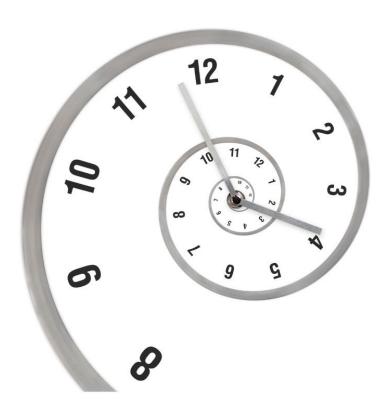
# BE ON GUARD, KEEP AWAKE.

FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL COME.

-- MARK 13:33 --



Last Sunday of the Church Year November 21, 2021 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

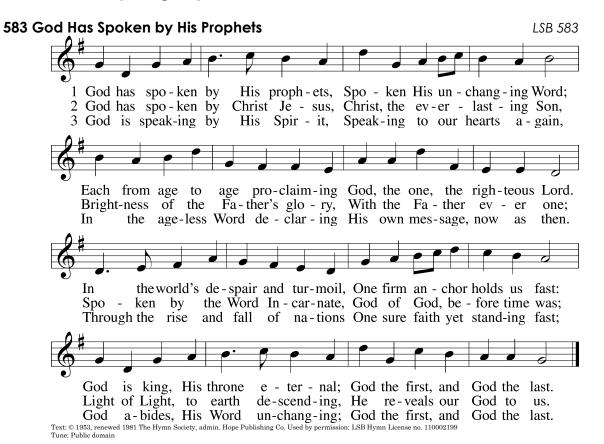


Christ Lutheran Church 3509 SW Burlingame Rd. Topeka, KS 66611 785-266-6263 www.christlcms.org Rev. Ben Micheel, Pastor Amanda Adams, DCE Chris Francik, TLS Principal



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**



# Divine Service Setting One, page 151

+ Confession and Absolution +

Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, "To absolve of sin and wrongdoing," more specifically, to affirm God's forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**Invocation**Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Consider: Have you loved God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength? Have you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Confession of Sins LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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

- 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 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

- P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
- C the home of righteousness.
- P O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
- c let me know how fleeting I am!
- P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
- and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
- P And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
- My hope is in you.
- P Deliver me from all my transgressions.
- **©** Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
- P Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
- hold not your peace at my tears!
  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** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
- C the home of righteousness.



**Kyrie** Mark 10:47 152

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

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**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.







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# 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

# **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 51:4-6

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 51.

4"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
5My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.
6Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;

but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Be Still and Know Choir

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Epistle Jude 1:20–25

**A** The Epistle is from Jude, chapter 1.

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia.

Holy Gospel Mark 13:24–37

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



<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

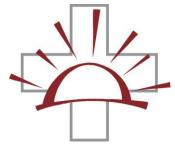
<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

<sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

# **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.

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.

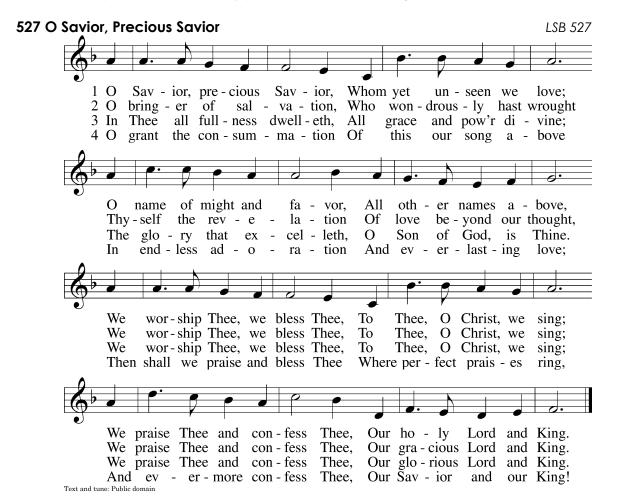
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

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.



#### 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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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.

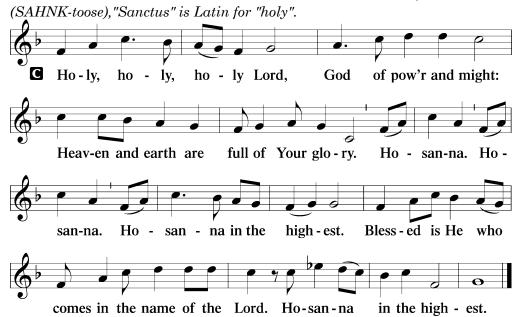


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



# Proper Preface (Full)

P 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.



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

#### The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini John 20:19 163

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

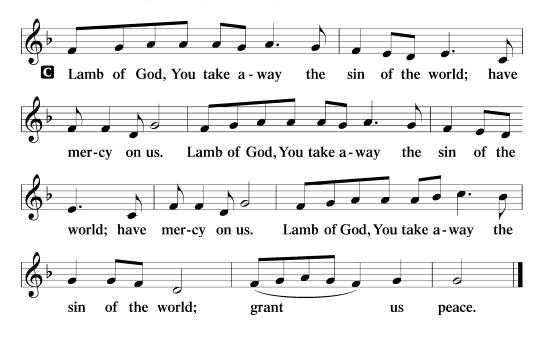
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 163

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



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.





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make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of

O Truth un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky: And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine. To bear be - fore the na-tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra-diance That from the hal-lowed page, It is the chart and com-pass That, all life's voy-age through, O teach Your wan-d'ring pil-grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot-steps, Shines on from age to age. Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to You. Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

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### 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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1 All hail the pow'r of Je-sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall; 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al-tar call;

3 Ye seed of Is-rael's cho-sen race, Ye ran-somed from the fall, 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth the rov - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol who saves you by His grace And crown Him Hail Him Lord of all. The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

- Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
   The wormwood and the gall,
   Go, spread your trophies at His feet
   And crown Him Lord of all.

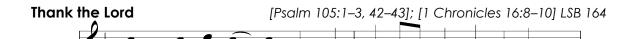
   Go, spread your trophies at His feet
   And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
  On this terrestrial ball
  To Him all majesty ascribe
  And crown Him Lord of all.
  To Him all majesty ascribe
  And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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#### Stand





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



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



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



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

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

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





# **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** Numbers 6:24–26 166

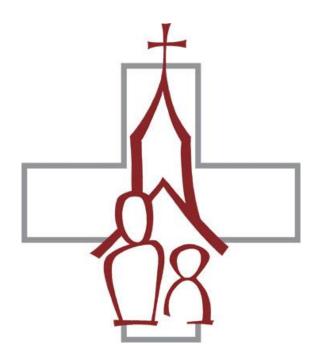
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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.



Sit





- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns, The Lamb up on His throne;
- 2 Crown Him the vir gin's Son, The God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be hold His hands and side, 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n. En-throned in worlds a bove.



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Fruit of the mys-tic rose, No an - gels in the sky His glo - ries now we sing, Crown Him with man - y crowns Of Him who died for thee, And Yet of that rose the stem, The Can ful - ly bear that sight, But Who died and rose on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crow



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty. root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem. down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright. e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die. ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king all.

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# -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday November 21st		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice  District Youth Gathering		
Monday November 22nd				
Tuesday November 23rd		LWML Work Day Thanksgiving Worship Service w/ Communion		
Wednesday November 24th				
Thursday November 25th		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Thanksgiving Day		
Friday November 26th		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		
Saturday November 27th	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)		
Sunday November 28th	9:15 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice Jr. Youth (4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades) Middle School Youth (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades) High School Youth (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades) College/Young Adult Group (ages 18-25)		

# **Celebrating**

**Birthdays:** Carmen C., Shiloh H. (21st); Caleb F., Brad M. (22nd); Brilyn G., Eddie M. (23rd); Barbara K., Carson K., Walt M., Paul R. (24th); Jeanette B. (26th); Arileigh B., Harrison F., Tara K. (28th)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Matt L. (21st); Judy K. (22nd); Caleb F., Michelle K. (23rd); Hannah A. (25th); Aaron B., Kadie C., Liz H., Jaymee H., Ryan H. (26th); Anna H., Ryan K. (27th); Kaitlynn B., Tara K. (28th)

Anniversaries: Walt & Kendra M. (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.

# Thanksgiving Worship

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

# **Voters' Meeting**

We will hold a congregational voters' meeting on Sunday, Dec.  $5^{\rm th}$  at 9:15 AM, discussing the budget for the coming year and more. 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

Our Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December  $12^{\rm th}$  at 10:30 AM, with a potluck to follow. A Divine Service with communion will still be offered at 8 AM that morning, as usual.

# <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.

# **Advent Devotions**

FREE Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available at the back of the sanctuary (regular and large print). Or download for e-reader from our website.

# -- Announcements --

### **Giving Tuesday**

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!

### <u>Proofread the Directory</u>

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. 28<sup>th</sup>.

### SLI

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!

# **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 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. We rejoice with their congregation and welcome Pastor DeHope, his wife Alicia, and their two children to Topeka.

# **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!

# **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 <a href="www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>.

# -- Announcements --

### 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., Caleb (Dana N.'s nephew), Abigail (Pastor's niece), 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.



### In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that "heaven and earth will pass away." But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which "will not pass away" (Mark 13:31). He is "the firstborn of the dead," who in His great love "has freed us from our sins by his blood" (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because "his dominion is an everlasting dominion" and His kingdom "shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ "a light to the peoples," which "will never be dismayed" because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He "is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory," so wait upon "the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life" (Jude 20–24).

# Worship Attendance - Sunday, November 14th

8:00 AM -- 64 10:30 AM -- 107

# **Stewardship Corner**

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$	7,878
Offerings Received – Week of 11/14	\$	7,850
Debt Retirement Gifts Received - Week of 11/14	\$	405
Budgeted Needs (Jan - Oct 2021) Offerings Received (Jan - Oct 2021)		$41,420 \\ 29,252$

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**Isaiah 51:6b – "... for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment ..."** The things of this earth – the things that hold our attention, that cause us worry, and that tempt us away from the Lord – are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over. Rather, they are to be used for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not the ends, in and of themselves, but only the means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.