

In him we have

Redemption

THROUGH HIS BLOOD,

THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR TRESPASSES,

ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS

Grace.
-- Ephesians 1:7 (ESV) --

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 11, 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 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).

Welcome and Opening Prayer





Stand

Divine Service Setting Four, page 203

+ 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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins LSB 203

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11

- P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
- In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- P Enter not into judgment with your servant,
- for no one living is righteous before you.
- P Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
- **C** for in you I trust.

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 For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
- In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Kyrie

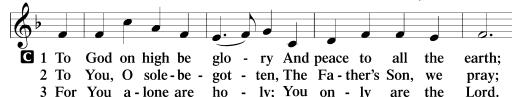


C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

"Salutation" is a word from Latin meaning, "to salute" or "to greet." "Collect" (KAH-lekt), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also "collects" the message of the day's Gospel reading.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.



P Let us pray.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7-15

A The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 7.

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; 9the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

Epistle Ephesians 1:3–14

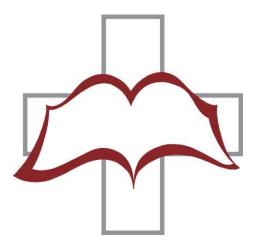
A The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 1.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

Stand



Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

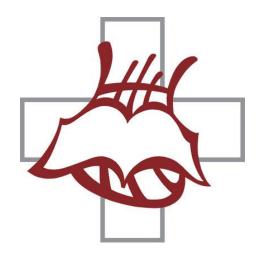


Verse John 20:31 LSB 205



Alleluia 205





Holy Gospel Mark 6:14–29

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed

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

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

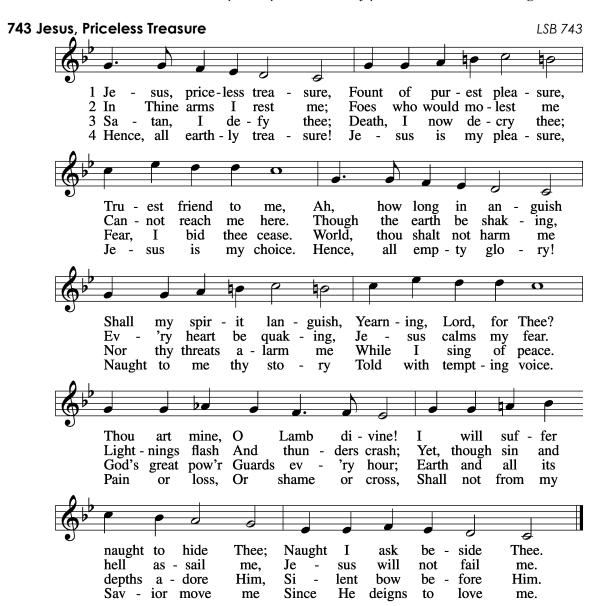
And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven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

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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

Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Message.



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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!

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).

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).



Stand

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."

- ...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

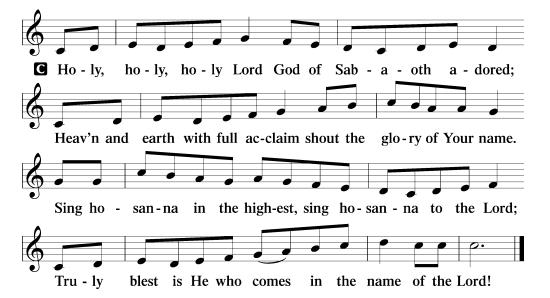
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 208

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 208

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini

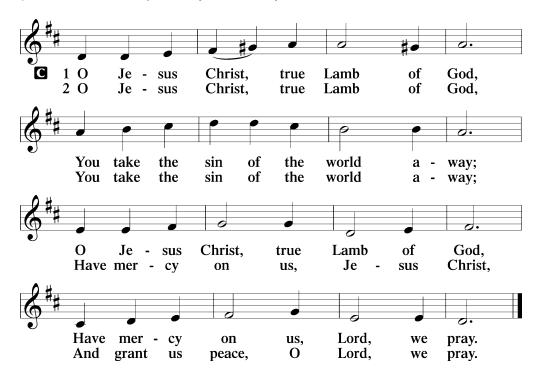
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

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

Agnus Dei

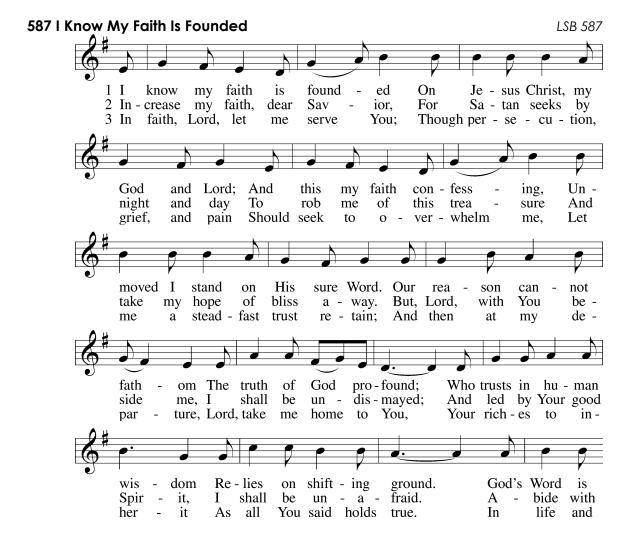
(AHG-noose DAY-ee). Latin for "Lamb of God."

John 1:29 LSB 210



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.





690 Hope of the World LSB 690 1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion; gift from high - est 2 Hope of the world, God's heav - en, 3 Hope world. dust - v of the a foot on high - wavs. 4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious, Speak fear - ful hearts flict to our by con rent. Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life. wan - d'ring souls Show - ing the of to path light, From de - spair, from death and dark sin and guilt, Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain, Save Thy peo from con - sum - ing us. ple, pas - sion, let Still Thy Spir it un - to us be giv - en Walk Thou be - side lest the tempt-ing us by - ways love Thy mer - cy ren - der back We the gave We would be faith ful Thy Gos - pel to glo - rious. Who false hopes aims our own and are spent. To heal earth's wounds and end bit strife. our ter Lure us way from Thee to end - less night. a Take Thou our lives and use Thou wilt. them as Thou Lord! Thou dost for art our ev er reign!

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

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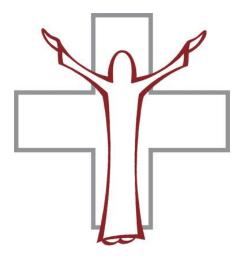


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- For no one can condemn me
 Or set my hope aside;
 Now hell no more can claim me:
 Its fury I deride.
 No sentence now reproves me,
 No guilt destroys my peace;
 For Christ, my Savior, loves me
 And shields me with His grace.
- 6 Who clings with resolution
 To Him whom Satan hates
 Must look for persecution;
 For him the burden waits
 Of mock'ry, shame, and losses
 Heaped on his blameless head;
 A thousand plagues and crosses
 Will be his daily bread.
- 7 From me this is not hidden,
 Yet I am not afraid;
 I leave my cares, as bidden,
 To whom my vows were paid.
 Though life from me be taken
 And ev'rything I own,
 I trust in You unshaken
 And cleave to You alone.

- No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,
 No earthly tyrant's anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.
 Though earth should break asunder,
 My fortress You shall be;
 No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever You from me.
- 9 No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show, No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe, No scheming, no contrivance, No subtle thing or great Shall draw me from Your guidance Nor from You separate.
- 10 My heart with joy is springing;
 I am no longer sad.
 My soul is filled with singing;
 Your sunshine makes me glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
 The heav'n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

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Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 211

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





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

(beh-neh-dih-KAH-moose), Latin for "bless we [the Lord]." We give thanks to God for everything He has done for us in Jesus Christ.

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

Sit





-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday July 11th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School & Bible Study National Youth Gathering commitment forms due
Monday July 12th		
Tuesday July 13th	-	TLS Basketball Camp LWML Meeting
Wednesday July 14th		Volunteers at SENT WWF – potluck & game night Pastor's Bible Class does not meet this week
Thursday July 15th		
Friday July 16th	1:30 pm	Young at Heart
Saturday July 17th	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday July 18th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School & Bible Study

Celebrating

Birthdays: Tracy C., Karlee G., Emmalynn H. (12th); Ron G. (13th); Nolan B., Anna H., Brett N., Charlotte R., Cherie S. (14th); Marsha A. (15th); Nicole B., Bill O., Amy T. (16th); Connor F. (18th)

Baptism Birthdays: Tara S. (11th); Carson K., Preston L. (12th); Remington F., Antonio N. (13th); Ruth B. (14th); Rene A., Lois N., Scott V. (16th)

Anniversaries: Michael & Alicia B. (14th)

-- Announcements --

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 6th grade) – Upstairs Education Wing Youth (7th-12th grades) – Basement Youth Room

Pastor's Wednesday Bible Class

Pastor's Wednesday evening class on the book of Judges will NOT meet this week (7/14) or next week (7/21). We will resume the last week of July on 7/28.

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!

Volunteer Opportunity

In July, the Evangelism Committee will be organizing an outreach project at the SENT ministry. We will be helping them serve lunch every Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm and entertaining children while they wait for lunch. We can use up to 5 volunteers each Wednesday. Please call Nancy Crago at 785-383-2852 or contact the church office, and we will include you in this great opportunity to serve.

Lunch Before the Ice Cream Social

The ladies of LWML are always looking out for us – and are offering to host lunch before our ice cream social on July 25^{th} ! For those who don't want to leave after church and then come back, join us for lunch after worship concludes. A free will offering will be taken for Christ Youth.

Ice Cream Social & Pie Auction

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!

-- Announcements --

National Youth Gathering Deadline

TODAY (July 11th) is the due date for commitment forms and deposits for high school youth wishing to attend the 2022 National Youth Gathering. Please contact Amanda if you have any questions.

School Supplies for SENT

LWML and the Evangelism committee will be collecting school supplies for children in need. Donations can be dropped off in the coffee lobby or brought to the church office during the week. Please bring all donations by Sunday, August $1^{\rm st}$ so that they can be distributed to students before school begins.

Schaefer Scholarship

It's Schaefer Scholarship time... but the scholarship fund balance is very low! Please prayerfully consider a donation to this scholarship for Christ families in need of assistance for their tuition at Topeka Lutheran School. Specify "Schaefer Scholarship" on the memo line of your check or choose it as your designated fund on PushPay. Donation link available at http://www.christlcms.org/schaefer.

\$1 Movies

Mark your calendar! On Wednesday, July 21st, Christ members and families can meet up at the Regal Hollywood and ScreenX (on 6th Ave) at 1 PM to enjoy \$1 movies! Available choices will be "Sing" and "Sonic the Hedgehog." Amanda will be in the theater lobby to say hello before show time.

Touch a Truck

Instead of competing for attention from our surrounding neighborhoods on National Night Out, we will be hosting a "Touch a Truck" event in the church parking lot that morning! If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event (Saturday, August 7th from 9 AM to 11 AM), please contact the church office.

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 (bwgrtolbert@gmail.com) for more information. We'd love to have you join us!

-- Announcements --

Directory Update

If you have not yet updated your contact info for our upcoming church directory, please visit www.christlcms.org/directory-update or pick up one of the blue forms at the back of the sanctuary. Don't forget to submit a photo, as well!

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., Steve (Rachel M.'s father), Vikki N., Matt N., 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.



Lunch hosted by LWML prior to the event. Pie auction will begin at 1 PM!

The Lord Jesus Brings His People through Death into Life by the Preaching of Repentance

Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him "from following the flock" and said to him, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel" (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would "die by the sword," and Israel would "go into exile away from his land" (Amos 7:10–11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod "sent and seized John and bound him in prison," even though he knew that John "was a righteous and holy man" (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod "sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head" (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist "has been raised from the dead" (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself "before the foundation of the world," and even now by faith, "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" has blessed us in Christ "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also "were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).

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 7/4	\$	9,778
Debt Retirement Gifts Received - Week of 7/4	\$	540
Budgeted Needs (Jan - June 2021)		04,852
Offerings Received (Jan - June 2021)	\$2	00 675

Amos 7:8 – "And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.' "In the book of Amos the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because his activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.