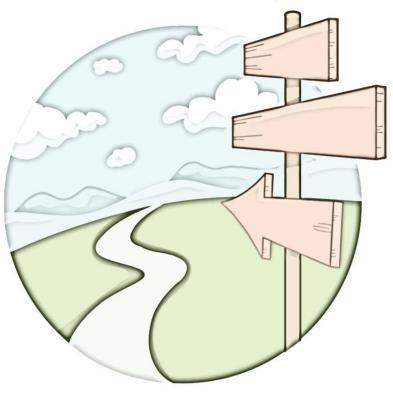
"See that no one leads you astray."



Mark 13:5

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 14, 2021 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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



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

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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.



Amen.

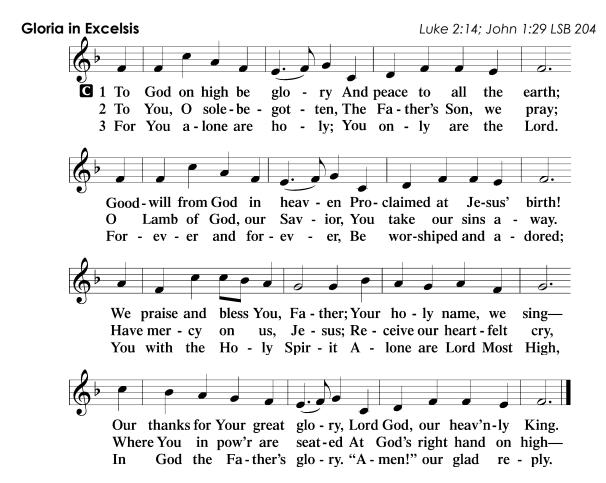
Service of the Word

Introit

- $\ensuremath{\mathbb{P}}$ The one who endures to the end
- **C** will be saved.
- **P** Let Mount Zion be glad!
- **C** Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!
- P Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
- **C** consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
- **P** that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.
- C He will guide us forever. 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.
- \mathbf{P} The one who endures to the end
- **C** will be saved.







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.

Amen.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С

Old Testament Reading

A The Old Testament Reading is from Daniel, chapter 12.

¹"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 10:11-25

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 10.

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:I will put my laws on their hearts,

and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love

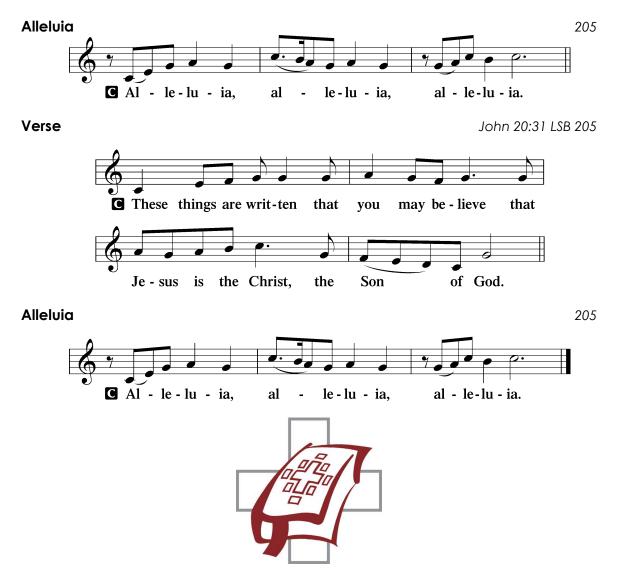
and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Mark 13:1-13

Holy Gospel

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

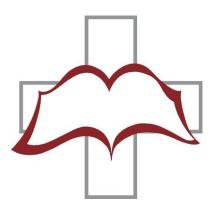
G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" ²And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹"But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

- **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.

С	I be	lieve	in	one	God,
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the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

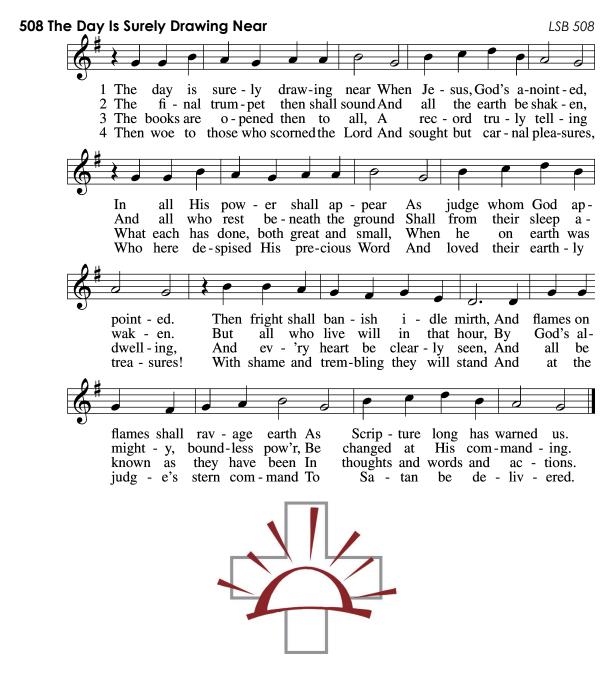
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Matthew 19:14; Mark 13:13-15; Luke 18:16

Children are invited to join Amanda Adams, our Director of Christian Education, at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Message.



- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me; There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil.

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).

Stand

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, **"Hear our prayer."**

- In ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.





1 Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

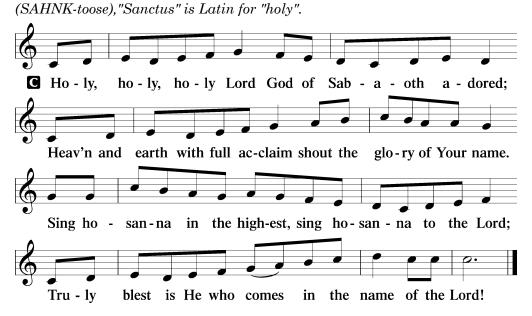
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 208

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 208



Prayer of Thanksgiving

 Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a lifegiving tree for all who trust in Him.

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

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

Lord's Prayer

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



The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini

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

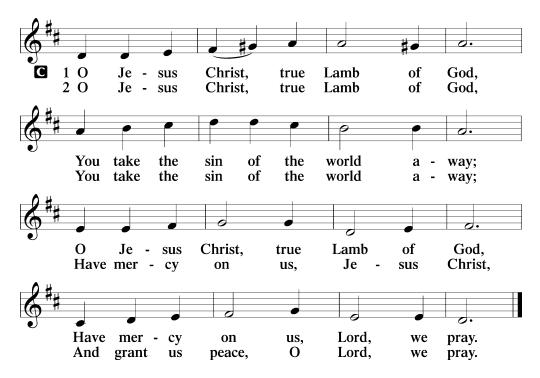
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

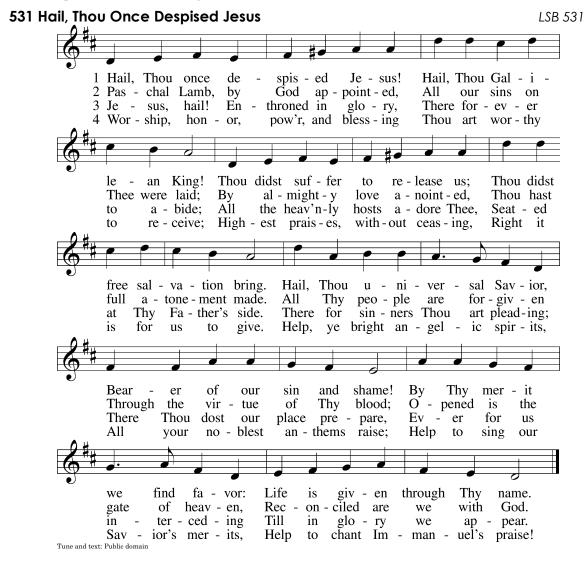
John 1:29 LSB 210

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

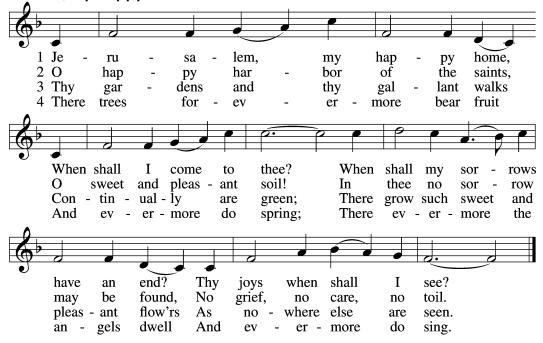


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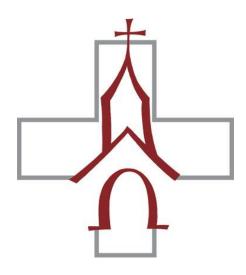


673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home



- $\mathbf{5}$ Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand; And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above. Tune and text: Public domain







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716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

The thought shall nev - er 1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. 2 I pass through tri - als With all the way. sin and ills con -3 And death pur - sues me all No - where Ι the way. rest se -4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -That leave Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, me Is ing; The tend -In Ι must bear each day pa - tience -He night. comes He cure ly; comes by he by dav. friend me; All Sa tan's pow'r is held When bay at plot - ting de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares to ing. When in cross of God's own send ad - ver - si - tv takes his prey most sure ly. A fail - ing breath, and Ť me; They heav'n-lv at - tend are de - fense. hosts my sure May seize If should me un а wares I fail to _ I know where flee. When storms of not to woe mv death's strong grasp may In lie То face e _ ter ni -All Un - harmed fear and sor - row, hence! by foes, do watch and Ι walk in dan pray. ger all the way. soul dis may, Ι pass through als all tri the way. -_ dav As death pur all to sues me the way. ty they walk with gels all the what may, I an way. I walk with Jesus all the way, My walk is heav'nward all the way; 6 His guidance never fails me; Await, my soul, the morrow, When God's good healing shall allay Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's pow'r assails me; All suffring, sin, and sorrow. Then, worldly pomp, begone! And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread. To heav'n I now press on. No evil leads my soul astray; For all the world I would not stay;

I walk with Jesus all the way.

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Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32 LSB 211

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



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

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

Benedicamus

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

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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

Sit



522 Lord God. to Thee We Give All Praise LSB 522 0 give 1 Lord God, Thee praise, With to we all grate - ful 2 They shine with light and heav'n ly And grace con - stant-3 They nev - er rest nor sleep Their whole de as we: 4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; His en - VV hosts Thou didst hearts our voic - es raise, That an gel cre heed Thy voice, they be - hold Thy face; They know ly it light With Thee. Lord is but to be Je sus. and to and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and Thy round glo - rious throne wait. ate А to well. In lv wis - dom god they cel. ex Thv lit tle keep flock, Thv lambs and sheep. pride Thy Chris - tian ple di vide. peo to

- 5 As he of old deceived the world And into sin and death has hurled, So now he subtly lies in wait To undermine both Church and state.
- 6 A roaring lion, round he goes, No halt nor rest he ever knows; He seeks the Christians to devour And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.
- 7 But watchful is the angel band That follows Christ on ev'ry hand To guard His people where they go And break the counsel of the foe.
- 8 For this, now and in days to be, Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee, Whom all the angel hosts adore With grateful songs forevermore.

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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday November 14th	9:15 am 3:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice Jr. Youth Middle/High School Youth	
	7:00 pm	College/Young Adult Group	
Monday November 15th			
Tuesday November 16th			
Wednesday November 17th	5:30 pm	Confirmation WWF – potluck & game night Choir Practice	
Thursday November 18th	7:00 pm	Pastor's Bible Class	
Friday	1:30 pm	Young at Heart	
November 19th		District Youth Gathering	
Saturday	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)	
November 20th		District Youth Gathering	
Sunday November 21st		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice	
		District Youth Gathering	

Celebrating

Birthdays: Mary C. (14th); Benjamin A., Kim M., Justin M. (15th); Aaron B., Jane W. (18th); Dustin B., Cindy F. (19th); Willa H. (20th); Carmen C., Shiloh H. (21st)
Baptism Birthdays: Sam R., Angela W. (15th); Duane S. (17th); Scott G., Rachel M., Daric S. (18th); Dustin B. (19th); Sydnie B., Derek H. (20th); Matt L. (21st)
Anniversaries: Dave & Michelle J. (16th); Jerry & Emagene M. (19th)

-- 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.

Thanksgiving Worship

Join us for a Thanksgiving worship service on TUESDAY, November 23rd at 7 PM. (Yes, that is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.)

Voters' Meeting

We will hold a congregational voters' meeting on Sunday, December 5^{th} at 9:15 AM. We will discuss the budget for the coming year and other matters. All members are encouraged to attend.

New Sunday Bible Class

In December, Pastor Ben's Sunday morning Bible class will begin a new study – Journeys through God's Word: Genesis. We hope you'll join us!

Children's Christmas Program

Rehearsals for our Children's Christmas Program will begin TODAY during the regular Sunday School hour. If your child would like to participate, please contact Amanda.

<u>Poinsettias</u>

Please read the poinsettia order form carefully – there are new options this year! In addition to ordering poinsettias for our sanctuary, you may also order them for your personal use at home. Poinsettias are \$10 each (cash, check, PushPay). Orders are due by Nov. 28th. Flowers will arrive by Dec. 12th. Order forms and payments may be placed in the offering plate or turned in at the church office.

Proofread the Directory

Please find your household's directory entry on the tables in the entry way and proofread it! Check your spelling, contact info, and photo. Deadline for corrections is Nov. 28th.

-- Announcements --

<u>Giving Tuesday</u>

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is designated "Giving Tuesday." Please prayerfully consider a gift toward our debt retirement fund – we are almost halfway to receiving \$10,000 in matching funds from a member of our congregation!

Care Packages for Active Military

We would like to send Christmas Care Packages to those actively serving in the military who are members (or children/grandchildren of members) here at Christ. Please submit names and addresses of military personnel to the church office (<u>office@christlcms.org</u>) as soon as possible, as shipping times are longer than usual.

<u>SLI</u>

LWML will sponsor a Christmas project for SLI again this year. Congregation members may donate winter hats and gloves, underwear sizes medium to XXL, and socks. These items are needed for both men & women. They also need games, word search/crossword puzzle books, and jigsaw puzzles for the group homes. There will be a box in the coffee lobby for these items from Nov. 21 until Dec. 12. Thank you for your generosity.

Thrivent Cards

Do you have unused Thrivent Action Teams? Don't let them expire at the end of the year! Contact Amanda Adams if you need ideas – we have a list of projects that could use funding. Thank you for living generously!

<u>Youth</u>

Christ Youth will meet this afternoon for a cookoff! Jr. Youth (4^{th} & 5^{th} grades) will meet at 3 PM; Middle & High School Youth ($6^{th}-12^{th}$ grades) will meet at 4:15 PM.

College/Young Adult Group

Our college and young adult group (ages 18-25) continues to meet at 7 PM on the 2^{nd} & 4^{th} Sundays of each month. Questions? Contact Amanda Adams.

Prince of Peace

Christ members are invited to the instillation service of Pastor Kevin DeHope at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (3625 SW Wanamaker) on Sunday, December 12th at 3 PM. We rejoice with their congregation and welcome Pastor DeHope, his wife Alicia, and their two children to Topeka.

-- Announcements --

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>.

Pray for our Soldiers

Pick up a toy soldier from the back of the sanctuary to remind you to pray for our veterans and active troops!

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), Jeanette W., Lisa (Judy K.'s sister), Randy (Carol J.'s son), Madison L., Steve (Rachel M.'s father), Vikki N., Matt N., Lynn M., Virginia C., 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., Ted M., Adam (Jamie H.'s son), Carolyn S., Kevin (friend of the Langs), Caleb (Dana N.'s nephew), Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, Chelsea Irwin and 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.



Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! -- Psalm 100:1 --

Thanksgiving Worship Tuesday, Nov. 23rd 7:00 pm

Christ Lutheran Church - 3509 SW Burlingame Rd. (Topeka)

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The Crucified and Risen Body of Christ Jesus Is the True Temple of God

Despite its "wonderful stones" and "great buildings," the Jerusalem temple would be torn down, with not one stone left upon another, just as this present world and its kingdoms will come to an end (Mark 13:1–8). But that temple pointed beyond itself to Christ, to His sacrifice upon the cross and to the resurrection of His body as the true Temple of God. In the midst of sin and death, by the proclamation of the Gospel, He now gathers disciples into His body, wherein "the one who endures to the end will be saved" (Mark 13:10–13). For He is "a great priest over the house of God," who "will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." By the pure water of His Baptism, they "draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith," and by His flesh and blood, they enter the Holy of Holies (Heb. 10:17–22). Thus are His people delivered, "everyone whose name shall be found written in the book." For by the wisdom of His Gospel, He turns "many to righteousness," so that "many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake" to everlasting life (Dan. 12:1–3).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, November 7th

8:00 AM -- 70 10:30 AM -- 85

Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 7,878
Offerings Received – Week of 11/7	\$ 12,757
Debt Retirement Gifts Received – Week of 11/7	\$ 1,161
Budgeted Needs (Jan - Oct 2021)	\$341,420
Offerings Received (Jan - Oct 2021)	\$329,252

Hebrews 10:14 – "For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified." Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, works, or effort. Rather, what we give to the Lord's work in the Church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.