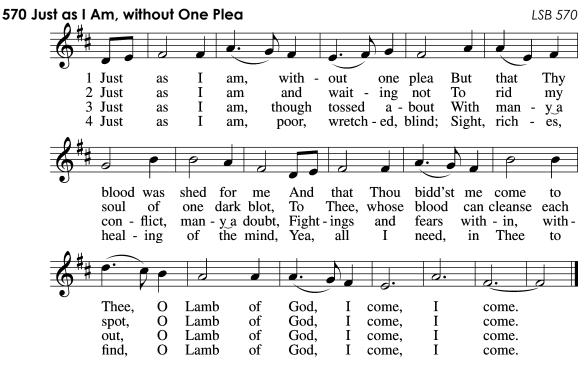
Your faith has made you well. Mark 10:52

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2021 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



As we gather this morning, please take time to fill out the fellowship pad tocated 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 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe,
 - O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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+ 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 151

Matthew 28:19b: 18:20

- **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

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

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.



Amen.

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Service of the Word

Introit

- P Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
- **C** O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- **P** O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;
- **C** I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
- **P** But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
- **C** like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- **P** O Israel, hope in the LORD
- G from this time forth and forevermore. 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** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
- **C** O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!



A Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy!" A brief prayer not only imploring God's mercy but rejoicing in it through Jesus Christ.

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



Kyrie



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:7–9

A The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 31.

⁷ Thus says the LORD:
"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'
⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.
⁹With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 7:23-28

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 7.

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Mark 10:46-52

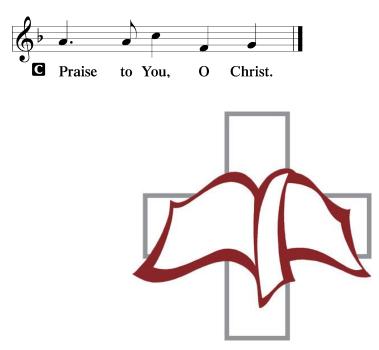
Holy Gospel

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



⁴⁶They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵²And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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

C 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.



That day of bliss divine,

Which knows no end or measure,

And Christ, who is my pleasure, Forever shall be mine. 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!

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Sermon

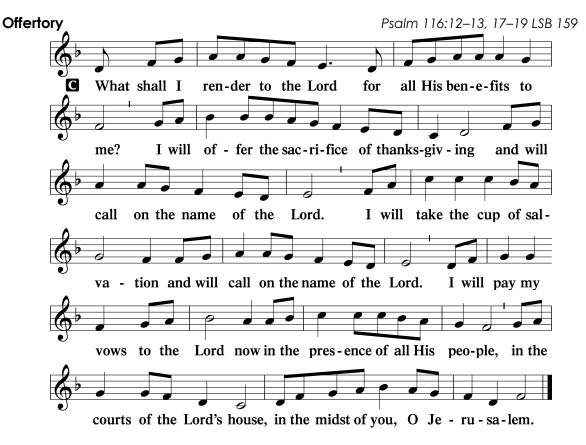
Offering

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 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).



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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."**

■ ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

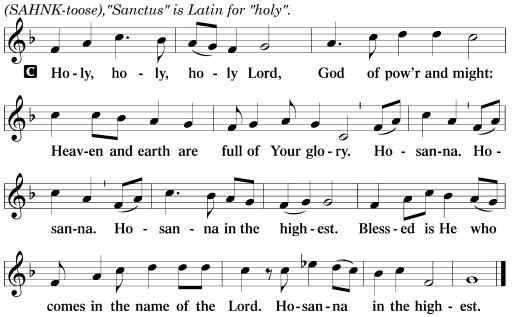


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

 It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

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■ 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

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

 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."

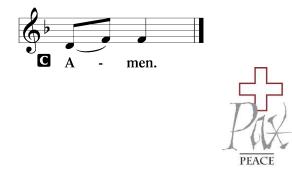
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19 163

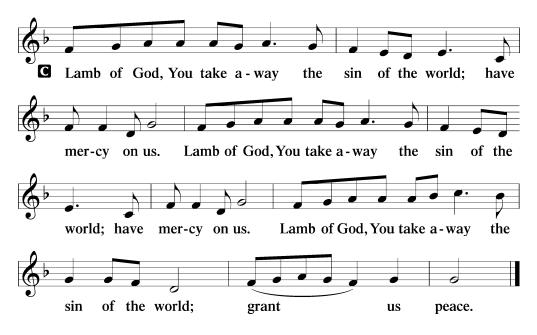
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

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

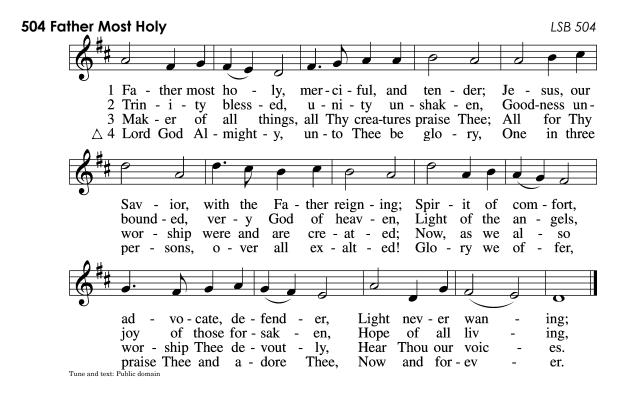


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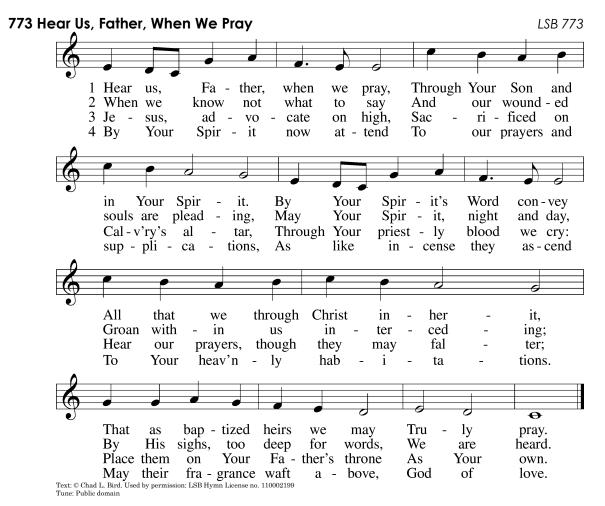
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Communion is reserved for those who are members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or members of a church body in fellowship with the LCMS unless special arrangements have been made with the pastor. The pastor and those who assist him receive the 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.

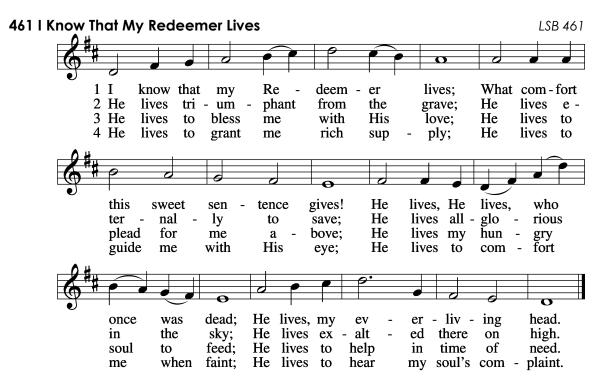












- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;He lives to wipe away my tears;He lives to calm my troubled heart;He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Tune and text: Public domain



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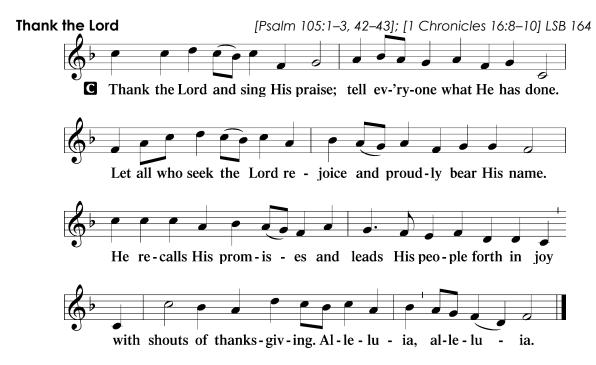
day with Knock - ing 1 Je sus comes to heal - ing, at my 2 Christ Him - self. the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet bread and in 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, Ι re - ceive the 4 God de - scends with heav'n - lv pow - er. Gives Him - self to Of door, ap - peal - ing, f'ring par don. grace, and peace. wine a - bid - ing this ho In ly sac - ra - ment, Sav - ior ho - ly. Blood and bod giv'n for v, me, this hour_ In this di me or nar - y sign. He Him - self makes And Ι hear His ra - tion, prep а -Gives the bread of life. once bro - ken. And cup, the the Ver - v Lamb of God from heav - en. Who bit - ter to On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing. I ac - cept His bless - ed feast." in vi ta - tion: "Come and taste the pre - cious His to - ken Of sa cred cov - e - nant. death was giv - en, Hung up on the curs - ed tree. liev - ing That His di - vine. grace, be -Ι taste love

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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



Luther's Morning Prayer

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

Benediction

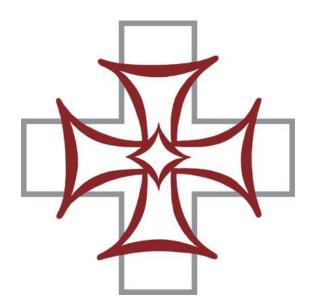
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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.

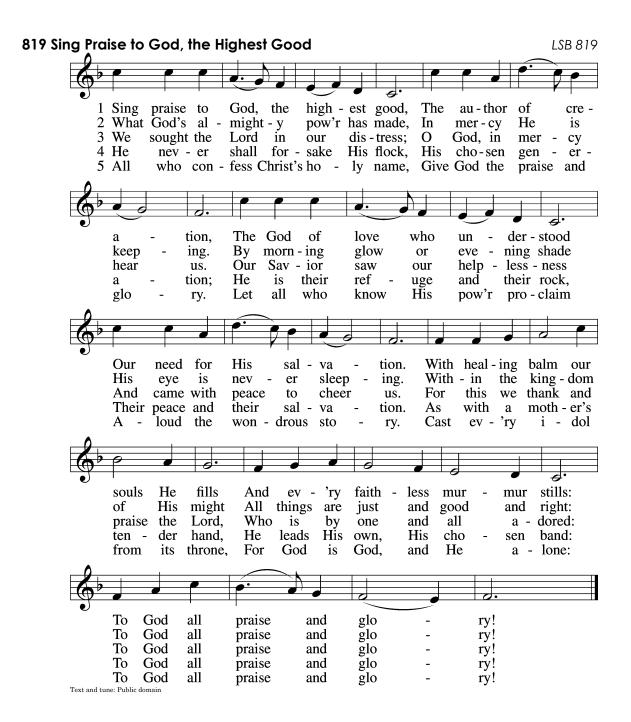


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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday October 24th	9:15 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 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 (ages 18-25)
Monday October 25th		
Tuesday October 26th	9:00 am	LWML Work Day
Wednesday October 27th	5:30 pm	Confirmation WWF – potluck & game night Choir Practice
Thursday October 28th	7:00 pm	Pastor's Bible Class
Friday October 29th		
Saturday October 30th		Men's Bible Study (via Zoom) Trunk or Treat
Sunday October 31st	9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Reformation Celebration (activities for all ages) Reformation Potluck

<u>Celebrating</u>

Birthdays: Loretta M., David S. (24th); Hannah A., Kaitlynn B. (25th); Audrey H., Judy K. (28th); Anthony W. (29th); Daric S. (30th); Dennis B., David G. (31st)
Baptism Birthdays: David S. (24th); Michelle J. (25th); Brayden B., Delbert G. (26th); Paige C., Benjamin F., Erma P. (27th); Chance B., Shelly B., Nicole M. (28th); Jeanette H. (30th); Jolene B., Frank J., John W. (31st)
Anniversaries: Phil & Jolene B. (28th)

-- 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 Epistles – Thursday at 7 PM – Basement 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 <u>www.cdc.gov</u>.

Bible Reading Challenge Prizes

Did you make it all the way through Paul's Epistles? Bring your completed reading log to church, and pick up your prize – a Luther's Rose keychain – in the coffee lobby!

Trunk or Treat

Our 2nd annual Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 30th from 1 PM to 3 PM. If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out treats, please sign up on the bulletin board in the coffee lobby. Get those creative gears turning – we will have prizes for the Top 3 favorite trunk designs, as voted on by all the participants!

During the month of October, we will have a box in the coffee lobby for those who would like to donate candy or other small treats. Monetary donations toward candy will also be accepted if you would like us to pick out the treats.

Reformation Celebration & Potluck

Join us for our Reformation Celebration on Sunday, October 31st during Sunday School hour at 9:15 AM. We'll have activities for all ages in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym). Then at 11:45 AM (after worship services), we'll have a potluck dinner. German foods are encouraged, but your favorite dish to share is always welcome.

-- Announcements --

<u>Trivia Night</u>

Join us for trivia night on Saturday, Nov. 6th! Doors open at 6 PM, trivia begins at 6:30 PM. Suggested donation per player is \$10 – please sign up through the church website (christlcms.org) or contact the church office. Snacks and childcare are included. All funds raised will help offset costs for those attending the National LCMS Youth Gathering in 2022. Thank you for supporting Christ Youth!

Children's Christmas Program

It's almost that time of year again! Rehearsals for our Children's Christmas Program will begin on November 14^{th} during the regular Sunday School hour. If your child would like to participate, please contact Amanda Adams.

Kansas District Reformation Offering

It's time for the annual Kansas District Reformation Offering, which supports the Rev. Eugene Schmidt Memorial Mission Fund. This fund helps mission outreach *HERE IN KANSAS*, including church revitalization, church planting, and other specialized ministries. If you'd like to contribute to this special offering, you can donate online through the Kansas District website, <u>kslcms.org/donate</u>, or send a check with "2021 Reformation Offering" in the memo line to LCMS Kansas District, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS, 66604-1104. We're grateful for your support as we work together to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the state!

Missions Month Results: Our new missionary is... Chelsea Irwin

Chelsea Irwin is originally from Lincoln, NE. There she did great work with the youth and undertook extensive education in her chosen major. Now she has expanded her ministry out into the world! We now have the great opportunity to assist her with our prayers, communications, and the transfer of our financial support to her for 2022. We will also continue our support of Topeka Rescue Mission. Thank you!

<u>Veterans</u>

LWML would like to recognize our veterans again this November. If you received a card from them last year, we have you on our list already. But if you are a veteran and have NOT received a card from LWML in the past year, please contact the church office.

Chair Aerobics Class

Tina Shadley's class begins on Thursday, November 4th. They will meet weekly on Thursdays from 2-3 pm in the gym here at Christ. For more information, please contact Tina Shadley or Adair Hartman.

-- Announcements --

Thank You

Sondra K. sends her gratitude for all of the prayers for her grandson, Britian. We give thanks that he is healing and doing much better!

Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Julie J., Don 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., Madison L., Steve (Rachel M.'s father), Vikki N., Matt N., Lynn M., Virginia C., Avrynn (infant daughter of friends of Mel L.), Leonard (brother of Jeanette B.), Phil B., the McReynold's (friends of Phil B.), JoAnn (friend of Nancy P.), Evelyn (mother of Sandy S.), Marjean P., Kacie (grand-daughter of Nancy C.), Ted M., Adam (son of Jamie H.), Carolyn S., 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.

Reformation Celebration Sunday, October 31st



9:15 AM REFORMATION ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

11:45 AM POTLUCK DINNER (german foods encouraged, but all dishes are welcomed)





Drive through our parking lot to see all of the decorated trunks — and we'll bring the treats to you Come as you are, or wear your favorite costume. Non-candy and allergy-friendly options will be available.





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM – TRIVIA BEGINS AT 6:30 PM SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$10 PER PERSON THIS FUNDRAISER WILL HELP OFFSET COSTS FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE NATIONAL LOWS YOUTH GATHERING IN 2022. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CHRIST YOUTH ! SIGN UP AT CHRISTICMS.ORG

The Lord Jesus Christ Opens Our Eyes to God and Brings Us into His Presence

As He did for blind Bartimaeus, so does the Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon you. With His Word of the Gospel, "he is calling you" to Himself, to "take heart," to rise up and live by faith in His forgiveness. He opens your heart and mind to see and know God rightly in Him and to follow Him "on the way" of the cross and into life everlasting (Mark 10:49–52). "He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him," because He is the great High Priest, who offered Himself "once for all" as a sacrifice for sins. Since He is risen from the dead and "exalted above the heavens," He "holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever," and "he always lives to make intercession" for His people (Heb. 7:24–27). Along with that, He gathers the children of God to Himself by the proclamation of His Gospel, even "from the farthest parts of the earth." In mercy He calls them, by the waters of Holy Baptism, "in a straight path in which they shall not stumble," unto life everlasting (Jer. 31:8–9).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, October 17th

8:00 AM -- 107 10:30 AM -- 78

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Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs: Offerings Received – Week of 10/17	•	7,878 8,174	
Debt Retirement Gifts Received – Week of 10/17	\$	1,106	
Budgeted Needs (Jan - Sept 2021) Offerings Received (Jan - Sept 2021)		\$307,278 \$292,525	

Hebrews 7:27 – "He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself." The great sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross covers the sins of all mankind. When that sacrifice was made, Jesus proclaimed: "It is finished." No sacrifice of ours is needed to cover our sins. And yet St. Paul tells us to be "living sacrifices," and Jesus tells us to "lay your offering at the altar." So sacrificial giving goes on, but now its purpose is transformed by the one sin-atoning sacrifice of Christ. Now our giving and serving are sacrifices of thanksgiving, gifts of self in serving others for Christ's sake.