Love your Enemies

**LUKE 6: 27** 

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany February 20, 2022 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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As we gather, 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**



- He fills the poor with good;
   He gives the suffrers rest.
   The Lord hath judgments for the proud
   And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known, But sent the world His truth and grace By His belovèd Son.

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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**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

- 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 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

- P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
- fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.
- **P** Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
- **C** be not envious of wrongdoers!
- **P** For they will soon fade like the grass
- **C** and wither like the green herb.
- **P** Trust in the LORD, and do good;
- dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- **P** Delight yourself in the LORD,
- and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- **P** Commit your way to the LORD;
- trust in him, and he will act.
  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 still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
- fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.



**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.



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



#### 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.

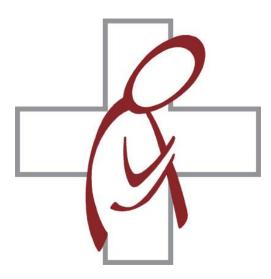


#### P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through 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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A The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 45.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

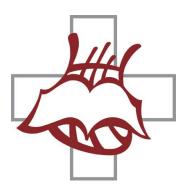
<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life, 'For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt, Come down to me; do not tarry, <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' 12And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." 14Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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

C Thanks be to God.

**Choir** Awaken Me to Pray

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#### A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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

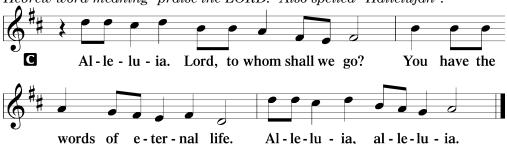
#### C Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia and Verse

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



Holy Gospel Luke 6:27–38

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

- **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,

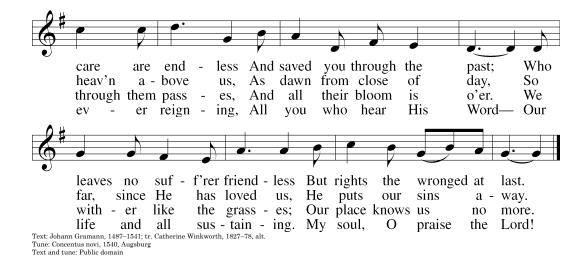
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection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





#### 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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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.

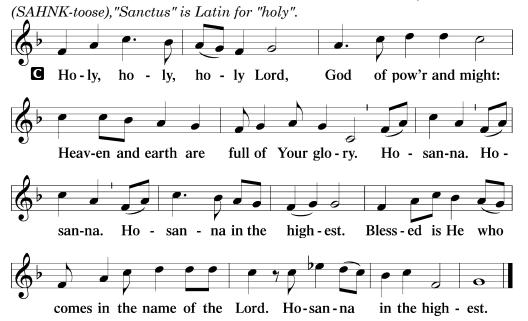


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



## Proper Preface (Full)

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



- 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).

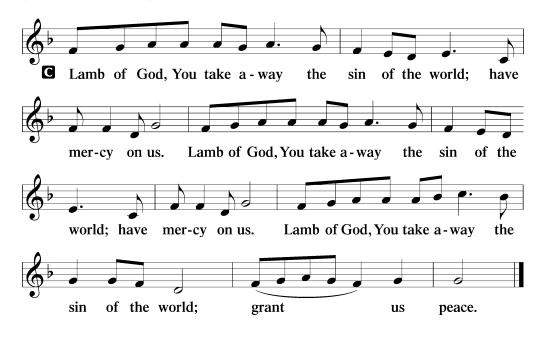
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 163

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

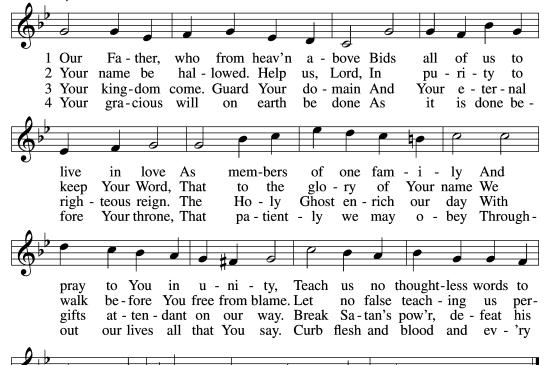


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#### Distribution

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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- Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more; We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live. Help us in our community To serve each other willingly.
- Lead not into temptation, Lord, Where our grim foe and all his horde Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist, help us to stand Firm in the faith, a mighty host, Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

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From evil, Lord, deliver us; The times and days are perilous. Redeem us from eternal death. And, when we yield our dying breath, Console us, grant us calm release, And take our souls to You in peace. (continued on next page)

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.

Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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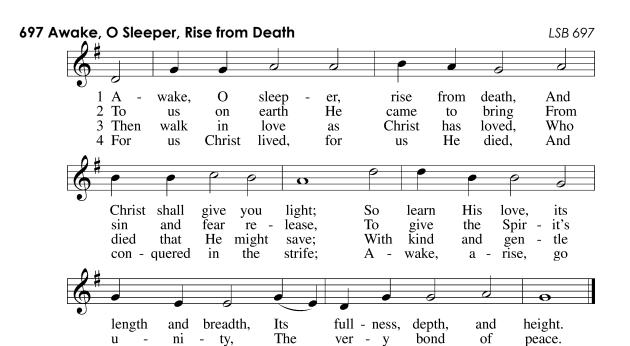
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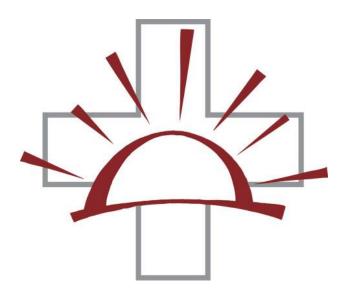
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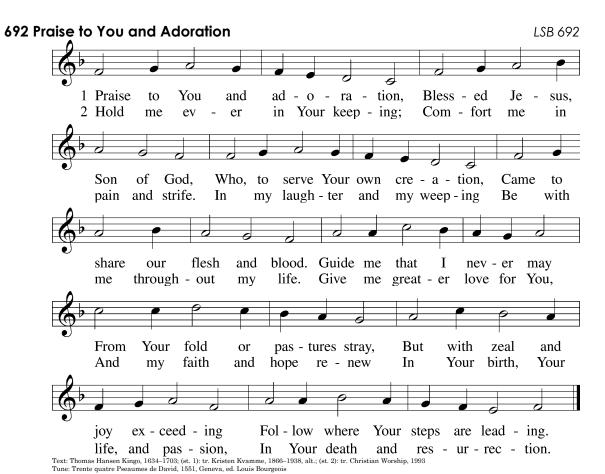
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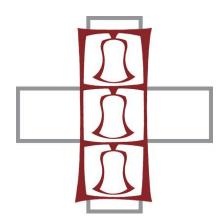
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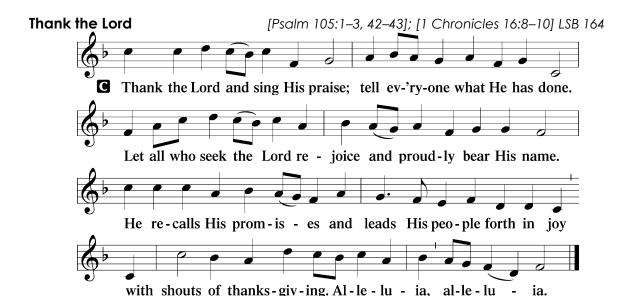




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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**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** Numbers 6:24–26 166

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

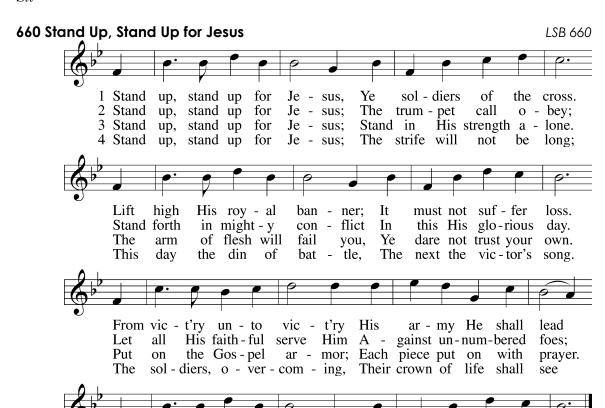
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and 

→ give you peace.



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# -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday February 20th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (adults & children)
Monday February 21st		
Tuesday February 22nd	9:00 am	LWML Work Day  TLS Fundraiser at Jason's Deli
Wednesday February 23rd	5:30 pm	Confirmation WWF Choir Practice
Thursday February 24th		Chair Aerobics Pastor's Bible Class
Friday February 25th		
Saturday February 26th		Men's Bible Study (Zoom) TLS Kindergarten Step-Up Day
Sunday February 27th	9:15 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (adults & children) Voters Meeting 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:** Phil B. (20<sup>th</sup>); Kaelyn B., Courtney C., Carlie G., Dick H. (22<sup>nd</sup>); Matt N., Richard P. (23<sup>rd</sup>); Jonathan D., Kathy L. (24<sup>th</sup>); Virginia C., Jeannene F., Brandon G., Becky R. (25<sup>th</sup>); Kendall T. (26<sup>th</sup>)

Baptism Birthdays: Charles H. (20th); Derek C., Logan C. (22nd); Teresa H., Christina W.

(24th); Jennifer M. (25th); Brenda Z. (27th)

Anniversaries: David & Pauline C. (21st); Ron & Nancy G. (24th)

#### Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Journey through Genesis 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 6th grade) – Upstairs Education Wing Youth (7th-12th grades) – Basement Youth Room

#### Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

The Epistles – Thursday at 7 PM – Basement This class does not meet on the first Thursday of each month.

#### **Lent Meals – Coming Soon!**

Lent is just around the corner. Amanda Adams is looking for Christ Youth and their families for volunteer to serve Wednesday evening Lent meals before our midweek worship services. Contact Amanda for more info. Thank you for your help!

#### Ash Wednesday and Lent Midweek Worship Services

Join us at 7 PM for worship on Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) and for Lent midweek worship services on the following Wednesdays. We will remember Christ's journey to the cross in the sermon series "The Crucified King."

#### Ash Wednesday Offering

As we prepare for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, please prayerfully consider a contribution to the Kansas District LCMS Ash Wednesday Offering, which supports scholarships for future and active church workers.

If you are placing this offering in the plate at church, please designate "Ash Wednesday Offering" on your check or envelope. If you are contributing online via PushPay, please select "Other" from the list of funds, and specify "Ash Wednesday Offering" in the memo.

#### **Lent Devotions and Prayer Books**

Lent-themed devotions and prayer books are available for FREE at the back of the sanctuary, available in both regular and large print. They are also downloadable from our website (christlems.og). The devotions are courtesy of Lutheran Hour Ministries, and the prayer books are from the Kansas District LCMS.

#### **Voters Meeting**

We will be holding a special congregational voters' meeting on Sunday, February 27th at 11:45 AM. Issues to be voted on at this meeting include approval of the updated LSAT constitution and bylaws, approval of the TLS congregation per member fees, as well approval for a list of names under consideration to be removed from our membership list. All members of our congregation are encouraged to attend!

#### **Communion Class**

Students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join our communion class beginning on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This class will meet weekly from 5:15 to 5:45 PM, and taking it once is a requirement before you are confirmed. (If you have already taken this class, you do not need to take it again.) Contact Amanda Adams for more information.

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Our next blood drive will be on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. To make your life-saving appointment call 800-RED-CROSS or visit <a href="www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> (sponsor code: TopekaCLC). Bring a photo ID, drink plenty of water and eat prior to your appointment.

#### **Muffins for Missions - THANK YOU!**

A resounding THANK YOU is in order! We were able to raise over \$675 in funds to purchase grocery and gas gift cards for those in need in our community. Your donated baked goods and monetary gifts were greatly appreciated!

# TLS Fundraiser - Tuesday, 2/22



#### TLS Fundraiser at Jason's Deli – Tuesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Whether you order for dine in, carryout, or curbside, the TLS  $8^{th}$  grade class gets 25% of the proceeds. Be sure to mention TLS when you order.

#### **TLS Kindergarten Step-Up Day**

Is your child entering kindergarten next fall (2022-2023 school year)? Join us on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 4:30 PM for an exciting preview of kindergarten at TLS. For more information on what TLS has to offer, please contact the school office.

#### **After School Care Giver Needed**

Do you like to care for, speak with, and play games with school age children? Are you 16 years of age or older? If you answered yes to both questions, Topeka Lutheran School is looking for you to apply to work in its after school care program. For a full job description and more information, please contact Chris Francik, TLS principal, at (785) 357-0382 or <a href="mailto:francik@topekalutheran.org">francik@topekalutheran.org</a>.

#### **Bookkeeper**

Topeka Lutheran School is looking for a part time bookkeeper. This position requires experience with payroll, QuickBooks, and double entry accounting among other responsibilities. This is a 20 hour per week position. For a full job description and more information, please contact Chris Francik, TLS principal, at (785) 357-0382 or <a href="mailto:francik@topekalutheran.org">francik@topekalutheran.org</a>.

#### **TLS Search Committee Update**

As we continue the search for a new principal, the committee has settled on eight required qualifications that the new leader of TLS will possess:

- Will have a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord
- Will live a repentant, baptismal life where the fruits of faith are evident
- Will be a rostered member of the LCMS; -or- the willingness and ability to complete the Lutheran colloquy process within four years
- Will be a leader who fosters opportunities for spiritual growth
- Will have a minimum of five years of teaching or administrative experience
- Will possess a valid State of Kansas teaching license with an Administrator endorsement, or the ability to attain one prior to beginning service
- Will be an effective communicator, both verbally and in writing
- Will be a competent fiscal manager, that can develop an expenditure budget that balances with the LSAT's annual income allocation.

Within the next few weeks, watch for a survey so you can give your input!

#### **TLS Family Reading Night**

Save the date! Our annual Family Reading Night will be Friday, March 4th.

#### **Mask Information**

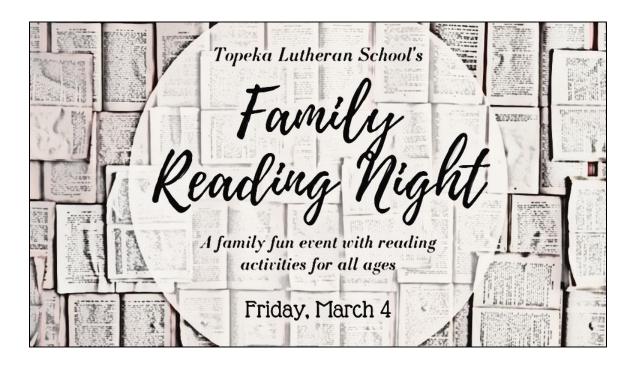
Face masks are still optional throughout the church building. Disposable masks are available at all church entrances for those who would like one. Children's size masks are located by the main entrance. Reusable cloth masks are available by the church office. For more information regarding masking, please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

#### Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Julie J., Don L., Jerry M., Jean (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), Steve (Rachel M.'s father), Vikki N., Matt N., Lynn M., Virginia C., Leonard (brother of Jeanette B.), Evelyn (mother of Sandy S.), Marjean P., Ted M., Adam (Jamie H.'s son), Carolyn S., Caleb (Dana N.'s nephew), Robert P., Jen (Donna B.'s niece), Walt M., Kim S., Carlie G., Julie (Bessie T.'s aunt), Janene (Bessie T.'s cousin), Jeff (Bessie T.'s friend's brother), Glenna L., and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, Chelsea Irwin 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.









# Join us each Wednesday during Lent for a meal at 6 pm.

Gluten-free options will be available each week.

A free will offering will support Christ Youth or LWML.

Mar. 2

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches** 

Mar. 9

Pasta Bar

Mar. 16

Sloppy Joes

Mar. 23

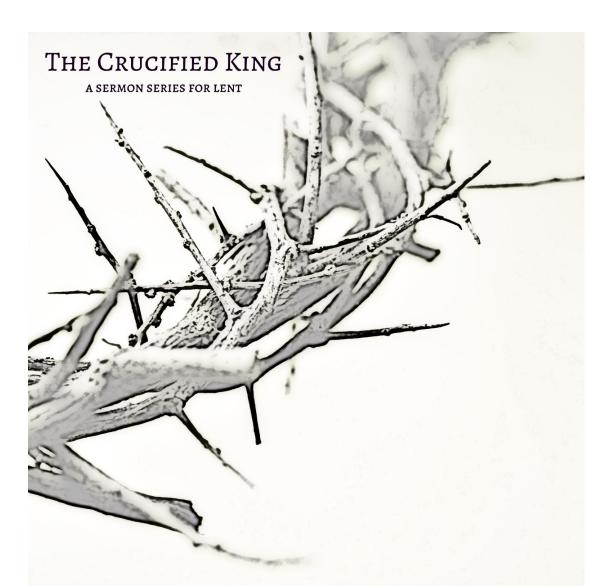
Taco Salad

Mar. 30

Baked Potato Bar

Apr. 6

Pancakes/Breakfast



# LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesdays at 7 pm (March 2nd - April 6th)

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH -- 3509 SW BURLINGAME RD, TOPEKA WWW.CHRISTLCMS.ORG

#### As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, "do not go on sinning" (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as "sons of the Most High," and "be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also "love your enemies, do good" (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but "to preserve life." So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with "you and your children's children" (Gen. 45:5–10).

#### Worship Attendance - Sunday, February 13th

8:00 AM -- 63 10:30 AM -- 94

# **Stewardship Corner**

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	<b>\$</b>	8,337
Offerings Received – Week of 2/13	<b>\$</b>	7,816
Budgeted Needs (January 2022) Offerings Received (January 2022)	,	33,348 26,449

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Luke 6:30-31 – "Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus, and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.