

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

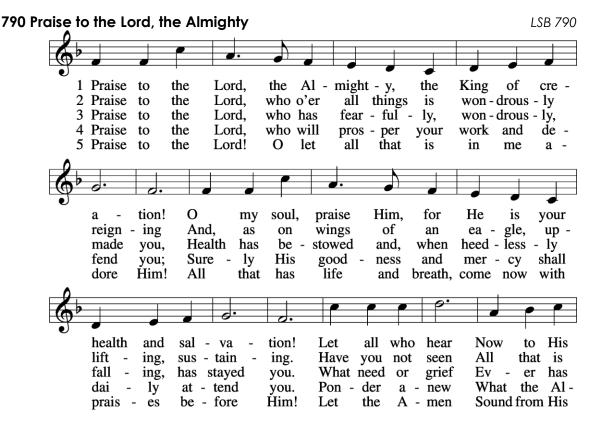


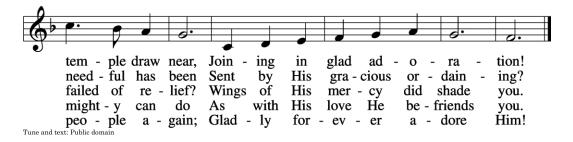
Christ Lutheran Church 3509 SW Burlingame Rd. Topeka, KS 66611 785-266-6263 www.christlcms.org Rev. Ben Micheel, Pastor Amanda Adams, DCE Chris Francik, TLS Principal



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).

Welcome and Opening Prayer





Stand

Divine Service Setting One, page 151

+ Confession and Absolution +

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

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

InvocationMatthew 28:19b; 18:20

- 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.

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 147:7-11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

- **P** You open your hand;
- **Q** you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- P Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
- make melody to our God on the lyre!
- **P** He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
- **C** he makes grass grow on the hills.
- **P** He gives to the beasts their food,
- **C** and to the young ravens that cry.
- P His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
- on nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
- **P** but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
- in those who hope in his steadfast love. 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 You open your hand;
- **Q** you satisfy the desire of every living thing.



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, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

¹"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ¹Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved,

and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Epistle Ephesians 2:11–22

A The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 2.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—12remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace. ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 6:30–44

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



³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

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.



LSB 644 sts. 1-5



- 1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, Yet one o'er all the earth; 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion And tu mult of her war
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion With God, the Three in One.



She is His new cre - a - tion Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: By schisms rent a - sun - der, She waits the con - sum - ma - tion And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion By wa - ter and the Word. One Lord, one faith, one birth. By her - e - sies dis-tressed, Of peace for - ev - er - more With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - lv bride: Par - takes one ho - ly One ho - ly name she bless - es, food, saints their watch are keep - ing; goes up, "How long?" Yet Their cry vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are Till cho - rus! Lord, save O bless - ed heav'n-ly us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued. night of weep - ing of song. And soon the Shall be the morn And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. That we, like saints be - fore May see You face face. us. to

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Sermon Pastor Schemm



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



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 160

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

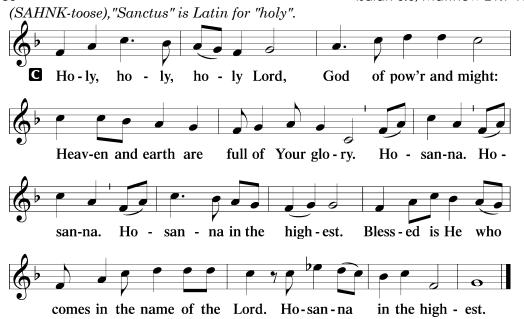


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

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

C Amen.



- 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

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

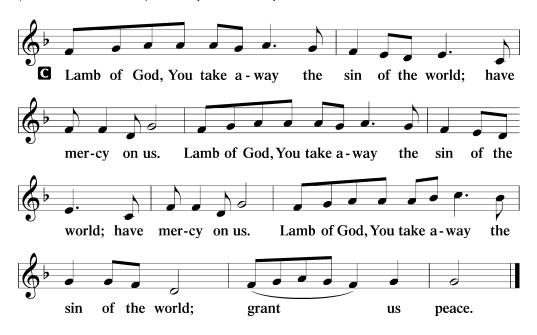
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

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."

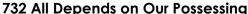


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Distribution

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.





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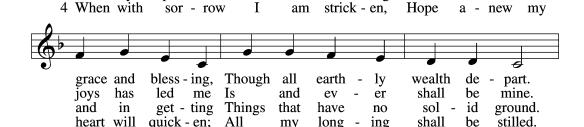
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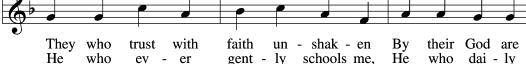
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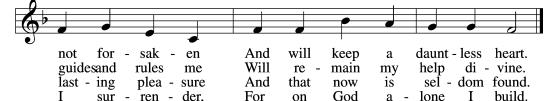


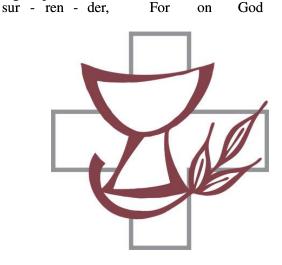
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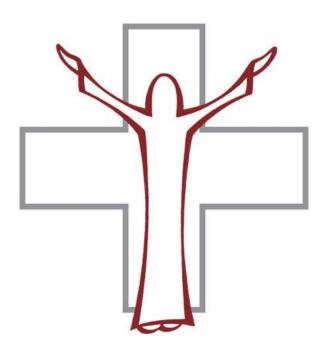


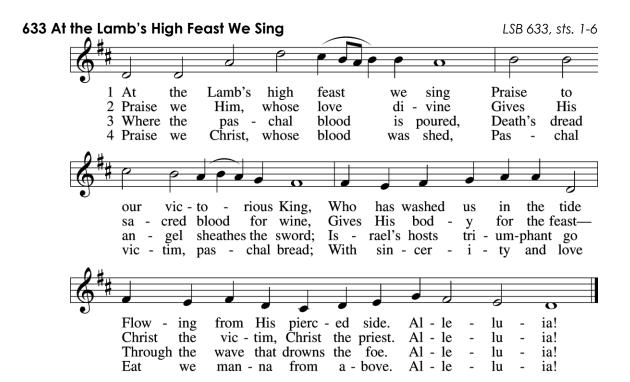


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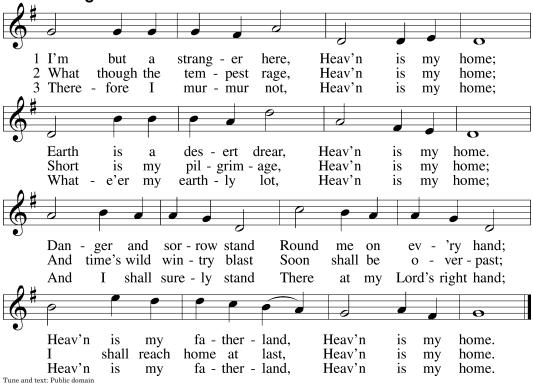




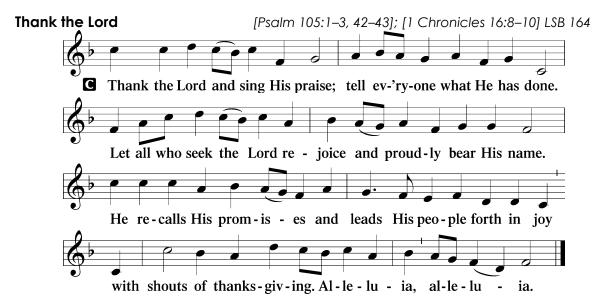
5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia! 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

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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

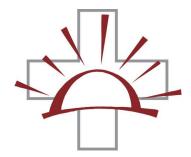
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday July 18th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School & Bible Study
Monday July 19th		
Tuesday July 20th	12:00 pm	TLS Basketball Camp
Wednesday July 21st	12:00 pm	Volunteers at SENT \$1 Movies at Regal (6th Ave) *note time change* WWF – potluck & game night Pastor's Bible Class does not meet this week
Thursday July 22nd		
Friday July 23rd		
Saturday July 24th	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday July 25th	9:15 am 11:45 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School & Bible Study Lunch (Pre-Ice Cream Social) Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction

Celebrating

Birthdays: Connor F. (18th); Erma S. (19th); Ammi M., Adam S. (20th); Baylee A., Vance K. (21st); Ryan K., Natasha M., Christopher W. (22nd); Patrick C., Eric D., Riley M. (23rd); Joann W. (25th)

Baptism Birthdays: Conner F., Annette H., Leanna H., Erma S. (19th); Clayton P. (23rd); Glenna L. (25th)

Anniversaries: Jeff & Beth E. (19th); Mike & Sandy S. (20th); John & Arlyce A., Galen & Jamie H. (24th); Jerry & Tina S. (25th)

-- 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 (7/21). 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 --

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 1st 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.

\$1 Movies - TIME CHANGED!!!

On Wednesday, July 21st, Christ members and families can meet up at the Regal Hollywood and ScreenX (on 6th Ave) at <u>NOON</u> (instead of 1 PM as previously stated) 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 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 (Sat. August 7th from 9 AM to 11 AM), contact the church office.

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!

TLS Job Openings

After school care workers are needed each weekday beginning Tuesday, August 17. Necessary qualifications include a love of children and the ability to follow safety protocols. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

Substitute teachers are needed at all age levels. Applicants must meet the qualification for an emergency substitute license of a minimum of 60 college credits as well as a love of children and the ability to follow safety protocols regarding the coronavirus and best child supervision practices.

If you are interested in learning more about these job opportunities at Topeka Lutheran School, please contact Chris Francik at 785-357-0382 or francik@topekalutheran.org.

-- Announcements --

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., 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., Lynn M., 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!



Saturday, August 7th -- 9 AM to 11 AM

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The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes "the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep" (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets "shepherds over them who will care for them" (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to "reign as king and deal wisely" (Jer. 23:5). He is "our righteousness," in whom we "dwell securely" (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples "to set before the people" (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace "to you who were far off," and "by the blood of Christ," He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were "separated from Christ" by your sin, "having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12), now "you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19).

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 7/11 \$ 5,258

 Budgeted Needs (Jan - June 2021)
 \$204,852

 Offerings Received (Jan - June 2021)
 \$200,675

Ephesians 2:13 – "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." What all of mankind's efforts, works, and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did. We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others within our vocations in home, church, and society.