



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

"The Bread of Life Abides"



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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

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

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.

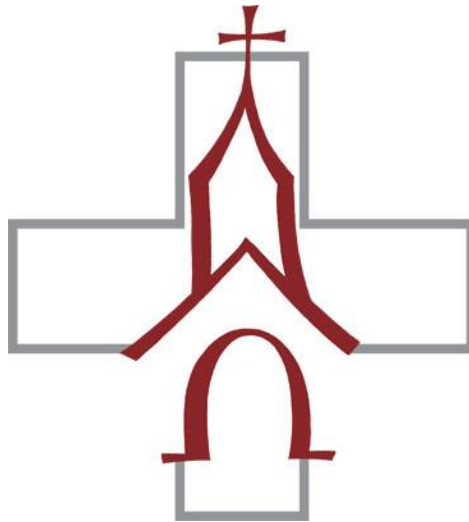
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

- P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
- C** **His praise endures forever!**
- P** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
C **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
- P** Great are the works of the LORD,
C **studied by all who delight in them.**
- P** Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
C **and his righteousness endures forever.**
- P** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
C **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- P** He provides food for those who fear him;
C **he remembers his covenant forever.**
- P** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
C **Holy and awesome is his name!**
- 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** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
- C** **His praise endures forever!**



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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 154

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



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit



Old Testament Reading

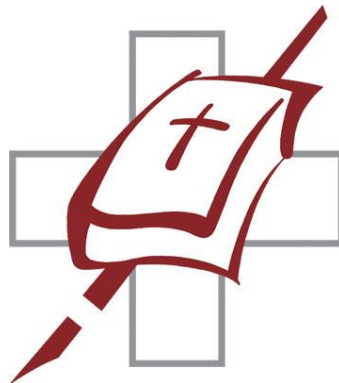
Proverbs 9:1–10

A The Old Testament Reading is from Proverbs, chapter 9.

- ¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- ³She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
- ⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
- ⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- ⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- ⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Epistle

Ephesians 5:6–21

A The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 5.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

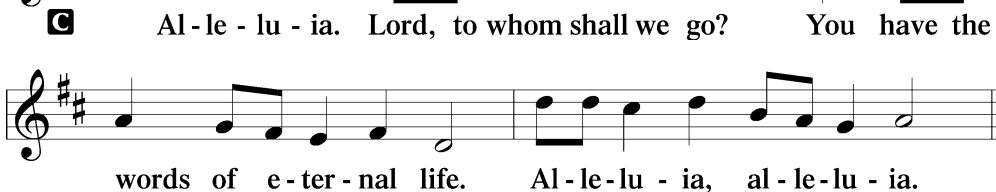
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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



Holy Gospel

John 6:51–69

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I 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.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

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.**

Backpack Blessing

Students are invited to join Pastor Ben at the front of the sanctuary for a "Back to School" Backpack Blessing. Bring your backpack with you if you brought it today.

696 O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

Offering

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



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Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19 LSB 159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Sit

Installation of Sunday School Teachers & Bible Study Leaders

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."

- P** ...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.



- C** And al - so 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.



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, 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 21:9 161

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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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

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



Pax Domini

John 20:19 163

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 163

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

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It consists of four treble clef staves with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written across the staves with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined in the original image. The piece ends with a double bar line.

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Distribution

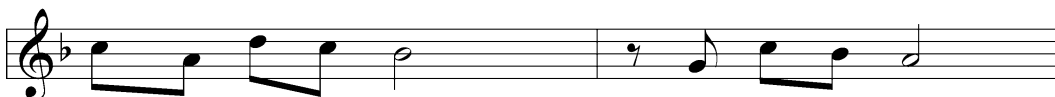
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629 What Is This Bread

LSB 629



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He	should	Un - der	the	rod?	
Word	and	prom - ise	clear,	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be - lieve	



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em - brace		Of	life	and	love	un - til	I	
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pres - ent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	His		



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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789 Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB 789



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

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!

Stand

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10] LSB 164



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



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



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



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

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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



C A - men.



Luther's Morning Prayer

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

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 166

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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



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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday August 15th	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Rally Sunday Breakfast <i>Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing</i>
Monday August 16th		
Tuesday August 17th		<i>1st Day of School at TLS</i>
Wednesday August 18th	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation WWF – potluck & game night Pastor’s Bible Class
Thursday August 19th		
Friday August 20th		
Saturday August 21st	10:00 am	Men’s Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday August 22nd	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (Children & Adults) Jr. Youth (4 th -5 th grades) Middle School Youth (6 th -8 th grades) High School Youth (9 th -12 th grades) College/Young Adult Group

Celebrating

Birthdays: Aaron W. (15th); Jon B., Shelly B. (17th); Cora J. (18th); Kailey C. (21st)

Baptism Birthdays: Luke L., Madison L. (15th); Sandy S. (16th); Jon B., Tracie C., Alexandra H., Greta H., Lendra H., Cassandra H., Michael O. (17th); Jaclyn H., Sloan W. (18th); Jaylee H., Nicholas H., Adam S. (19th); Frank S. (22nd)

Anniversaries: David & Barbara B. (16th); Shawn & Michelle H. (17th); Dennis & Margaret B. (21st)

-- Announcements --

Rally Sunday – Backpack Blessing & Breakfast – TODAY!

Rally Sunday is August 15th – 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.

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am) – RESUMES NEXT WEEK

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) – RESUMES NEXT WEEK

Children (Pre-K through 6th grade) – Upstairs Education Wing
Youth (7th-12th 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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar today were given in honor of David & Barbara Butts' 35th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and God's blessings to you both!

Mask Information

Face masks are still optional throughout the church building. Disposable masks are available at all church entrances for those who would like one. Children's size masks are located by the main entrance. For more information regarding masking, please visit www.cdc.gov.

Praise Service

We would love to resume the contemporary worship service that we used to offer once a month... but we need musicians! If you are interested in playing an instrument and/or singing for this worship service, please contact one of the elders or the church office.

-- Announcements --

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!

Confirmation

Confirmation Class begins this Wednesday (August 18th) at 4 PM! If you have a student in 7th-8th grade and have *not* yet spoken with DCE Amanda about confirmation class, please contact her in the church office ASAP!

Youth

Christ Youth are invited to meet here at church next Sunday (August 22nd) for fun and fellowship! We're splitting up our youth groups a little differently this year. ***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.

TLS Spirit Wear

The online spirit wear store for Topeka Lutheran School is now open! Choose from multiple designs and colors, available in t-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, and more. Order deadline is August 30th. <https://goblue.tuosystems.com/stores/topek Lutheran>

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 www.christlcms.org/directory-update or pick up one of the blue forms at the back of the sanctuary.

-- 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., Virginia C., 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.



***Jesus Is the Word and Wisdom of God,
Who Gives You Life and Light in His Flesh***

Jesus is the divine Word by whom all things were made, who has become flesh and dwells among us. He gives His flesh “*for the life of the world,*” not only as a sacrifice for sin but as “*the living bread*” from heaven (John 6:51). Eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:54–57), and no longer walk in the darkness of sin, but walk in His light. “*Arise from the dead*” and live in Him, because you are “*light in the Lord*” (Eph. 5:8, 14). Being filled with His Spirit, confess Him to “*one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart*” (Eph. 5:18–19). Fear, love and trust in Him, “*and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness*” (Josh. 24:14). For He has brought you “*out of the house of slavery*” by His cross and resurrection, and now He does “*great signs*” in your sight (Josh. 24:17). Indeed, He is the divine wisdom, who has built His house, prepared His feast and set His table; He bids you to recline and eat of His bread and drink of the wine He has mixed (Prov. 9:1–5).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, August 8th

8:00 AM -- 61

10:30 AM -- 82

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 7,878
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 8/8</i>	\$ 7,346

<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan - July 2021)</i>	\$238,994
<i>Offerings Received (Jan - July 2021)</i>	\$231,108

Ephesians 5:6-7 – “**Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them.**” The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word.” We are the Lord’s servants, therefore we cling to His Word.