

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3, 2022 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

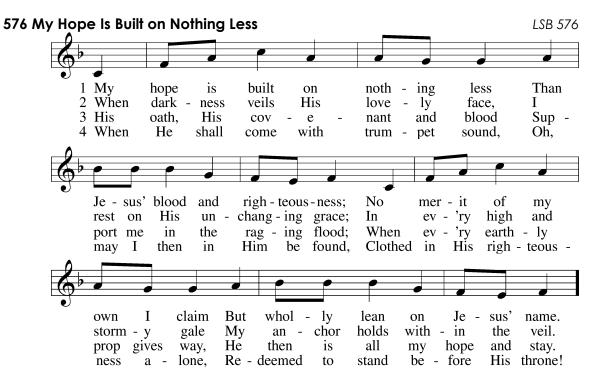


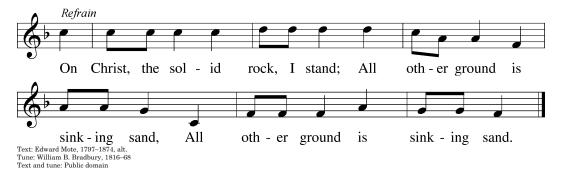
Christ Lutheran Church 3509 SW Burlingame Rd. Topeka, KS 66611 785-266-6263 www.christlcms.org Rev. Ben Micheel, Pastor Amanda Adams, DCE Chris Francik, TLS Principal



As we gather, 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





Stand

Holy Baptism of Barbrynn Appelhans (10:30 service)

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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 (8:00 only)

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8: Psalm 130:3-4: Luke 18:13 203

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

Confession of Sins LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

Introit

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

Psalm 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8

- 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

- **P** Salvation belongs to the LORD;
- **Q** your blessing be on your people!
- P But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
- my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- **P** I cried aloud to the LORD,
- and he answered me from his holy hill.
- **P** I lay down and slept;
- I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
- P I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
- who have set themselves against me all around. 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** Salvation belongs to the LORD;
- **Q** your blessing be on your people!

Kyrie Mark 10:47 204

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



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 43.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse. army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people. ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

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

Epistle Philippians 3:8–14

A The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 3.

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel Luke 20:9–20

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed (8:00 only)

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,

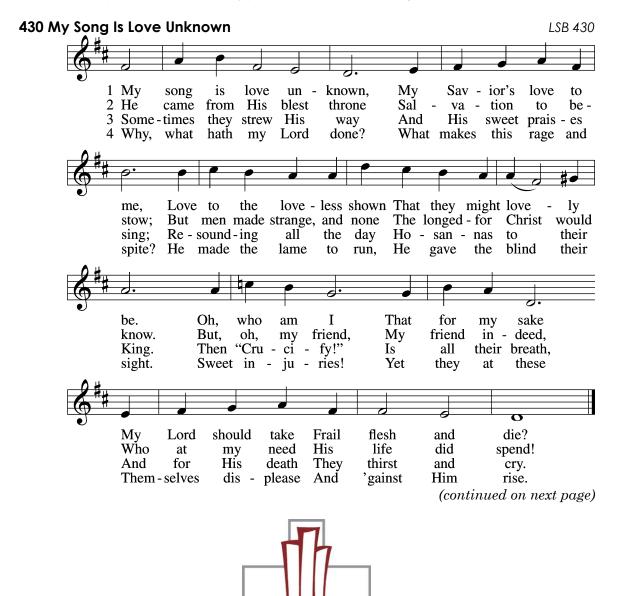
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection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



- 5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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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).





Stand

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

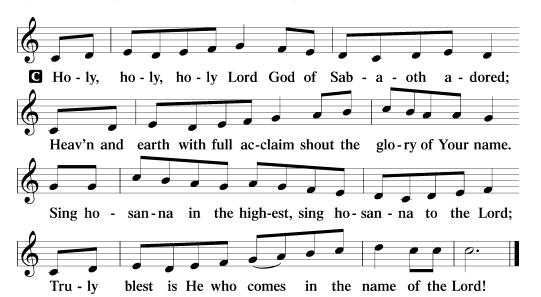
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 208

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 208

(SAHNK-toose), "Sanctus" is Latin for "holy".



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

Lord's Prayer

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

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

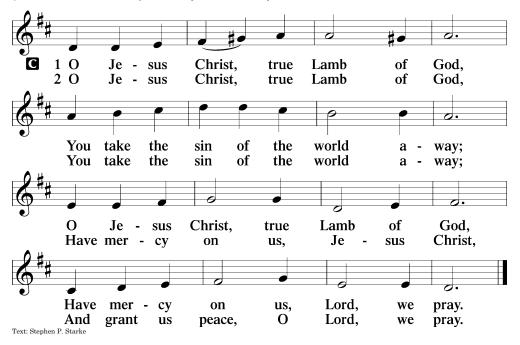
Pax Domini

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

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 210

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



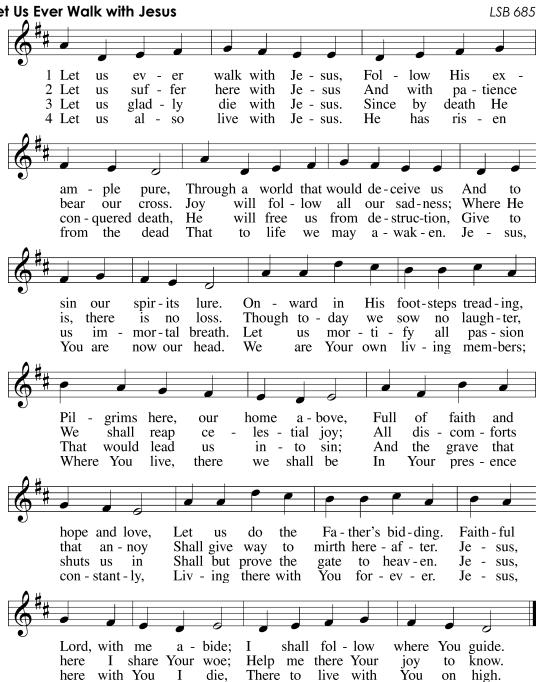
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Distribution

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.

Ride on to Die (10:30 only)
Mary Did You Know (10:30 only)

Martin Eckhardt, Amber Hamilton Martin Eckhardt, Amber Hamilton



Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.

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- 1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew-ish al-tars slain
- 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Takes all Lamb. our sins a - way; 3 My faith would lav its hand On that dear head of Thine,
- 4 My soul looks back to see The bur-den Thou didst bear
- 5 Be liev ing. we re joice To see the curse re move:



Could give the guilt - y con-science peace Or wash a - way the stain. name And rich - er blood than they. sac - ri - fice of no - bler stand, And there con - fess my sin. While as pen - i - tent a Ι know my guilt was there. When hang-ing on the curs - ed tree; I bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed-ing love.

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433 Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433



- 1 Glo ry be to Je sus, Who in bit - ter pains 2 Grace life In that blood I find; and e ter nal
- 3 Blest through end less a ges Be the pre-cious stream
- 4 A bel's blood for ven geance Plead-ed to the skies;



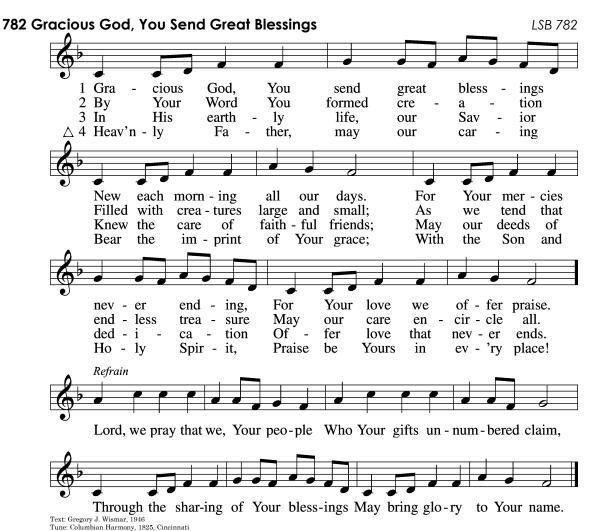
Poured for the life blood me Blest be His com pas sion, Which from end - less tor ment But the blood of Je sus

From His sa - cred veins!
In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Did the world re - deem!
For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

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Stand



Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32 LSB 211

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





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

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

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

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

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

Sit





- 1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je sus Christ, her Lord; 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
- 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion And tu mult of her war 5 Yet she on earth has u nion With God, the Three in One,
- O H.

She is His new cre - a - tion Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: By schisms rent a - sun - der, She waits the con - sum - ma - tion And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion By wa - ter and the Word. One Lord, one faith, one birth. By her - e - sies dis-tressed, Of peace for - ev - er - more With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - lv bride: ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly One food. Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are Till cho - rus! Lord, save bless - ed heav'n-ly \mathbf{O} us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. hope she press - es And to one With ev - 'ry en - dued. grace And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. That we, like saints be - fore us. May see You face face.

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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday April 3rd	9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (adults & children) State of the Church Potluck Lunch	
		DCE Retreat	
Monday April 4th		DCE Retreat	
Tuesday April 5th	· ·	Stewardship Meeting Elders Meeting DCE Retreat	
Wednesday April 6th	5:15 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation Communion Class Lent Meal Lent Midweek Worship Service Choir Practice	
Thursday April 7th	·	Chair Aerobics LSAT Meeting at TLS	
Friday April 8th			
Saturday 9:00 am TLS Clean-Up Day April 9th Evangelism at SENT 10:00 am Men's Bible Study (Z		Evangelism at SENT Neighborhood Market	
		TLS Virtual 5K	
Sunday April 10th	9:15 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm	Palm Sunday Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (adults & children) Jr. Youth (4th-5th grades) Middle/High School Youth (6th-12th grades) College/Young Adult Group (ages 18-25) TLS Virtual 5K	

Celebrating

Birthdays: John A., Maelyn G., Cassandra H. (3rd); Kendra M. (4th); Kent B. (5th); Collette R. (6th); Trevor B., Darleen C. (7th); Rod G., Cassidy W. (8th); Stacy H. (9th); Carley B., Elizabeth P. (10th)

Baptism Birthdays: Barbrynn A., Amelia B. (3rd); Carley B., Jordan B. (4th); Cody K. (5th); Natalie R. (6th); Darleen C. (7th); Gus H. (8th); Evelyn L. (9th); Phylis B., Robyn F. (10th) **Anniversaries:** Duane & Deanna S. (7th); Conrad & Linda J. (8th)

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Journey through Genesis with Pastor Ben – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym) God's Word for Today: Ephesians – 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 is taking a break for the month of April.*

Lent Meal & Lent Midweek Worship Service

Join us in the gym this Wednesday evening at 6 PM for our final Lent Meal of the season. A free will offering will benefit Christ Youth. (We still need to raise \$1000 for the LCMS National Youth Gathering.) After dinner, you may head to the sanctuary for our Lent midweek worship service at 7 PM.

Holy Week Worship Services

Join us for worship throughout Holy Week, as we remember Christ's journey to the cross and his resurrection on Easter morning.

Palm Sunday (4/10) – 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Maundy Thursday (4/14) – 7:00 PM Good Friday (4/15) – 7:00 PM Easter Sunday (4/17) – 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be offered on Easter Sunday at the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services, but not at the 6:30 AM Sunrise Service. The 8 AM and 10:30 AM services will utilize continuous style distribution instead of kneeling at the altar rail.

Easter Breakfast and Children's Easter Egg Hunt

LWML will be hosting Easter Breakfast in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym) on Easter morning during our Sunday School hour (beginning at 9:15 AM). It will feature casseroles, fruit, and breads/muffins. If you are interested in preparing/donating food for this breakfast, please contact Adair Hartman.

Our Children's Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 9:45 AM that morning (so you can still enjoy Easter Breakfast, too). If you would like to donate candy, please leave it in the box in the coffee lobby. No plastic eggs are needed at this time.

State of the Church Potluck Lunch - TODAY!

Bring a dish to share and join us on Sunday, April 3rd after the 10:30 worship service for a potluck lunch in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym). Pastor Ben, DCE Amanda, and the church council will give information and updates regarding various aspects of our congregation while you enjoy a tasty meal!

Baptism

We rejoice as Barbrynn Appelhans joins our church family at Christ this morning through the sacrament of Holy Baptism! Barbrynn is the daughter of Rene Appelhans, and Barbrynn's sponsors are Brian Appelhans and Amanda Lickteig.

LWML Mite Box

It's the first Sunday of the month, which means it's Mite Box Sunday! Look for the LWML Mite Box at the back of the sanctuary following worship services. Following the example of the widow in the Gospel of Mark who gave her coins (mites) to the temple treasury, your pocket change can help serve through missions.

April Outreach

The Board of Evangelism's outreach event for April will be helping with the SENT neighborhood market on Saturday, April 9th from 9 to 11 AM. We will be helping them with their Easter egg hunt, food distribution and will be providing a children's craft table. We could use about 6 volunteers. Sign up in the coffee lobby if you are interested.

Position Opening: Communications Specialist

The LCMS Kansas District invites applications for the position of Communications Specialist (up to 28 hours per week). The Communications Specialist oversees the communications efforts of the District, including the website (kslcms.org), *Workers Together* newsletter, *The Lutheran Witness* supplement, social media, special projects, and other duties as assigned. He or she must be a member in good standing of an LCMS congregation and should have a bachelor's degree in communications, journalism, public relations, or a related field and at least three years of experience (paid or volunteer).

The ideal candidate will be a resourceful content creator and strong editor; proficient with (or able to learn quickly) Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, WordPress, and social media platforms; comfortable with graphic design; able to juggle multiple projects; and knowledgeable about LCMS doctrine, practice, and structure. A combination of onsite and remote work is possible. To apply, please send a letter of interest, a resume, and a completed employment application (link below) via email to Heather Williams, Kansas District Business Manager, heather@kslcms.org. A review of applications will begin May 1. https://kslcms.org/about-us/communications/

Class of 2022

Calling all Christ families with high school seniors! Please submit names of students who will be graduating from high school this year to the church office. We would like to recognize them in the newsletter and present them with a gift during worship in May.

Schaefer Scholarship – Donate Now!

The Margaret Schaefer Scholarship was created to assist Christ Lutheran Church families who show a need and request additional support, beyond the annual budgeted TLS subsidy, in sending their child/children to Topeka Lutheran School. To donate to this scholarship fund, please specify "Schaefer Scholarship" on your envelope, check, or online gift. (Scholarship applications will be accepted from May 1 thru May 31, 2022.)

Volunteers for Yard Work

Spring has sprung! If you are interested in helping out with tree-trimming, landscaping, or planting/caring for flower beds here at Christ, please contact the church office.

LCMS Support for Ukrainians

For those wondering how they can support those displaced by the war in Ukraine, please consider donating through LCMS Mission Advancement or Mission Central.

GIVE BY PHONE

LCMS Donor Central: 888-930-4438; Mission Central: 712-882-1039

GIVE BY TEXT

Send the message LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444 from your mobile phone to give through LCMS Mission Advancement

GIVE BY MAIL

Mission Central, 40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, IA 51034 Memo: "Help for Displaced Ukrainians"

CYC Request

The Center for Young Children is in need of bleach for cleaning classrooms and paper towels for the sinks. Donated items may be dropped off at our church office or brought directly to the CYC at 1732 SW Gage Blvd.

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!

TLS Search Committee Update

As of this writing, the committee has interviewed two principal/executive director candidates. As you may recall, the committee began with a list of 10 rostered candidates, and one additional candidate was added to the list after the TLS survey results were considered. We have reached out to all 11 candidates and we are still awaiting a response from a few of them before we wrap up this portion of the process. Based on the high quality of the interviews already concluded, we are giving these remaining candidates a few more days to respond, and then the committee is prepared to make a recommendation to the LSAT Board on or before the regularly-scheduled April 7, 2022 meeting.

Additionally, the call committee has identified five rostered teachers that, on paper, appear to be a good fit for our staff. We will be reaching out to these teachers to schedule interviews in late-March and early-April. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we await the Holy Spirit's will for the future of our Lutheran school.

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.

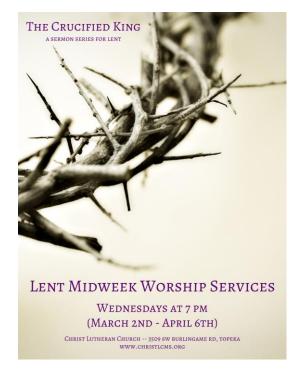
The Board invites all congregation members, parents, and other stakeholders to attend our regular meeting on April 7, 2022 at Topeka Lutheran School at 6pm (please note this is an earlier time).

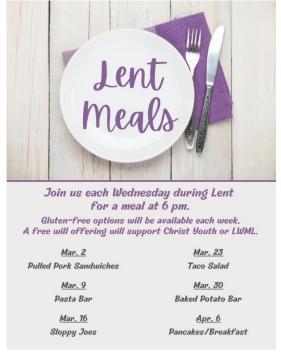
<u>Thank You</u>

I wish to thank all of you for your prayers, well wishes and cards while I was in the hospital and rehab. Thank you to the ladies of LWML for furnishing me delicious meals upon my return home. I especially want to thank our wonderful Pastor Ben for his visits; they were most comforting. Last, but not least, I want to thank my amazing daughter, Ann-Marie Bevel for taking over the care of my home and pets. I am truly blessed that I belong to a wonderful and caring church family. God's Blessings, --Kimberly Scruggs

Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., 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), 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), Janene (Bessie T.'s cousin), Jeff (Bessie T.'s friend's brother), Glenna L., Craig (Larry R.'s brother), Barbara K., 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.





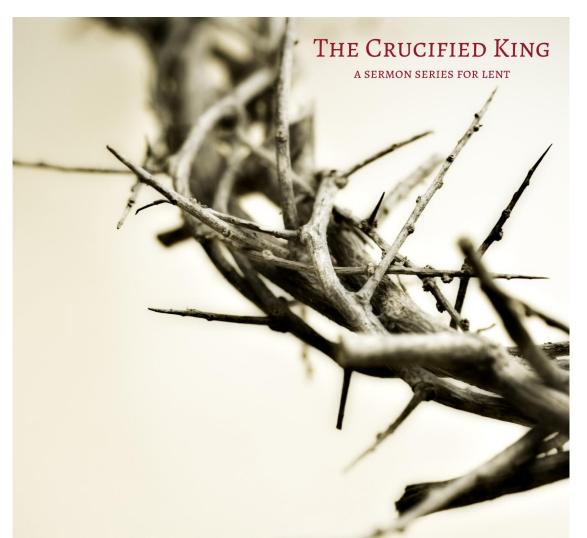
STATE OF THE CHURCH POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, April 3rd - 11:45 am

Bring a dish to share and join us for lunch in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym).

Pastor Ben, DCF Amanda, and the church council will give information and updates regarding various aspects of our congregation while you





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 10 - 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 14 - 7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 15 - 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 17 - 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

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God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us

Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone "through faith in Christ" (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a "new thing" for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become "the stone that the builders rejected." Yet, the One rejected by men "has become the cornerstone" of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, "a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Is. 43:19).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, March 27th

8:00 AM -- 77 10:30 AM -- 89

Stewardship Corner

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Luke 20:16 – "'He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.' When they heard this, they said, 'Surely not!' "The crowds were shocked at Jesus' parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take "the vineyard" away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom. Let us not take it for granted but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!