

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 27, 2021 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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As we gather this morning, please take time to fill out the fellowship pad tocated 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).

# **Welcome and Opening Prayer**



5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

△6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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+ Confession and Absolution +

Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, "To absolve of sin and wrongdoing," more specifically, to affirm God's forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.

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

**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.

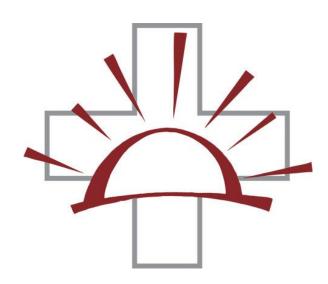
**Absolution** [John 20:19–23] LSB 151

- 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.

#### Introit

Psalm 121:5–8; antiphon: vv. 1–2

- **P** I lift up my eyes to the hills.
- **C** From where does my help come?
- P My help comes from the LORD,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** The LORD is your keeper;
- the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- **P** The sun shall not strike you by day,
- on or the moon by night.
- **P** The LORD will keep you from all evil;
- **C** he will keep your life.
- P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
- 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** I lift up my eyes to the hills.
- **C** From where does my help come?
- **P** My help comes from the LORD,
- who made heaven and earth.



**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.





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# 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.

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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# **Old Testament Reading**

Lamentations 3:22-33

A The Old Testament Reading is from Lamentations, chapter 3.

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

 $^{24}\mbox{``The LORD}$  is my portion," says my soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

<sup>28</sup>Let him sit alone in silence

when it is laid on him:

- <sup>29</sup>let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope;
- <sup>30</sup>let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults.
- <sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not cast off forever.
- <sup>32</sup>but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
- <sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# **Epistle**

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

**A** The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, chapter 8.

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁶But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

<sup>8</sup>I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. . . .

 $^{13}\mathrm{I}$  do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness  $^{14}\mathrm{your}$  abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.  $^{15}\mathrm{As}$  it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

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

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 5:21–43

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



<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." <sup>24</sup>And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. <sup>25</sup>And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup>and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. <sup>28</sup>For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?" <sup>32</sup>And he looked around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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



#### **Nicene Creed**

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

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

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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.





#### 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/christlems for a one-time or recurring gift. Direct links with more information are available on the church website (christlems.org/giving).

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.

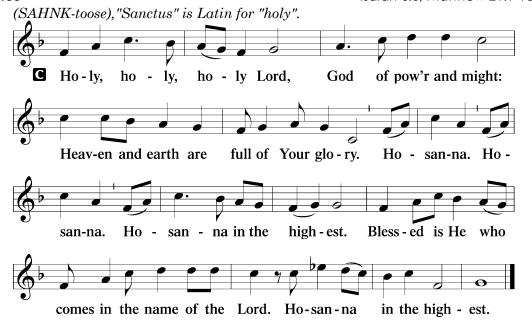


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



# Proper Preface (Full)

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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).

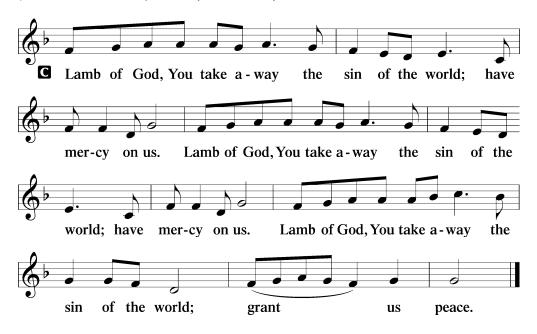
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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.



#### 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-flect Thy rays, △ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove. Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un-bro-ken praise. Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!

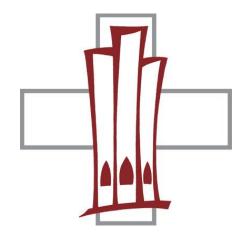


Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir - it, Foun-tain-head of love di-vine:



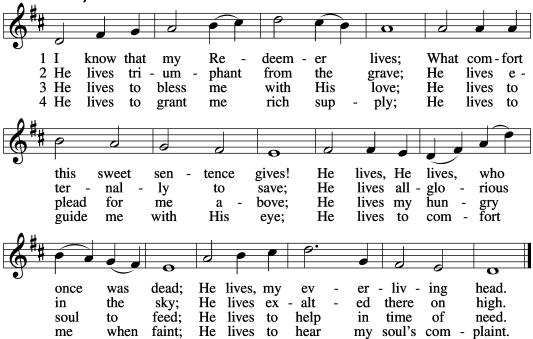
Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day. Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee. Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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# 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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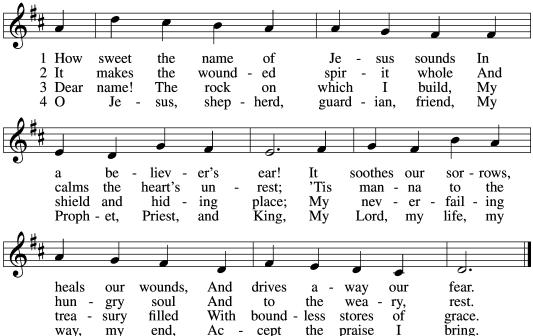
- He lives to silence all my fears;
   He lives to wipe away my tears;
   He lives to calm my troubled heart;
   He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
  He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
  Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
  I know that my Redeemer lives!

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- 5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought! But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
  With ev'ry fleeting breath;
  And may the music of Thy name
  Refresh my soul in death!
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743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743



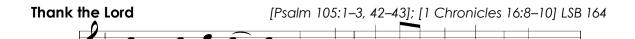
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5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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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

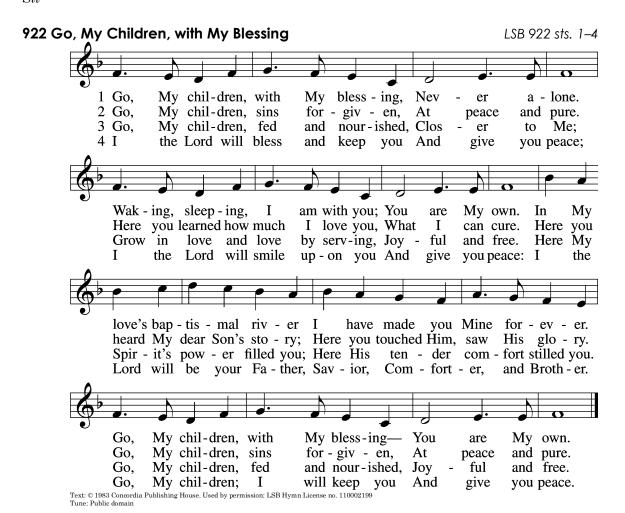
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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.



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# -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday June 27th	9:15 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School & Bible Study Potluck Jr. Youth (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> ) Youth Group (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )
Monday June 28th		
Tuesday June 29th		
Wednesday June 30th		WWF – potluck & game night Pastor's Bible Class (in-person & via Zoom)
Thursday July 1st		
Friday July 2nd		
Saturday July 3rd	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday July 4th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School & Bible Study
		Independence Day

# **Celebrating**

**Birthdays:** Stella M. (28th); Frank J. (29th); Greta H. (30th); Linda J. (1st); Parker A. (2nd); Jaylen O., Clayton P. (3rd); Carolyn W., Judy W. (4th)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Aria S. (27<sup>th</sup>); Hagen B., Marjory H., Carol J. (28<sup>th</sup>); Cindy H. (29<sup>th</sup>); Danica H., Aubrey W. (30<sup>th</sup>); Jordin A., Melodi B., Haley C., Lita N. (1<sup>st</sup>); Dani B. (2<sup>nd</sup>); Brandi E., Hannah N., Simon S. (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Larry & LaJean R.  $(27^{th})$ ; Wayne & Linda B., Charles & Adair H., Tevan & Nicole W.  $(28^{th})$ ; Brad & Stephanie M.  $(2^{nd})$ 

# -- 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.

Masks are now optional throughout the church building, including worship services and our Sunday School/Bible Study classes for both children and adults.

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

Stewardship Study 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

#### Połluck - TODAY!

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!

# **WWF/Christ Cares**

In case you hadn't realized, Weekly Wednesday Fellowship (WWF) is the new iteration of Christ Cares! Join us each Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Schemm Family Life Center. We can now do potluck meals each week – so bring a dish to share! We will have board games and card games available -- or bring a favorite from home. We'll occasionally offer additional activities such as craft nights, as well. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship – all ages welcome!

# Christ Youth & Jr. Youth

Jr. Youth (entering  $4^{th}$ - $6^{th}$  grades) will be meeting for fun and fellowship on Sunday, June  $27^{th}$  at 3 PM.

Youth Group (entering  $7^{\text{th}}$ - $12^{\text{th}}$  grades, with 2021 grads also welcome) will be meeting on Sunday the  $27^{\text{th}}$  at 5 PM for fun and fellowship.

Friends are always welcome for both groups!

# -- Announcements --

# **Altar Guild**

Have you ever wondered who changes the altar paraments and flowers, makes new banners, refills our candles, and sets up/takes down communion for our worship services? That's the Altar Guild! If you are interested in this group or have questions, please contact Bessie (<a href="mailto:bwgrtolbert@gmail.com">bwgrtolbert@gmail.com</a>) for more information. We'd love to have you join us!

#### **Ice Cream Social & Pie Auction**

Save the date! Christ Youth will be hosting an ice cream social and pie auction on Sunday, July 25th at 1 PM. All funds raised will help defer costs for Christ Youth attending the 2022 National Youth Gathering. If you would like to bake and donate a pie for the auction, please sign up on the bulletin board in the coffee lobby. Thank you for supporting Christ Youth!

#### Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Julie J., Don L., Brittian K.(Sondra K.'s grandson), Lance L., Jerry M., 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), Denise (Linda O.'s friend), Kent B., Gene G., Jeanette W., Genevieve W., Lisa (Judy K.'s sister), Randy (Carol J.'s son), Jeanette B., Kendra M., Madison L., Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, 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 Topeka Lutheran School 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 Lord Jesus Is Faithful, and in Mercy He Raises You Up from Death to Life

The Lord is faithful. His steadfast love never ceases, and "his mercies never come to an end" (Lam. 3:22–23). To keep us in repentance and to make our faith grow, He causes grief for a while, but He does not cast off forever; in due time, "he will have compassion" (Lam. 3:31–33). Therefore, "hope in him," and "wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD," for "the LORD is good to those who wait for him" (Lam. 3:24–26). That is what the woman did who had "a discharge of blood," and also the ruler whose daughter was "at the point of death." Each waited on the mercy of the Lord Jesus, and each received His saving help (Mark 5:21–28). The woman had suffered much for 12 years, and the ruler's daughter had already died before Jesus arrived. Yet at the right time, the woman was immediately "healed of her disease," and the little girl "got up and began walking" (Mark 5:29, 42). Such is "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," who humbled Himself unto the extreme poverty of death "so that you by his poverty might become rich," even unto life everlasting (2 Cor. 8:9).

#### 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 6/20	\$	5,591
Debt Retirement Gifts Received - Week of 6/20	\$	25
Budgeted Needs (Jan - May 2021)		70,710
Offerings Received (Jan - May 2021)	\$1	72,644

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2 Corinthians 8:3 – "For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will." St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?



# SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH - 11:45 AM

Join us for our first potluck in over a year!

Bring your appetite and a dish to share.