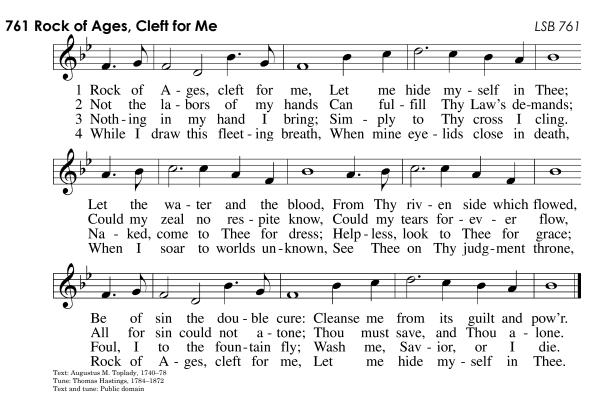


Third Sunday in Lent March 20, 2022 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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



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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

- **ℙ** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 151

Matthew 28:19b: 18:20

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

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

Confession of Sins

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

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



Amen.

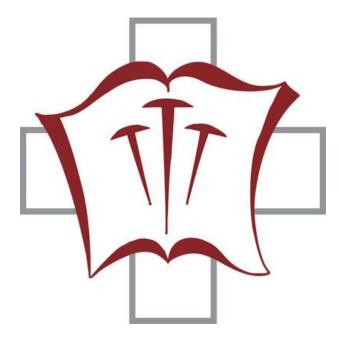
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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

- **P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
- **C** but the way of the wicked will perish.
- **P** For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
- **C** evil may not dwell with you.
- **P** The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
- **C** you hate all evildoers.
- **P** You destroy those who speak lies;
- **C** the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- P But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.
- **G** I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.
- ▶ Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
- C make your way straight before me. 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** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
- **C** but the way of the wicked will perish.



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

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



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



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



Kyrie

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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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Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-20

A The Old Testament Reading is from Ezekiel, chapter 33.

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? ¹²"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 10.

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he

Epistle

will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

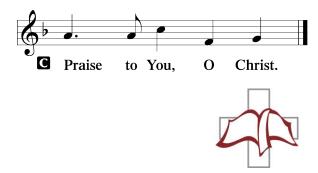
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.



¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.""

A 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.

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.



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Sermon

Offering

If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving at pushpay.com/pay/christlcms for a one-time or recurring gift. Direct links with more information are available on the church website (christlcms.org/giving).

For those joining us remotely, you may use the electronic giving methods listed above, or you may mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611).



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Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

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

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

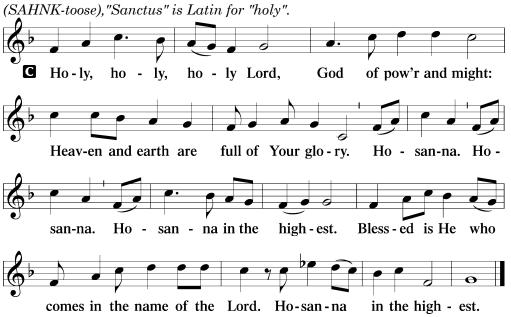


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

▶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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■ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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

C Amen.



Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19 163

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

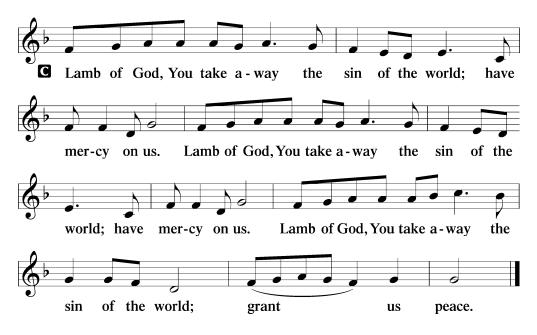
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Agnus Dei

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



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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.



696 O God, My Faithful God LSB 696 faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er 1 0God, my flow ing, 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will ing 3 Keep me from say - ing That lat - er need re - call words ing: With kind - ly words and 4 Lord, let me win my foes ac tions, per-fect gifts be-stow With - out whom noth - ing A11 is, ing: What - ev - er You com-mand, My call-ing here ful - fill ing; Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall ing: find good friends And let me For coun-sel and cor - rec tion. a health - y with - in Give me frame. And have may I That I do what Ĭ should While trust - ing You bless to But when with - in my place Ι must and ought to speak, You have taught, То Help me, as love both great and small А con-science free from blame. Α soul un - stained bv sin. The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess. my words give Then to grace Lest Ι of fend the weak. Your Spir - it's might To live all. And by in peace with Let me depart this life And on that final day 56 When all the dead are waking. Confiding in my Savior; By grace receive my soul Stretch out Your mighty hand, That it may live forever; My deathly slumber breaking. Then let me hear Your voice. And let my body have

- A quiet resting place Within a Christian grave;
 - And let it sleep in peace.

Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame, And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

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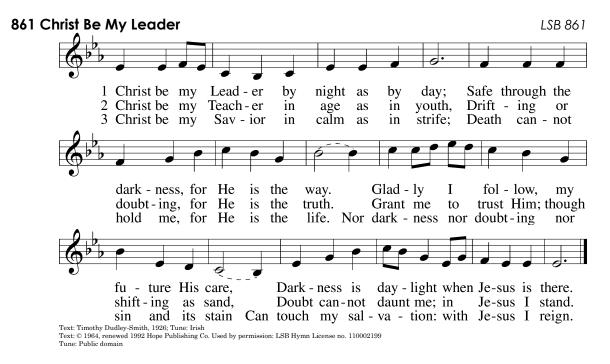




608 Lord, to You I Make Confession LSB 608 0 You make con - fes - sion: I 1 Lord, to Ι have sinned and 2 Yet, though con-science' voice ap - pall me. Fa ther. will Ι 3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to 4 Lord, on You T cast my bur - den— Sink it in the Θ 0 stray, Ι have mul - ti - plied trans - gres sion, gone a seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me, Died and res - cue me. to save me re - store me, deep - est sea! Let know Your gra - cious par don. me θ Cho for my - self Led You sen my way. by to Yet ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my re _ Rec ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a on -_ Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it trem - ble er - rors, Lord, I at Your see my ter - rors. me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take sins for - sake me. van - quish These dark fears and soothe this guish. lone an can nev - er: Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er. leave me Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662



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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.

Numbers 6:24-26 166

Benediction

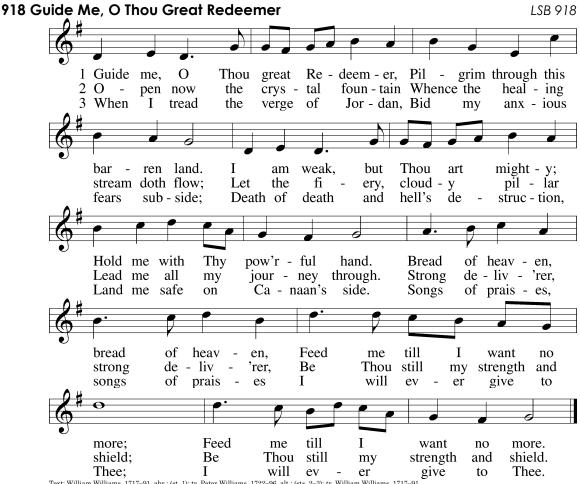
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday March 20th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (adults & children)
Monday March 21st		TLS Fundraiser at Culver's TLS Search Committee Meeting
Tuesday March 22nd		LWML Work Day Council Meeting
Wednesday March 23rd	5:15 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation Communion Class Lent Meal Lent Midweek Worship Service Choir Practice
Thursday March 24th		Chair Aerobics Pastor's Bible Class
Friday March 25th		KS District Middle School Huddle
Saturday March 26th		LERT Training (St. John's Ev. Lutheran, Topeka) LWML Zone Rally (St. John's Lutheran, Aliceville) Men's Bible Study (Zoom) KS District Middle School Huddle
Sunday March 27th	9:15 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (adults & children) Jr. Youth (4 th -5 th grades) Middle School Youth (6 th -8 th grades) High School Youth (9 th -12 th grades) College/Young Adult Group (ages 18-25)

Celebrating

Birthdays: Aubrey W. (21st); Nick J., Sara P., Richard S. (23rd); Marne C., Madeline J. (25th); Terry F., Kora K., Ted M. (26th); Aria S. (27th);
Baptism Birthdays: Kenneth S. (20th); Richard S. (23rd); Jessica D., Kellan G., Matt N., Kendall T. (24th); Patricia L., Carolyn T. (27th)
Anniversaries: Coy & Meridith H. (25th)

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 & Lent Midweek Worship Services

Join us each Wednesday evening at 6 PM for a meal in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym). A free will offering will benefit Christ Youth. (We still need to raise \$3500 for the LCMS National Youth Gathering.) After dinner, you may head to the sanctuary for our Lent midweek worship service at 7 PM.

Easter Lilies

It is once again time to order Easter lilies for our sanctuary. Lilies are \$10 each (cash, check, PushPay). Please use the purple insert in your bulletin. Place the completed form along with your payment in the offering plate or return it to the church office. *If you pay online with PushPay, we still need the information from the purple sheet.* Orders are due by March 27th. The Altar Guild thanks you for your support.

Church Directory

Our new church directory is finally complete! Pick up a copy from the coffee lobby. If you would prefer a digital copy, please contact the church office or download from the password protected "Members" page on our website.

Evangelism Challenge

Volunteer with Topeka Rescue Mission or Harvesters during the month of March, and you'll be entered in a drawing for a gift basket from our Board of Evangelism. Check the bulletin board in the coffee lobby for more information.

LWML Zone Rally

The LWML Zone Rally is coming up on Saturday, March 26th at St. John's in Aliceville, KS. If you are interested in attending, please contact LaJean Rinker for more information.

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 <u>francik@topekalutheran.org</u>.

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 francik@topekalutheran.org.

Track Coach Needed

Topeka Lutheran School is in need of a track coach. The following qualifications are needed: willing to guide students, familiarity with track and field events, ability to lead two weekly practices of 1 to 1.5 hours in duration, attend 2-3 track meets on Saturdays in April and May. If you meet these four qualifications, please contact TLS principal, Chris Francik, at 785-357-0382 or <u>francik@topekalutheran.org</u>.

New Heating System Needed

Can you help with a gift to TLS to help offset the expense of a new heating system? We hope to raise \$65,000 by April 15 so that order can be placed. Please send your gift directly to TLS, 701 SW Roosevelt St., Topeka KS 66606; to make an on-line gift, go to <u>www.topekalutheran.org</u>, "Replace Boiler" tab. Thank you for your support!

TLS Search Committee Update

The committee is pleased to report that two fantastic principal/executive director candidates have already accepted interview offers, and we will be visiting with both of them within the next 7-10 days. These two were among the highest scoring candidates in our evaluation process, so we are very encouraged by the quality of leadership opportunities that exist for TLS. The committee also hopes to visit with another 2-3 candidates, depending on their interest and availability. At this time the call committee is on schedule, which means we hope to have our work wrapped up by early-April.

Additionally, the call committee has reviewed biographical and theological information for seven teaching candidates, and we have identified a few standouts in that group. We will spend one more week cleaning up our rostered teacher pool and begin reaching out to some of them for interviews. As this process continues to completion, we once again ask that you keep us in your prayers.

LSAT Board Meeting

The Lutheran School Association of Topeka (LSAT) Board is notifying all stakeholders and supporters of the Center for Young Children (CYC) Gage that at our next meeting we will be discussing the transition of the CYC to the Roosevelt campus. CYC meets an important need both for TLS and our community. In considering transitioning the CYC to the Roosevelt campus, our goals are to ensure its on-going viability and to enhance its impact on TLS.

The last two years of financial and enrollment data argue for streamlining the CYC operation. This data will be presented, along with how a transition to the Roosevelt campus is projected to set the CYC on firmer footing.

The Board invites all congregation members, parents, and other stakeholders to attend our regular meeting on April 7, 2022 at Topeka Lutheran School at 6pm (please note this is an earlier time)

Culver's Fundraiser - TOMORROW

Mark your calendar! On Monday, March 21^{st} from 4-10 PM, 20% of your dine-in or carryout order at Culver's will benefit Topeka Lutheran School's 8^{th} graders as they fundraiser for their class trip. Be sure to mention TLS when you order.



Pray for TLS

Take one of the purple paw print magnets from the back of the sanctuary. Whenever you see it, use it as a reminder to pray for Topeka Lutheran School!

<u>Thank You</u>

We would like to thank everyone who brought us food, sent cards, and kept us in your prayers while we have been recovering from surgeries. May the Lord continue to bless your lives and our church. - Walt & Kendra Malone

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), Kim S., 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.



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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.

<u>Mar. 2</u>

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

<u>Mar. 9</u>

Pasta Bar

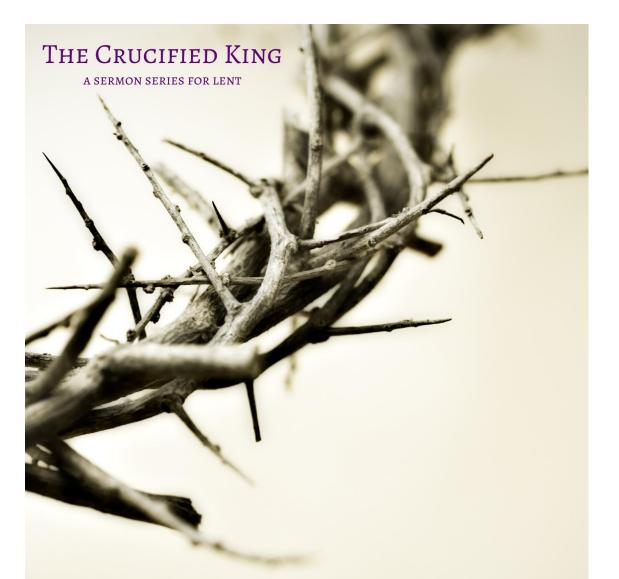
<u>Mar. 16</u> Sloppy Joes <u>Mar. 23</u>

Taco Salad

<u>Mar. 30</u>

Baked Potato Bar

<u>Apr. 6</u> 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

Jesus Calls You to Repentance

"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been "written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come" (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His "spiritual food" and pours out His "spiritual drink" (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, March 13th

8:00 AM -- 73 10:30 AM -- 82

Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$	8,337
Offerings Received – Week of 3/13	\$	12,961
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Feb 2022) Offerings Received (Jan-Feb 2022)	•	72,256 72,067

Luke 13:13 – "No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." The season of Lent is all about repentance. It is about turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So, we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, "What is trying to keep me away from Jesus? What is a temptation I face? What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?" Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and we turn to the Lord for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.