

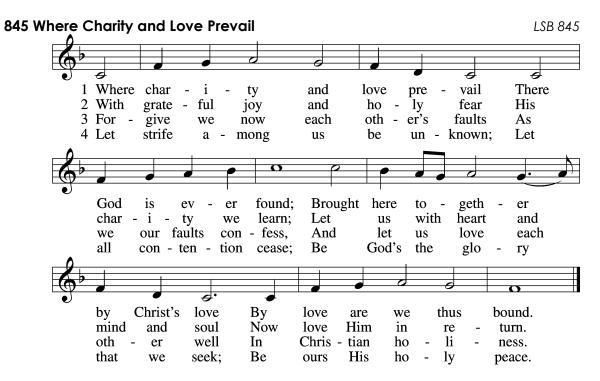
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 8, 2021 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

"The Bread of Life Raises"



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



 5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined We are in Him made one. 6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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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

 \mathbb{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?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- ▶ 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

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

Absolution

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.

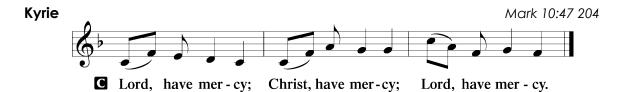
C Amen.

Service of the Word

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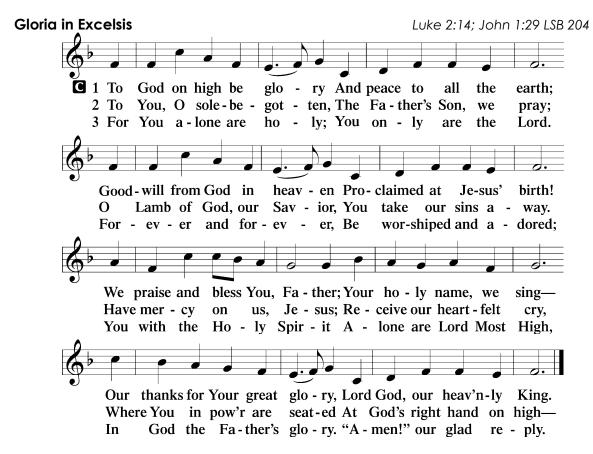
Psalm 34:8–10; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

- **P** You open your hand;
- **C** you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- **P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
- **C** Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!
- **P** Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
- **C** for those who fear him have no lack!
- **P** The young lions suffer want and hunger;
- **C** but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. 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;
- **C** you satisfy the desire of every living thing.





[John 20:19-23] LSB 203



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.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Kings, chapter 19.

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

A The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 4.

¹⁷This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

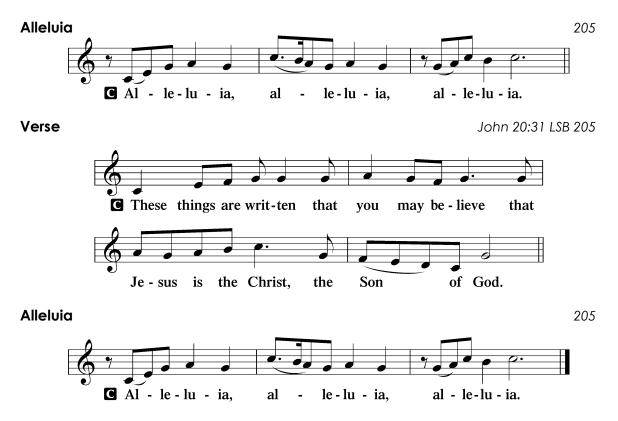
¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

- **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.

C]	[be]	lieve	in	one	God,
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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,

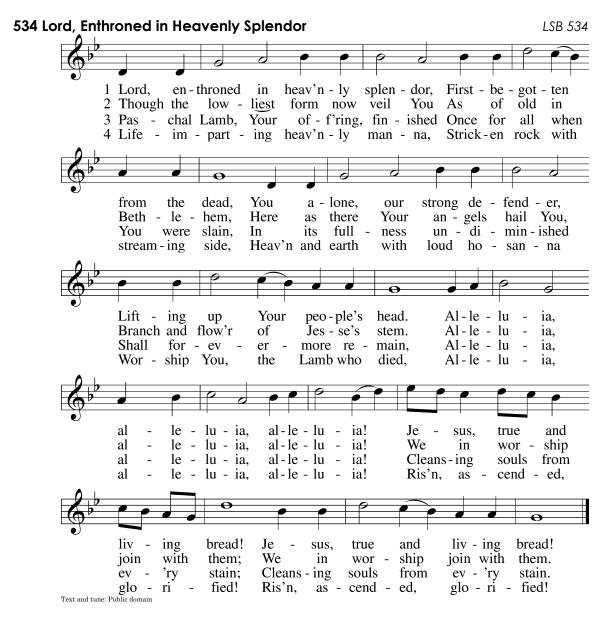
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

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.



Sermon

"The Bread of Life Raises" John 6:40

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).



1 Timothy 2:1-4

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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

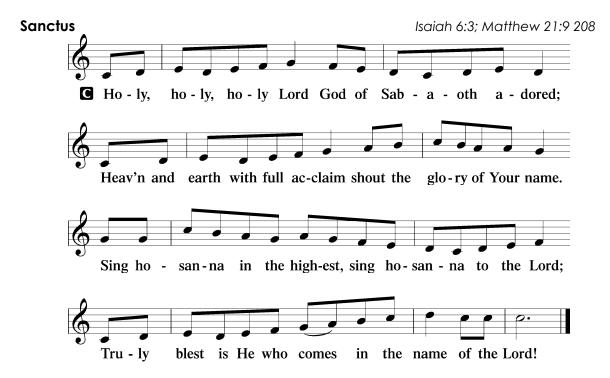
Preface

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.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



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:



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

 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

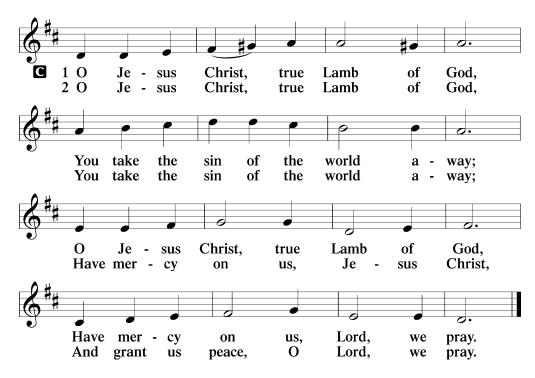
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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

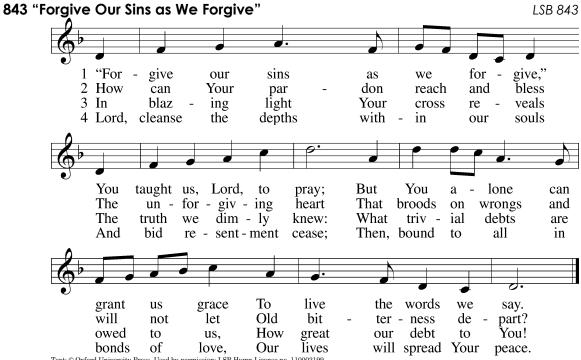


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Distribution

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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788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

1 For - give Lord, for shal - low thank ful us, ness, 2 Teach us thank You. Lord. for love to and grace, 3 For - give Lord. for self ish thanks praise, us, and 4 Teach us. thank - ful 0 Lord. di vine. true _ ness For dull with warmth and shel - tered tent care, con For life and vi sion. for а pur - pose clear. For words that speak var i ance with deeds: at -That gives as Christ count - ing cost. er gave, nev of praise For songs for food and har - vest press, For Christ Son, Your and for each hu - man face For give thanks for walk - ing our pleas - ant ways "mine." That knows bar ri 'yours" no er of and While of Your rich - er gifts we're ware: un а That shows Your ev and near. mes sage _ er new Un - mind - ful of bro ken broth er's needs: а what's As - sured that on ly with held is lost. -

- Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
 For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
 For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
 And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:
- 6 Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,

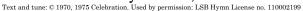
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;

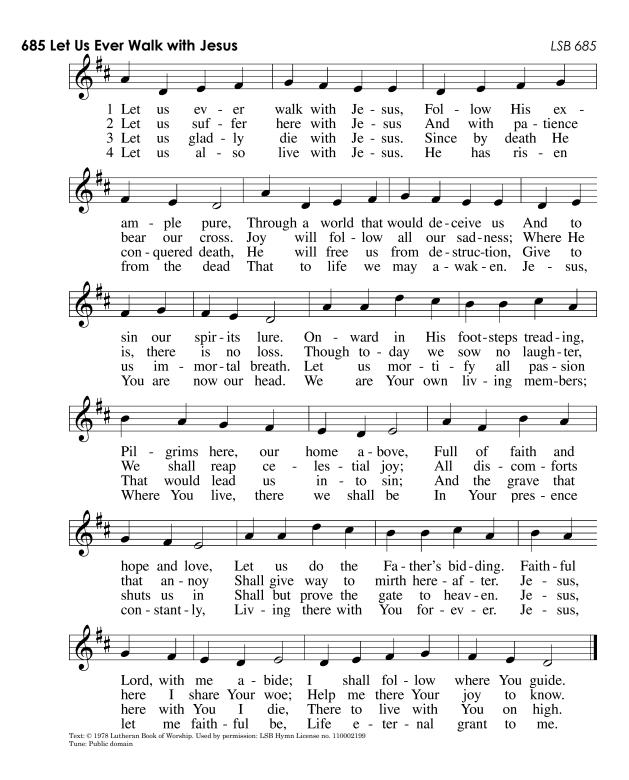
May thankfulness be days in service spent,

Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

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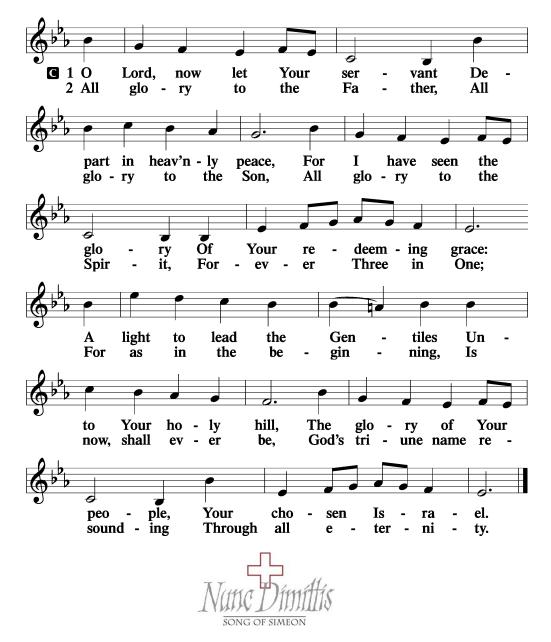


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Nunc Dimittis

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

icamus (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



680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise LSB 680 Thine the Thine the praise Al men le а 2 Thine the life Thine e ter nal ly the -_ 3 Thine the Thine the Thine the tru ly yes 4 Thine the king -Thine the dom Thine the prize 5 Thine the glo _ in the night No more ry Thine the an - gels raise head lu _ ias ev _ er last ing prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree ta - ble the guest Thine the Thee we mer - cy all from won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise Thine the dv - ing on - ly light riv - er Thine the tree Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the Thine the Then the the glo - ry vet to be ring - ing and Then the ius - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly the ho -Then Then ly ho - lv Thine Thine the sto - ry the har - vest then the cup rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the Gone the cry Then the the Thine the sing - ing end of all war Then the wel - come the least Then the sto - ry to Cel bra - tion bi - lee Thine the ho ly _ e ju vine-yard then the lift - ed lift - ed cup is up up. the $d\bar{y}$ - ing what was lift - ed high. sigh - ing gone loss liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more. ev er more won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast. splen-dor Thine the bright - ness - lv Thee on - lv Thee. on

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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday August 8th	9:15 am 9:15 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School & Bible Study Altar Guild Meeting Jr. Youth (4 th -5 th grades) Middle School Youth (6 th -8 th grades) High School Youth (9 th -12 th grades)
Monday August 9th		
Tuesday August 10th	6:30 pm	TLS Basketball Camp Board of Ed/Youth Meeting Elders Meeting LWML Meeting
Wednesday August 11th		WWF – potluck & game night Pastor's Bible Class
Thursday August 12th	5:00 pm	Unpack Your Backpack Night at TLS
Friday August 13th	5:30 pm	Back to School Bash at TLS
Saturday August 14th	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday August 15th		Worship Service w/ Communion Rally Sunday Breakfast Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing

Celebrating

Birthdays: Erin B. (8th); Alma S., Eric T. (10th); Evelyn G., Deanna S. (11th); DelRay C., Kylie G., Erma P., Kory S. (12th); Nicholas H., Emilee M. (13th); Jordan J., Karla L., Gary S. (14th); Aaron W. (15th)

Baptism Birthdays: Paul R. (8th); Yancy A., Satine G., Brett N. (9th); Nicole B. (12th); Patrick C. (13th); Luke L., Madison L. (15th)

Anniversaries: Brad & Teresa H. (11th); Robert & Marjean P. (13th); Doug & Annette H. (14th)

-- Announcements --

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Journey through Psalms 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

Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

The Book of Judges – Wednesdays at 7 PM – Basement and Zoom Beginning in September, we will move to Thursdays at 7 PM to allow for choir practice on Wednesdays. At that time, we will also start a new study on the Epistles.

Pastor Ben's Sunday Bible Study

TODAY we are beginning a new study on the book of Psalms. Join us at 9:15 in the gym!

Church Directory

If you would like to use our backdrop to take an updated directory photo for your household, stop by the Schemm Family Life Center before/between/after worship. Snag a friend or fellow member to take a photo with your phone. Please submit your photo to the church office (office@christlcms.org) – thank you!

If you have not yet updated your contact info for our upcoming church directory, please visit <u>www.christlcms.org/directory-update</u> or pick up one of the blue forms at the back of the sanctuary.

Volunteer Opportunities

SENT Prep Preschool is needing a volunteer who could come and wash dishes for them each day from noon to 1PM. If you can help them out, please call them at (785) 783-2535. It would not need to be the same person every day – any help is appreciated.

Altar Guild Meeting – TODAY

Between worship services on TODAY (August 8th), we will be having an Altar Guild meeting. This meeting is not only for current members – it is also for anyone interested in learning more about Altar Guild, and is open to both men and women. We hope to see you there! For more details, please contact Bessie or the church office.

Thank You

Thanks to all of our volunteers for making Touch a Truck a great outreach event!

-- Announcements --

Youth – Water Day!

Christ Youth can meet here at church TODAY (Sunday, August 8th) for a fun Water Day/Game Day! Weather permitting, we will be outside for fun water games. Prepare to get wet!

We're splitting up youth a little differently! Jr. Youth (4th-5th gr.) will meet from 3:00-4:00 pm, Middle School Youth (6th-8th gr.) will meet from 4:15-6:00 pm, and High School Youth (9th-12th gr.) will meet from 5:00-6:45 pm. Yes, the Middle School and High School times overlap – we will have a shared activity during that time, but it also allows us to have more age-specific Bible studies before/after. Friends always welcome!

College/Young Adult Ministry

We are starting a college-age ministry here at Christ for young adults 18 to 25 years old. Our first meeting will be Sunday, Aug. 22nd at 7:00 p.m. here at Christ. We'll have food for you and will be talking about how this group can best get started. We'll be looking for ideas for future meetings and activities. Questions? Contact Amanda or Pastor.

Fresh Eggs

We have fresh eggs for sale in the coffee lobby from some of our member families. \$1 from each dozen sold goes to Christ Youth!

Rally Sunday – Backpack Blessing & Breakfast

Rally Sunday is August 15^{th} – join us as we celebrate the beginning of another school year! Students may bring their backpacks with them to church that morning. Pastor Ben will do a blessing during both worship services.

Between worship services, enjoy breakfast in the Schemm Family Life Center at 9:15 AM. A free will offering will be taken to help offset costs for Christ Youth attending the 2022 National Youth Gathering.

Choir Practice

Make a joyful noise – church choir is back! We will begin Wednesday evening rehearsals on September 1st at 7 PM. (Pastor's Bible Study will be moving to Thursdays.) Join us!

Thank You, Trustees!

Thank you to our trustees for installing new exterior lights and painting the garage (on top of everything else you already do)! Everything looks great!

-- 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., 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.



RALLY SUNDAY Sunday. August 15th

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of another school year!



Backpack Blessing

Students may bring their backpacks with them to church that morning. Pastor will say a blessing for the coming school year!

Breakfast

Join us for breakfast at 9:15 am in the Schemm Family Life Center! A free will offering will be taken for Christ Youth attending the 2022 National Youth Gathering.



The Lord Jesus Feeds Us with His Flesh, in Order to Strengthen Us with His Own Life

God the Father sent His Son into the world, so that the world might have life in Him. Now He "draws" you to His Son, Christ Jesus, by the preaching of His Gospel. "Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father" comes to Jesus, who will never cast him out but "will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44–45). He is "the bread of life," who "comes down from heaven" in the flesh, that you may eat of Him and "live forever" (John 6:48–51). Although "the journey is too great for you," in the strength of this food you shall come to "the mount of God." Do not be afraid, and do not despair, but "arise and eat" (1 Kings 19:5–8). And "no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds" (Eph. 4:17), but "walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us" (Eph. 5:2). In Him, you have been "created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:24). Therefore, "be imitators of God, as beloved children" (Eph. 5:1), by "forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).

<u>Worship Attendance – Sunday, August 1st</u>	
8:00 AM 69	
10:30 AM 84	

Stewardship Corner			
Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 7,878		
Offerings Received – Week of 8/1	\$ 9,137		
Budgeted Needs (Jan - July 2021)	\$238,994		
Offerings Received (Jan - July 2021)	\$231,108		

Ephesians 4:28 – "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need." God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That's how so many of God's blessings go. He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

