

FIFTH
Sunday
IN **LENT**



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

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

Joining Jesus on His Mission:

*“The Mission of God
through the People of God”*



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Welcome and Opening Prayer

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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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

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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

- P** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
C **from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**
- P** I love the LORD, because he has heard
C **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**
- P** Because he inclined his ear to me,
C **therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
C **I suffered distress and anguish.**
- P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:
C **“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**
- P** For you have delivered my soul from death,
C **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**
- 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** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
C **from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**



Kyrie Eleison

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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

Jeremiah 31:31–34

A The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 31.

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 5:1–10

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 5.

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

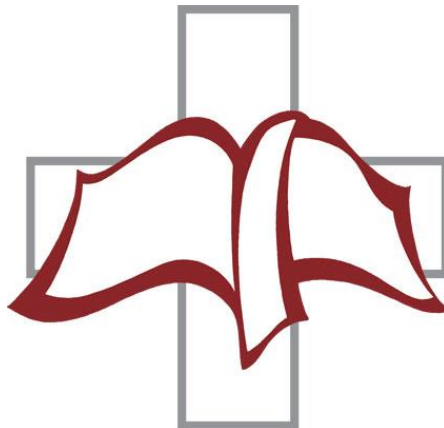
“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Holy Gospel

Mark 10:32–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G 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.

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.*

430 My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430 sts 1-4, 6-7



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

Sermon

Joining Jesus on His Mission: The Mission of God through the People of God
Luke 4:16-21, Matthew 13:33, John 12:23-27

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, you may fill out a card from the pew and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office (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

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.

Marriage Banns

- P** On March 25th, Coy Howard and Meridith VanGenderen desire to enter the holy estate of matrimony according to the Lord's Word. They desire our prayers so that they may begin their marriage in God's name and with His blessing. If you can show just cause why these two persons should not be joined together in holy matrimony, you are to declare it before the wedding. May God grant them His blessing.

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:



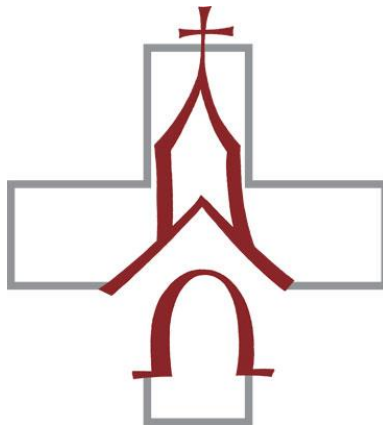
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



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

161

- 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 ✠ 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

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.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 163

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



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.

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
font I've trav - eled, All your might has
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
did re - lease me In a dear for -
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,

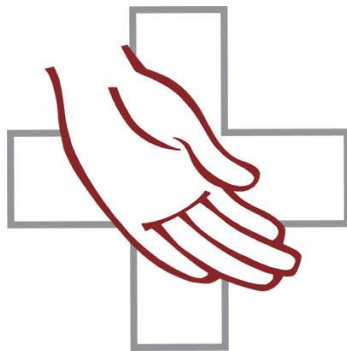


O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
 Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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.



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.



Sit



433 Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday March 21st	8:00, 9:15, & 10:30 am 9:15 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Children's & Youth Sunday School Jr. Youth (4 th -6 th grades) Youth Group (7 th -12 th grades)
Monday March 22nd		
Tuesday March 23rd	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	LWML Work Day Wedding Rehearsal (Family Only) Council Meeting
Wednesday March 24th	9:30 am 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Joining Jesus Small Group (Jason/Amanda) Confirmation Joining Jesus Small Group (Casey/Robyn) Communion Class Lent Midweek Worship Service Joining Jesus Small Group (Pastor Ben)
Thursday March 25th	11:00 am	VanGenderen/Howard Wedding (Family Only)
Friday March 26th		
Saturday March 27th	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday March 28th	8:00, 9:15, & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Children's & Youth Sunday School <i>Palm Sunday, Confirmation Sunday</i>

-- Announcements --

Celebrating

Birthdays: Abigail B., Audrey W. (21st); Joel B. (22nd); Nick J., Sara P., Richard S. (23rd); Marne C., Madeline J. (25th); Terry F., Kora K., Ted M. (26th); Aria S. (27th); Michele J. (28th)

Baptism Birthdays: Jeannene F. (21st); Richard S. (23rd); Jessica D., Kellan G., Matt N., Kendall T. (24th); Devon O. (26th); Patricia L., Carolyn T. (27th); Nathan H. (28th)

Anniversaries: (none this week)

Worship Services – Update Regarding New County Guidelines

Pastor Ben and our Elders met to discuss the relaxed guidelines for mass gatherings that Shawnee County announced on March 5th. They determined that we can safely increase the occupancy of the sanctuary to 70 attendees per worship service. We will continue to have three worship service times: Sunday mornings at 8 am, 9:15 am, and 10:30 am. Please continue to sign up through the church website. We look forward to being able to see more of you in person each week as we gather for worship!

Lent Worship Services

Join us this Wednesday at 6 PM for our final midweek Lent worship service of the season. Please continue to sign up through the church website

Holy Week Worship Services

Join us for worship! Please sign up through our website to attend in person.

Palm Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:30 am (Confirmation at 10:30 am)

Maundy Thursday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Good Friday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship Services

Join us to worship our risen Savior at **6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, or 11:00 am.**

Note that the worship times are different than our typical Sunday schedule. Please sign up through the church website to attend in person.

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.

-- Announcements --

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

In March 2020, our church set up an Emergency Assistance Fund for families under financial stress due to the pandemic -- and many were able to give all or a portion of their government relief payments to help this effort. By the grace of God, we were able to meet all of the requests.

A new door has opened with another round of relief payments. After studying scripture, the Stewardship Committee and Church Council concluded it would a tremendous blessing to reduce our building debt of approximately \$218,000. If you/your family are not in need, we ask you to consider using a portion or all of your upcoming stimulus payment to help reduce the debt.

Prayerfully consider what you can donate by cash, check, or PushPay (select the "DEBT RETIREMENT" fund), or text CHRISTLCMS to 77977.

*"Let no **debt** remain outstanding except the continuing **debt** to love one another."*
(Romans 13:8)

Easter Lilies – Last Day to Order!

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to adorn our sanctuary, please use the purple form in the bulletin, label your check or envelope "Easter Lily," and place both in the offering plate. If you use PushPay, please be sure to still fill out the purple sheet, or send your information to the office. The last day for lily orders will be Sunday, March 21st.

Easter Candy

If you would like to donate Easter candy or other small treats for our Children's Easter Egg Hunt, please leave your donations in the box in the coffee lobby. Thank you!

LWML

LWML is once again holding monthly meetings and work days. Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for a meeting at 7 pm, and on the 4th Tuesday of the month for a work day at 9 am. (That means this coming Tuesday – the 23rd – is Work Day!)

Can I Get a Ride?

We have several members who are unable to drive or are without transportation – and they would greatly appreciate a ride to church on Sunday mornings! If you are interested in picking up a fellow member for church, please contact the church office. Let us know if you have a preference for which service time you attend, and to which area(s) of town you are willing to drive.

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Financial Peace University

Our class through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University has a new start date! Leave money stress behind, and join us beginning Thursday, April 15th at 6:30 pm. This nine-lesson class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! For more information and registration, visit fpu.com/1129296 or contact Bessie Tolbert.

TLS Virtual 5K Fundraiser

Our friends at Topeka Lutheran School will be holding a virtual 5K fundraiser! This virtual 5K can be completed whenever and wherever you want the weekend of May 1st and 2nd. Find a creative location to run, walk, skip, or crawl 3.1 miles. The proceeds from your registration will support the Capital Campaign and continuing Lutheran education in Topeka. Registration is \$35 and participants will also receive a limited edition t-shirt and specially designed medal. Registration Deadline: March 24th
Register here: <https://bit.ly/2NXWj0I>

Luke Savage Golf Tournament – Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for the 7th Annual Luke Savage Memorial Golf Tournament! It will be held at Shawnee Country Club on Saturday, July 10th. 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.

Read Across America (and TLS!)

In celebration of "Read Across America Month," our Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a book drive for the teachers at Topeka Lutheran School! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please label your check or envelope as "TLS Books" and place it in the offering plate. To give via PushPay, select "Other" under the options for Funds, and type "TLS Books" in the notes section. If you would prefer to pick out a book for the teachers, they have an online wish list through Paper June bookstore in NOTO (<https://paper-june-book-fair.myshopify.com/apps/giftregistry/registry/126591>).

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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), Doris T., Denise (Linda O.'s friend), Melissa 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.

Pray WITHOUT
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In the Holy Sacraments, We Share the Glory of the Cross of Christ

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of the cross, revealing that He will be condemned and put to death *“and after three days he will rise”* (Mark 10:33–34). But the Twelve do not understand. Instead, they argue among themselves about who will be the greatest, with James and John requesting the places of honor on either side of Jesus in His glory. However, Jesus has come to make Himself the *“slave of all”* and *“to give his life as a ransom for many”* (Mark 10:43–45). He shares the true glory of His cross with all who are baptized with His Baptism and with those who drink His cup of salvation, the New Testament in His blood (Mark 10:39). By these Holy Sacraments, the Lord makes Himself known to all His people, forgiving their sins *“from the least of them to the greatest”* (Jer. 31:33–34). Though He is the very Son of God, *“he learned obedience through what he suffered”* and so became our great High Priest, that we may enter His glory by the way of His sacrifice (Heb. 5:8–10).

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>	\$ 7,878
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 3/14</i>	\$ 6,618
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Feb 2021)</i>	\$ 68,284
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Feb 2021)</i>	\$ 72,971

Mark 10:45 – **“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”** Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example in self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.



Lent

Join us for
midweek
worship services
on Wednesdays
at 6 pm.

February 17, February 24;
March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24

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Good Friday (4/2)
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

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Easter Sunday (4/4)
6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

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