



*So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.  
How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!*

*James 3:5 (ESV)*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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*As we gather this morning, please take time to fill out the fellowship pad located near the center aisle in your pew. If you have any prayer requests, feel free to use a prayer request card from the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate after the sermon. (For those joining us online, please contact the church office.) We will include these requests in our prayers during worship, and share them with our prayer chain (if desired).*

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

## Missions Month Update

### 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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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

- 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.**
  
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.



## Confession of Sins

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

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

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

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

- P** Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
**C** all you who wait for the LORD!  
**P** But I trust in you, O LORD;  
**C** I say, “You are my God.”  
**P** My times are in your hand;  
**C** rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!  
**P** Make your face shine on your servant;  
**C** save me in your 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** Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
**C** all you who wait for the LORD!

### Kyrie

Mark 10:47 204



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

**Kyrie Eleison**  
LORD, HAVE MERCY

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



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



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 50:4–10*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 50.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD  
and obeys the voice of his servant?  
Let him who walks in darkness  
and has no light  
trust in the name of the LORD  
and rely on his God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

James 3:1–12

**A** The Epistle is from James, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## Alleluia and Verse

### Alleluia

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### Verse

*John 20:31 LSB 205*



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



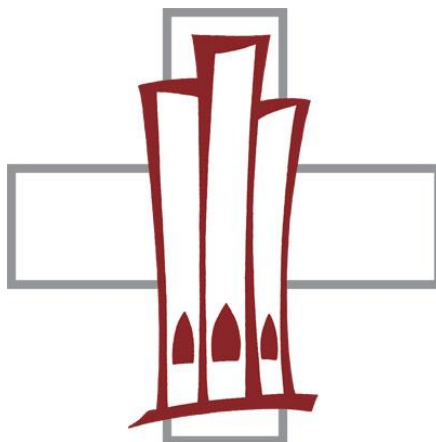
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

### Alleluia

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## Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14–29

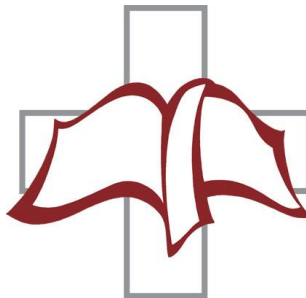
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



## **Nicene Creed**

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

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

# Children'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.

## 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## Sermon



## Offering

*If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving at [pushpay.com/pay/christlcms](https://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](https://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).*



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## 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 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.**



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

## Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 208

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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** 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 life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

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

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

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

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

John 1:29 LSB 210

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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

### 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.*



# 784 Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 784



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee,  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,

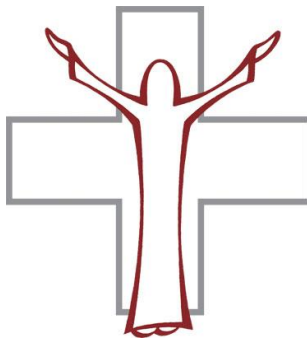


O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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## 724 If God Himself Be for Me

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1 If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
 2 I build on this foun - da - tion, That Je - sus and His blood  
 3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, My sun, my light, a - lone;  
 4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, De - liv - ered me from death;



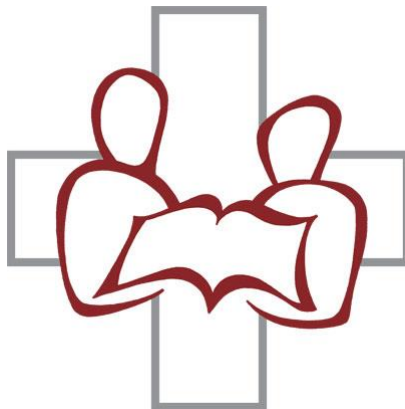
For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
 A - lone are my sal - va - tion, My true, e - ter - nal good.  
 Were He not my de - fend - er Be - fore God's judg - ment throne,  
 He is the Lord who cleans - es My soul from sin through faith.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,  
 With - out Him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;  
 I nev - er should find fa - vor And mer - cy in His sight,  
 In Him I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on my way;



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?  
 The gifts I have from Je - sus A - lone have price - less worth.  
 But be de - stroyed for - ev - er As dark - ness by the light.  
 In Him I am not fear - ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.

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5 For no one can condemn me  
Or set my hope aside;  
Now hell no more can claim me:  
Its fury I deride.  
No sentence now reproves me,  
No guilt destroys my peace;  
For Christ, my Savior, loves me  
And shields me with His grace.

6 Who clings with resolution  
To Him whom Satan hates  
Must look for persecution;  
For him the burden waits  
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses  
Heaped on his blameless head;  
A thousand plagues and crosses  
Will be his daily bread.

7 From me this is not hidden,  
Yet I am not afraid;  
I leave my cares, as bidden,  
To whom my vows were paid.  
Though life from me be taken  
And ev'rything I own,  
I trust in You unshaken  
And cleave to You alone.

8 No danger, thirst, or hunger,  
No pain or poverty,  
No earthly tyrant's anger  
Shall ever vanquish me.  
Though earth should break asunder,  
My fortress You shall be;  
No fire or sword or thunder  
Shall sever You from me.

9 No angel and no gladness,  
No throne, no pomp, no show,  
No love, no hate, no sadness,  
No pain, no depth of woe,  
No scheming, no contrivance,  
No subtle thing or great  
Shall draw me from Your guidance  
Nor from You separate.

10 My heart with joy is springing;  
I am no longer sad.  
My soul is filled with singing;  
Your sunshine makes me glad.  
The sun that cheers my spirit  
Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
The heav'n I shall inherit  
Makes me rejoice and sing.

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## 713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

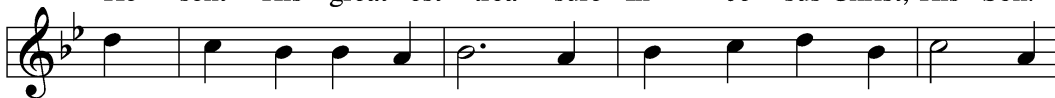
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1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side  
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure  
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?  
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.  
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.  
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.  
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,  
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.  
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it  
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.  
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.  
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation

And in His gifts rejoice.

Each day finds its vocation

Responding to His voice.

Soon years on earth are past;

But time we spend expressing

The love of God brings blessing

That will forever last!

△ 7 For thus the Father willed it,

Who fashioned us from clay;

And His own Son fulfilled it

And brought eternal day.

The Spirit now has come,

To us true faith has given;

He leads us home to heaven.

O praise the Three in One!

6 Yet even though I suffer

The world's unpleasantness,

And though the days grow rougher

And bring me great distress,

That day of bliss divine,

Which knows no end or measure,

And Christ, who is my pleasure,

Forever shall be mine.

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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 211

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



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



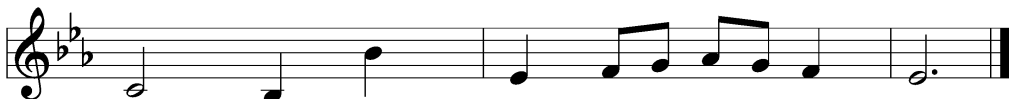
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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

**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.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1 LSB 212*

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

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.*

**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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*



# 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
 of His might All things are just and good and right:  
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 To God all praise and glo - ry!  
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## -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday September 12th	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Sunday School (Children & Adults) Bowling Night at Gage Bowl College/Young Adult Group (ages 18 – 25)
Monday September 13th	5:00 pm	TLS Fundraiser at Chipotle
Tuesday September 14th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Elders Meeting Boards of Youth & Education Meeting LWML Meeting
Wednesday September 15th	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation WWF – potluck & game night Choir Practice  <i>Directory Deadline</i>
Thursday September 16th	7:00 pm	Pastor's Bible Class
Friday September 17th	1:30 pm	Young at Heart
Saturday September 18th	9:30 am 10:00 am	Women's Monthly Bible Study (church basement) Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday September 19th	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Sunday School (Children & Adults)

### Celebrating

**Birthdays:** Lindsey C., Greta J., Ronnie W., Kari Ann W. (12<sup>th</sup>); Hannah M., Audrey S. (14<sup>th</sup>); Trevor D., Barrett W. (15<sup>th</sup>); Addelynn M., Dave S. (16<sup>th</sup>); Erin S. (17<sup>th</sup>); Janet M. (18<sup>th</sup>); Mara G., Nicholas H., Tagen K., Taryn L. (19<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Stephen B. (12<sup>th</sup>); Noah B., Alan H. (13<sup>th</sup>); Deanna S. (14<sup>th</sup>); Lincoln S. (16<sup>th</sup>); Morgan C., Emmalynn H., Janet M. (18<sup>th</sup>); Damion B., Kerry D. (19<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Eric & Marne C. (15<sup>th</sup>); Matt & Lyn L. (18<sup>th</sup>)



# -- 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<sup>th</sup> grade) – Upstairs Education Wing  
Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Basement Youth Room

## **Pastor's Midweek Bible Study**

The Epistles – Thursday at 7 PM – Basement and Zoom  
*Our class is now Thursdays at 7 PM , but will NOT meet on the first week of each month.*

## **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. Reusable cloth masks are available by the church office. For more information regarding masking, please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## **Bible Reading Challenge**

We will be beginning a new Bible Reading Challenge in September! From Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will read our way through Paul's Epistles. Pick up a reading sheet in the coffee lobby or look for it in your e-mail inbox with our September newsletter. It is also available to download on our church website. Everyone who completes the challenge will win a fun new prize (different from our precious prizes of coffee mugs and chocolate).

## **September is Missions Month!**

The Schumachers have accepted a call to a new position with the International Lutheran Council, so it is time to direct our support to another LCMS missionary or missionary family. Please read through BOTH SIDES of the bulletin insert, and prayerfully consider supporting missions both globally and locally!

## **Church Directory Photos – TAKE YOUR PHOTO TODAY!**

Our September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline is approaching quickly! If you have not yet submitted a photo for the directory, have yours taken TODAY in the gym after either of our worship services. (Thank you for offering your photography skills, John & Daria!) To update your contact info for our upcoming church directory, please visit [www.christlcms.org/directory-update](http://www.christlcms.org/directory-update) or pick up one of the blue forms at the back of the sanctuary. Submit photos to the church office ([office@christlcms.org](mailto:office@christlcms.org)). Thank you!

# -- Announcements --

## **Bowling Night**

All members are invited to meet at Gage Bowl on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 5 to 7 pm for a bowling night! (Youth – we will use this as our activity for this date instead of our regular time slots.)

## **Gary's Berries**

Join your church family for a fun evening at Gary's Berries on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Come and go as you please between 5-10 pm. Advance tickets are \$10 each (cash, check, or PushPay) and include a campfire meal with hot dogs and s'mores.

## **College/Young Adult Group**

Our college-age ministry here at Christ is for young adults 18 to 25 years old. Join us on Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm here at Christ.

## **TLS Fundraiser at Chipotle**

Dine in or carry out for dinner (5-9 pm) on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>! Chipotle will donate 33% of the proceeds to the TLS 8<sup>th</sup> graders' class trip. Mention the fundraiser when you order, or use code L4MQ9NA when ordering online.

## **TLS Carnival – Bakers and Volunteers Needed**

The Topeka Lutheran School Carnival will be on Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. The PTL is hosting a bake sale fundraiser at the event, and hopes to have at least 10 baked goods from each congregation. If you would like to bake and donate goodies to the sale, please sign up on the bulletin board in the coffee lobby. If you would like to volunteer to help set up for this event, please contact Nancy Crago or the church office.

## **Lutherans for Life**

Rev. Jeff Duncan will be speaking at Calvary Lutheran (4211 NW Topeka Blvd) this evening at 7 PM at the invitation of the Lutherans for Life of Greater Shawnee County. His presentation is for pastors, church workers, lay persons, college and high school students, as well as Life Chapter and Life Team members.

## **Not One More**

On September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM, St. John Lutheran Church (Alma, KS) is hosting author and speaker Rev. Peter Preus for a conversation about life, hope, and suicide. People are encouraged to learn about how to prevent the tragic loss of life. The forum is open to the public, our schools, and local churches. Please join us as we make clear our commitment to accept "Not One More" untimely death in our community.

## -- 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), 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., Avrynn (infant daughter of friends of Mel L.), Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, the Schumachers and their ministry in Ghana, and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for Pastor Ben, DCE Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of Topeka Lutheran School and the Center for Young Children. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.

## *Hunger Action Month*

LWML WILL BE COLLECTING NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS  
FOR HARVESTERS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY  
AND FOR HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.



## ***Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil***

Those who teach the Word of God “*will be judged with greater strictness*” (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue “*boasts of great things,*” whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, “*it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison*” (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who “*does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man*” (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with “*the tongue of those who are taught,*” He is able to sustain the weary “*with a word*” (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the “*mute and deaf spirit*” from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

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### **Worship Attendance – Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM -- 62

10:30 AM -- 90

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## **Stewardship Corner**

<b><i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i></b>	<b>\$ 7,878</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received – Week of 9/5</i></b>	<b>\$ 10,790</b>
<b><i>Debt Retirement Gifts Received – Week of 9/5</i></b>	<b>\$ 296</b>
<b><i>Budgeted Needs (Jan - Aug 2021)</i></b>	<b>\$273,136</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received (Jan - Aug 2021)</i></b>	<b>\$266,785</b>

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**Mark 9:24 – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’ ”** Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, and He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? It leads to a godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.