

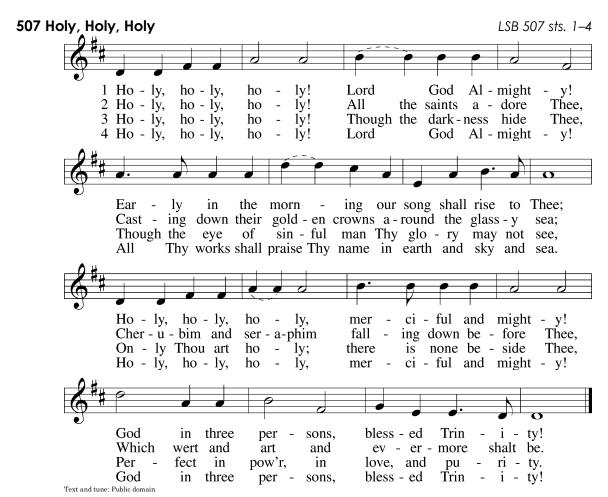
The Holy Trinity
May 30, 2021
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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



As we gather this morning, please take time to fill out the fellowship pad located near the center aisle in your pew. If you have any prayer requests, feel free to use a prayer request card from the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate after the sermon. (For those joining us online, please contact the church office.) We will include these requests in our prayers during worship, and share them with our prayer chain (if desired).



#### 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
- C Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.
- P I have set the LORD always before me;
- **©** because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
- **C** my flesh also dwells secure.
- P For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
- or let your holy one see corruption.
- P You make known to me the path of life;
- in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. 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 Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
- C Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.



**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.



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



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.



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



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



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



#### 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.

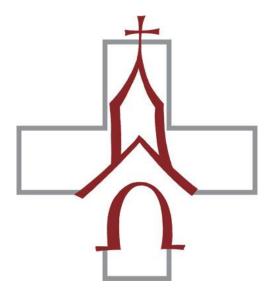


#### **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.







A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 6.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

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

#### **Second Reading**

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

**A** The Second Reading is from Acts, chapter 2.

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . <sup>22</sup>"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says.

"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, 35until I make your enemies your footstool."

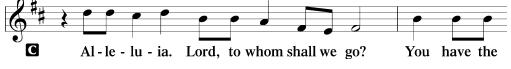
<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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

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Alleluia and Verse

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







Holy Gospel John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ¬To not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' §The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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



Athanasian Creed LSB 207

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

- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- **P** And the catholic faith is this,
- that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- **P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- P but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

- P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- **P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- **C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- **P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- **P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

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#### Children's Message

Matthew 19:14; Mark 13:13-15; Luke 18:16

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





- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns, The Lamb up on His throne;
- 2 Crown Him the vir-gin's Son, The God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be hold His hands and side,
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En-throned in worlds a bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



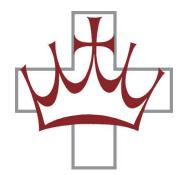
A - wake, my soul, and sing
Fruit of the mys-tic rose,
No an - gels in the sky
His glo - ries now we sing,
Crown Him with man - y crowns

Of Him who died for thee, And Yet of that rose the stem, The Can ful - ly bear that sight, But Who died and rose on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty. root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem. down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright. died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die. Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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#### Sermon

#### Offering

If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving at pushpay.com/pay/christlcms for a one-time or recurring gift. Direct links with more information are available on the church website (christlcms.org/giving).

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For those joining us remotely, you may use the electronic giving methods listed above, or you may mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611).

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

- ...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.



P Lift up your hearts.

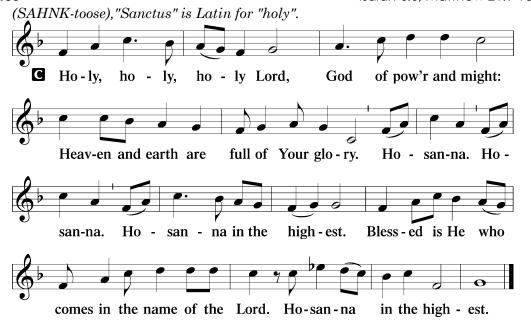


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



#### Proper Preface (Full)

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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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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.



- 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).

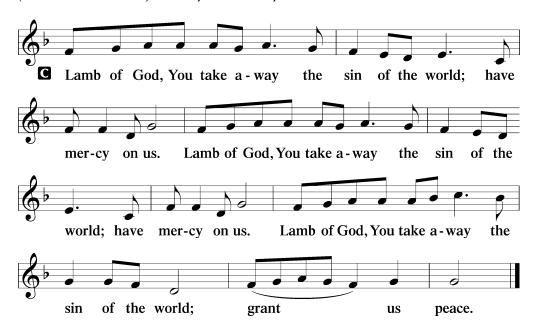
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 163

(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 altar rail due to physical ailments. Following that the ushers will dismiss the people from their pews to go to the altar rail. The congregation will be ushered down the middle aisle to go up to the rail and when dismissed from there will use the side aisle to return to their seats. All are invited up to receive a blessing.



#### 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



- 1 Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands Can ful-fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling. 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,



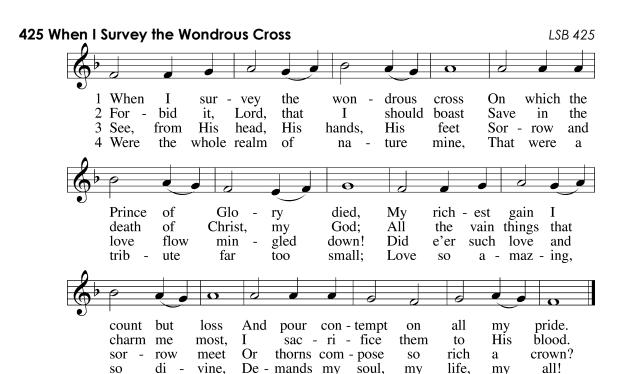
Let the wa-ter and the blood, From Thy riv-en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for-ev-er flow, Na-ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. All for sin could not a-tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone. Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav-ior, or I die. Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee.

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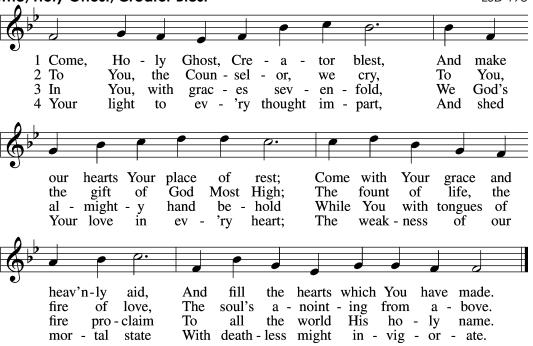
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vine,



- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow; With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.

△7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow

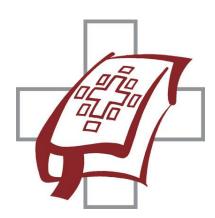
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

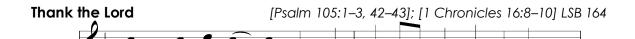
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#### Stand





Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia

#### **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**

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.

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.



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#### Acknowledgments

#### -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday May 30th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School & Bible Study
Monday May 31st		Memorial Day
Tuesday June 1st		
Wednesday June 2nd	•	WWF – VBS Decoration Creation Night! Pastor's Bible Class (in-person & via Zoom)
Thursday June 3rd		
Friday June 4th		
Saturday June 5th		Bible Bootcamp Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday June 6th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School & Bible Study

#### **Celebrating**

**Birthdays:** Noah B. (30<sup>th</sup>); Ellie A., Chas M., Lita N. (31<sup>st</sup>); Chris G., Michael V. (2<sup>nd</sup>); Jennifer G., Josh M. (3<sup>rd</sup>); Katlyn B., Casey F. (4<sup>th</sup>); Derek B., Hagen B., Gene G., Donald M. (5<sup>th</sup>); Susan A., Gladys N. (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Nola J. (31st); Logan A., Bryan B., Tara B., Misty G., Matthew G., Kensleigh G., Lynn M., Heather N., Taylor S., Brian W. (1st); Travis B., Amelia H. (2nd); Emily B. (3rd); Flo C., Donald M., Brooklyn W. (5th); Bianca L. (6th)

**Anniversaries:** Nathan & Shiloh H. (31st); Wayne & Barbara K. (4th); Nicholas & Jenna H. (5th); Nick & Greta J. (6th)

#### -- Announcements --

#### **Worship Service Updates**

We offer two Sunday morning worship services, at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. (The 8:00 service will continue to be live-streamed.) Online sign-ups are no longer required for either service. Holy Communion is offered at the altar rail during both services.

Beginning TODAY (May 30<sup>th</sup>), masks are now optional throughout the church building, including our both worship services and adult Bible studies. However, masks will still be required for our Children's Sunday School classes at this time.

#### Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Lectionary Readings with Pastor Ben – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym) God's Word for Today: Acts – Basement A Walk Through the Bible (Women's Group) – Pastor's Office

#### Children/Youth Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Children (Pre-K through  $6^{th}$  grade) — Upstairs Education Wing Youth ( $7^{th}$ - $12^{th}$  grades) — Basement Youth Room

#### **Altar Guild**

Attention ladies of Altar Guild! We now have an online sign-up to schedule our weekly duties. (It works just like the one we used when we had to sign up for worship services.) You may find the link on our church website on the Women's Ministry page (<a href="www.christlcms.org/women">www.christlcms.org/women</a>) or access it directly (<a href="http://bit.ly/ChristAltarGuild">http://bit.ly/ChristAltarGuild</a>). If you have questions, or are interested in joining Altar Guild, please contact Bessie Tolbert or the church office.

#### Changes to Giving via Text Message

Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, the 5-digit text number (77977) for our electronic giving will change to a full 10-digit phone number. If you would like to continue giving via text, please program (833) 712-8990 into your phone. Text CHRISTLCMS to that number to give via text message. All other electronic giving methods through PushPay will not be affected by this change and will continue uninterrupted.

#### **WWF Begins This Week!**

Beginning on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, join us for Weekly Wednesday Fellowship (WWF) in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym) from 5:30-7:00 pm. Bring your own dinner, and the enjoy a fun activity for all ages! Interested in leading the activity for one week? Check out the WWF Host Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board in the coffee lobby. Interested in attending? No sign-ups necessary – see you on Wednesday!

#### -- Announcements --

#### Bible Boot Camp - THIS SATURDAY!

Families are invited to join us for Bible Boot Camp! Report for duty on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 1:30 PM. We will have morning devotions all together, and then split up by age. Children (entering K-12) and adults will learn how to use, read, and study the Bible. (Childcare will be available for children Pre-K and younger.) Lunch will be provided. Sign up through the church website or at <a href="http://bit.ly/BibleBootCamp">http://bit.ly/BibleBootCamp</a>.

#### **VBS**

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held from 9 am to noon the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>, with a cookout and program that Friday evening. Register via our website (christlems.org), or contact Amanda Adams with any questions.

#### **VBS Supplies**

Make a splash by donating supplies for VBS! Check out the display in the coffee lobby and take a paper fish with the item(s) you would like to donate. Please drop off donated items no later than June 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Potluck - Save the Date!

On Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our first congregation-wide potluck in over a year! Meet in the Schemm Family Life Center at 11:45 am (after worship) – bring your appetite and a dish to share!

#### Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Julie J., Don L., Brittian K.(Sondra K.'s grandson), Lance L., Jerry M., Bob T., Jean B. (sister Pauline C.'s sister), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Kathy (Brenda Z.'s sister-in-law), Shirley (Frank J.'s grandmother), Melanie (Sharon L.'s daughter), Ella (Marsha S.'s granddaughter), Doris T., Denise (Linda O.'s friend), Melissa M., Kent B., Abigail H., Gene G., Glenna L., Jeanette W., Cindy F., Genevieve W., Lisa (Judy K.'s sister), Randy (Carol J.'s son), Principal Francik and family as he considers a call to another school, 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 Glory of the LORD of Hosts Shines in Mercy, Forgiveness and Salvation

When Isaiah "saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up," he cried out and confessed that he was "a man of unclean lips." If even the holy angels cover their faces in the presence of "the King, the LORD of hosts," how can sinful humans stand before Him (Is. 6:1–5)? Yet, the glory of the Lord is saving grace, and with "a burning coal" from the altar the angel touched Isaiah's lips, removing his guilt (Is. 6:6–7). Likewise, from the altar of Christ's cross, by the ministry of the Gospel, "the whole earth is full of his glory" (Is. 6:3). For He was crucified, died and buried, "according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God," and God "raised him up, loosing the pangs of death" (Acts 2:23–24). He "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), and He raises up the fallen world by pouring out His life-giving Spirit upon sinners through His earthly Means of Grace. To give this saving gift, God sent His Son into the world, "that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16–17).

#### Offerings

We have multiple options for your gifts, tithes, and offerings. You can 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).

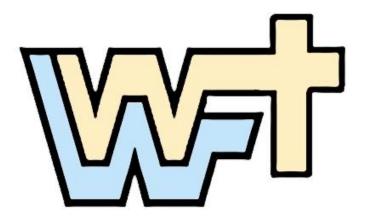
#### **Stewardship Corner**

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$	7,878	
Offerings Received - Week of 5/16	\$	8,261	
Debt Retirement Gifts Received - Week of 5/16	\$	101	
Budgeted Needs (Jan - Apr 2021)		36,568	
Offerings Received (Jan - Apr 2021)		\$141.186	

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John 3:6 – "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." In Holy Baptism, we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, and new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense. The total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently – as we might expect from the Trinity! A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

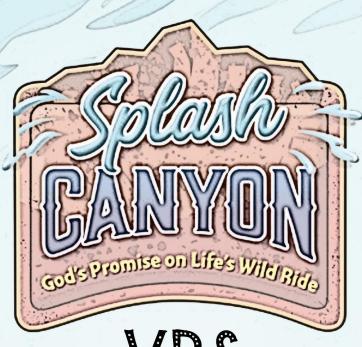
### --- COMING IN JUNE ---



## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Beginning June 2nd, join us for Weekly Wednesday Fellowship (WWF)!
We'll meet in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym) from 5:30–7:00 pm.
Come and go as you please during that time. All ages are welcome!
Bring your own dinner for now – eventually we will move to a pot luck format.
Each week will have a different "host" – sign up as a family or with a friend.
Hosts will welcome those in attendance, and will be responsible for leading a FREE activity that week, with suitable options for both children and adults.
At 7 pm, adults are welcome to join Pastor Ben's Bible Class in the basement.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING? SIGN UP IN THE COFFEE LOBBY!
INTERESTED IN ATTENDING? NO SIGN-UPS NECESSARY. SEE YOU THERE!



# VBS

# JUNE 14-18

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## Worship Sowices

SUNDAY -- 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
(8 AM SERVICE ALSO LIVE STREAMED)

### Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL (CHILDREN & ADULTS) -- SUNDAY AT 9:15 AM PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS -- WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY -- SATURDAY AT 10:00 AM VIA ZOOM

### Visit us online for more information!



Online sign-ups are no longer needed for any of our worship services.

Beginning on May 30<sup>th</sup>, masks will be optional throughout the church building (including worship services and adult Bible classes), but will still be required for children's Sunday School classes at this time.