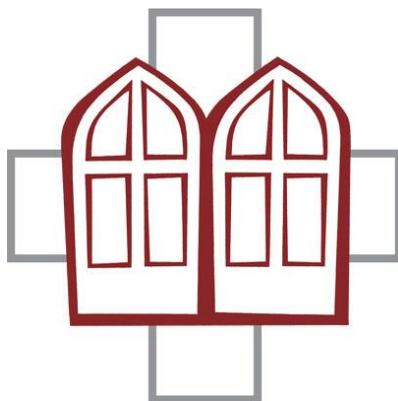
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,

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.

*Sit*

**Children's Message (8:00 & 10:30 am only)** *Matthew 19:14; Mark 13:13-15; Luke 18:16*  
*A message especially for children from our Director of Christian Education,*  
*Amanda Adams.*



## 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## Sermon

“Why is the Cross Necessary to the Mission of God?”

Matthew 16:21-25; Romans 5:12, 15

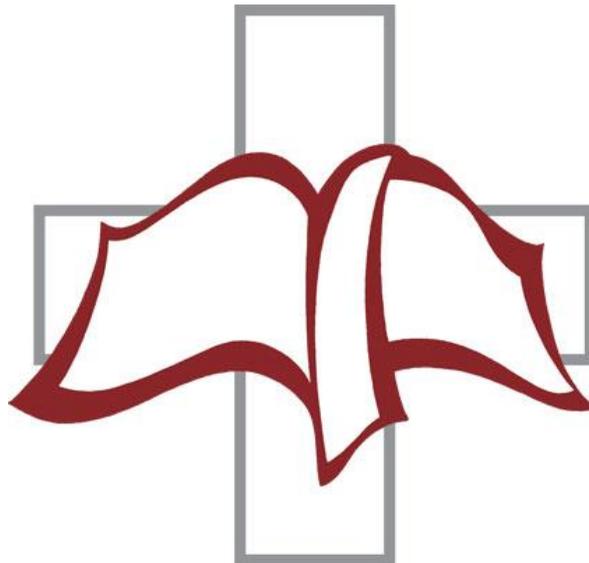
## Offering

*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)).*

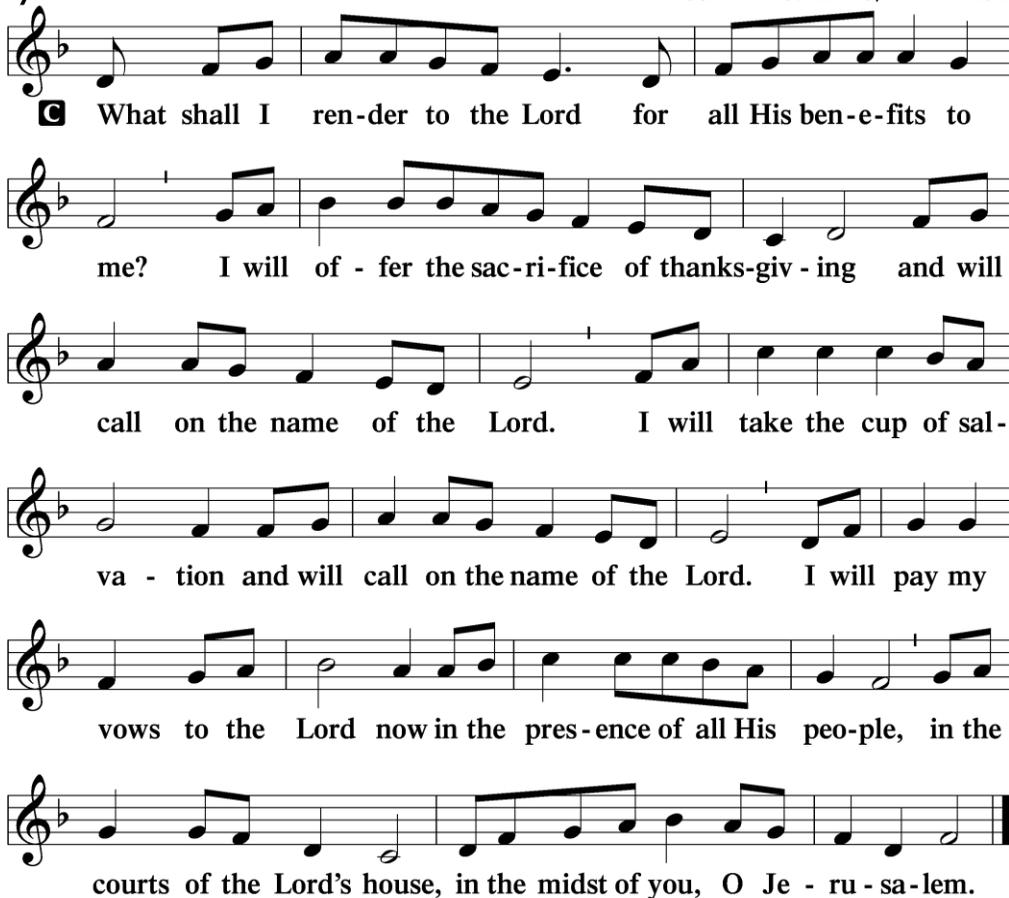
*If you have prayer requests, you may fill out a card from the pew and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office ([office@christlcms.org](mailto:office@christlcms.org) or 785-266-6263). We will include them in next week's service and share them with our prayer chain if desired.*

## Stand



## Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19 LSB 159



**C** 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

*At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy,"  
to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."*

- P** ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.



## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** 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.

### Proper Preface (Full)

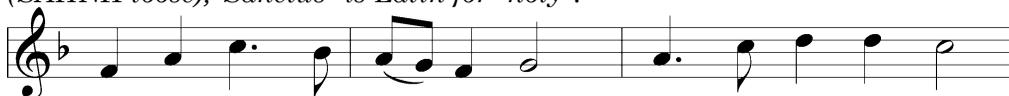
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 161

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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

## 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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

John 20:19 163

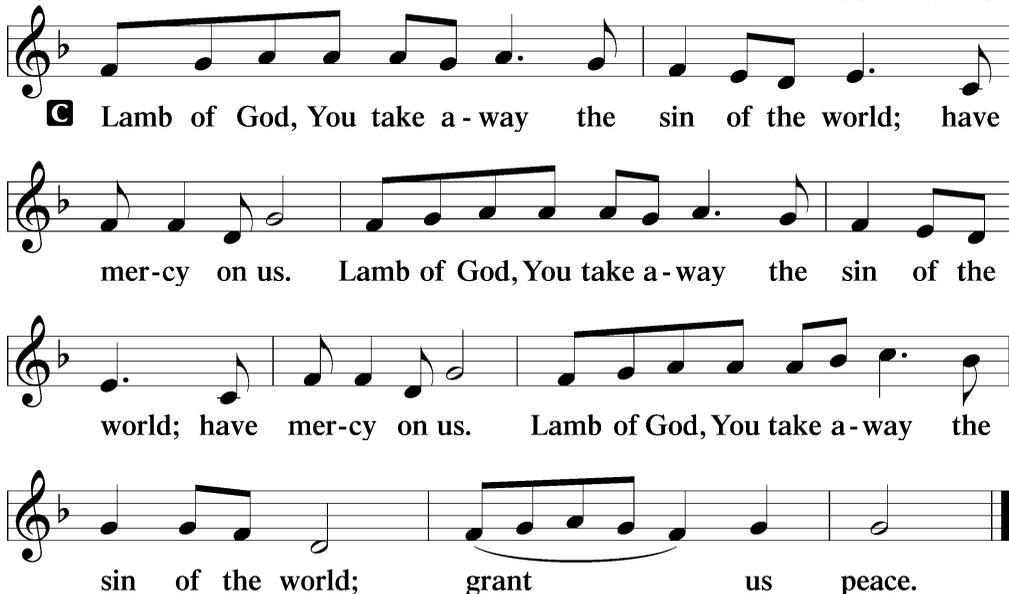
*(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).*

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



## Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

### 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.*



# 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,

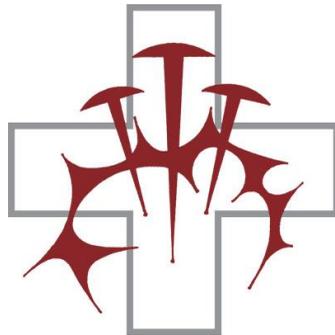


Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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# 763 When Peace, like a River

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

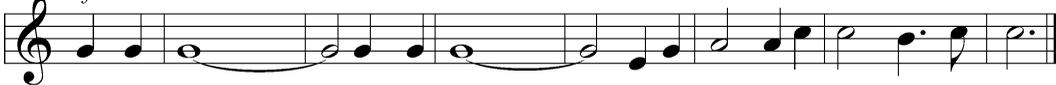


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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# 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun - ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer - me. Earth  
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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*Stand*

**Dismissal**

## 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** A - - men.

## 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 6:24–26 166*

*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.

*Sit*



# 837 Lift High the Cross

LSB 837 sts. ref-6

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
- 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
- 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
- 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

*Refrain*

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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## -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday February 28th	<b>8:00, 9:15, &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Children's & Youth Sunday School
Monday March 1st		
Tuesday March 2nd		
Wednesday March 3rd	9:30 am 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm <b>6:00 pm</b> 7:00 pm	Joining Jesus Small Group (Jason/Amanda) Confirmation Joining Jesus Small Group (Casey/Robyn) Communion Class <b>Lent Midweek Worship Service</b> Joining Jesus Small Group (Pastor Ben)
Thursday March 4th	9:00 am	Red Cross Blood Drive
Friday March 5th		
Saturday March 6th	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday March 7th	<b>8:00, 9:15, &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Children's & Youth Sunday School

# -- Announcements --

## Celebrating

**Birthdays:** Jeff E., Taylor H. (28<sup>th</sup>); Patricia L. (29<sup>th</sup>); Sarah B. (1<sup>st</sup>); Charlie P. (2<sup>nd</sup>); Abi B., Amber F., Lee M., Christina W. (4<sup>th</sup>); Tara B., Kyle B., Natalie R. (5<sup>th</sup>); Jacelyn G. (6<sup>th</sup>); Brenda A., Brooklyn H. (7<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Laurel B. (29<sup>th</sup>); Jeanne P. (1<sup>st</sup>); Hayes K., Dalton N. (3<sup>rd</sup>); Casey F. (5<sup>th</sup>); George F. (7<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** (none this week)

## Worship Service Updates

*We have three worship service times: Sunday mornings at 8 am, 9:15 am, and 10:30 am. These services are capped at 45 people each to allow for proper distancing.* Please continue to sign up through the church website. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this ever-changing situation!

## Lent Worship Services

Join us on Wednesdays at 6 PM for our midweek Lent worship services. Please sign up through the church website

## Lent Devotions

Pick up a FREE booklet of devotions for the Lenten season, courtesy of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Booklets are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the coffee lobby. Visit our website ([christlms.org](http://christlms.org)) if you would like to download for your e-reader.

## Joining Jesus on His Mission

We still have FREE copies of the book available in the coffee lobby! Pick up a copy today and read along with the congregation!

## Readers for Worship Services

Would you like to be a reader during our worship services? Sign up on the bulletin board in the coffee lobby! As a reader, you would present the Old Testament and Epistle readings to the congregation during the worship service. Please read through the assigned verses for the day prior to service time, and check with Pastor Ben regarding any pronunciation questions. If you would like to know the verses for your scheduled week(s) in advance, please contact the church office.

## Soup-er Bowl

It's the last day of our Soup-er Bowl food drive! We have collected over 5 shopping carts full of food items for the Topeka Rescue Mission this month. Thank you for your generosity!

# -- Announcements --

## **Youth Bowling**

Youth in 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited for an afternoon of bowling at Westridge Lanes on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM to 2 PM. We have two lanes reserved for two hours. You are responsible for shoe rental and any snacks you may want. You ***MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE*** with Amanda to ensure we have room for everyone. Contact her at [dceadams@christlcms.org](mailto:dceadams@christlcms.org) for more information.

## **Thank You**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came to our Donut Drive-Thru last Sunday. We were able to raise over \$450 toward the cost of the 2022 National Youth Gathering!

## **Women's Monthly Bible Study**

We will resume our monthly study on the book of Esther on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the church basement. Please contact LaJean R. for details.

## **Evangelism and Outreach Projects**

Watch for more updates soon – we're trying to set up a book drive for Read Across America month, and working on the possibility of student lunches over Spring Break!

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

We will be holding another Red Cross Blood Drive here at Christ on Thurs., March 4<sup>th</sup>. To make your life-saving appointment call 800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: TopekaCLC). Bring a photo ID, drink plenty of water and eat prior to your appointment. Save time at your appointment by completing RapidPass - pre-reading and questions - the DAY OF your appointment via the blood donor app or visit [www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass).

## **Luke Savage Golf Tournament – Save the Date!**

Mark your calendar for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Luke Savage Memorial Golf Tournament! It will be held at Shawnee Country Club on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The tournament will continue as a 4-person scramble. More information and registration will follow soon so stay tuned!

## **Long-Term Substitutes Needed**

From the mid August to mid October, Topeka Lutheran School will need three long term substitute to each work half of a school day. The available positions are Kindergarten through eighth grade physical education, Kindergarten through eighth grade music, and fifth through eighth grade grammar and writing, one math class, study hall, and lunch time monitoring. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Chris Francik at 785-357-0382 or [francik@topekalutheran.org](mailto:francik@topekalutheran.org).

## -- Announcements --

### Kansas District Prayer Campaign

The Kansas District is starting another round of “Together We Pray,” with 50 days of verses and prayers for Lent and Easter. The prayers begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17th (in conjunction with the Kansas District Day of Repentance) and run through April 7th. If you’re on Facebook, you can find the prayers on the Kansas District page (@kslcms). You can also find a booklet with all the prayers on the Kansas District website (kslcms.org) or pick up a copy in the coffee lobby here at Christ. Take a minute or two each day to join your fellow Kansans in prayer, with the confidence that He will hear us!

### Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Betty C., Julie J., Don L., Brittian K. (Sondra K.’s grandson), Lance L., Jerry M., Bob T., Jean B. (sister Pauline C.’s sister), Mert B., Angela (Mary D.’s daughter), Judy (Colleen B.’s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.’s brother), Kathy (Brenda Z.’s sister-in-law), Martin E., Shirley (Frank J.’s grandmother), Melanie (Sharon L.’s daughter), Ella (Marsha S.’s granddaughter), Bob (David B.’s brother), Sherry (Liz J.’s sister-in-law), Carlie G., Doris T., Adelynn M., 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, DCE 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 logo features the word "Pray" in a large, elegant, light blue cursive script. To its right, the words "WITHOUT CEASING" are written in a smaller, bold, light blue, all-caps sans-serif font, stacked in two lines: "WITHOUT" on top and "CEASING" below it.

***By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God***

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him *“the father of a multitude of nations.”* It is *“an everlasting covenant”* in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed *“throughout their generations”* (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds *“on the things of God,”* and not *“on the things of man”* (Mark 8:33). *“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been *“reconciled to God by the death of his Son,”* much more *“shall we be saved by his life”* (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, *“we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”* and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

**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](http://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](http://christlcms.org/giving)).

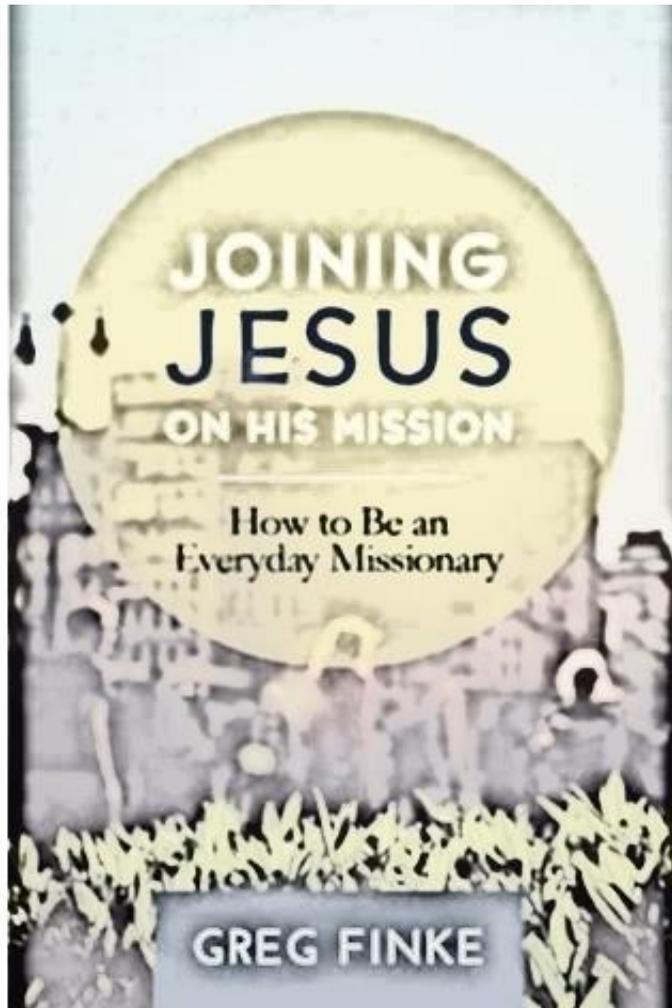
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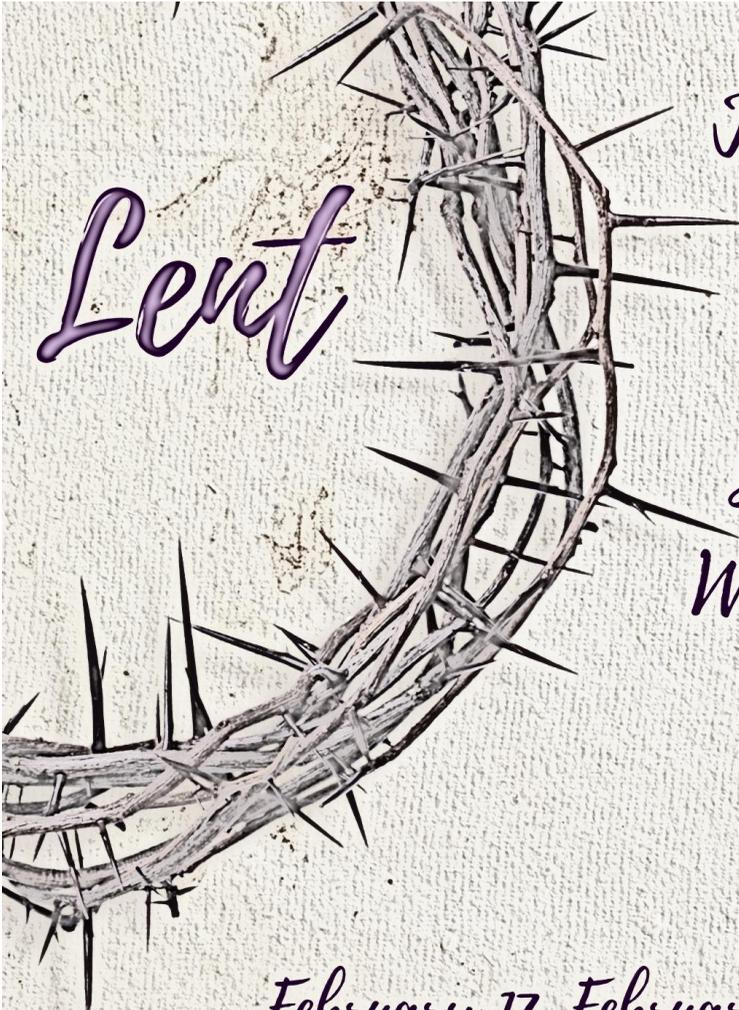
<b><i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i></b>	<b>\$ 7,878</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received – Week of 2/21</i></b>	<b>\$ 6,275</b>
<b><i>Budgeted Needs (Jan 2021)</i></b>	<b>\$ 34,142</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received (Jan 2021)</i></b>	<b>\$ 26,835</b>

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**Mark 8:32 – “And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.”** Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

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