

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 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



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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.

InvocationMatthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

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

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9 151

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

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

Confession of Sins LSB 151

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

Absolution [John 20:19–23] LSB 151

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

Introit

Psalm 98:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

- P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- P The LORD has made known his salvation;
- **C** he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- **C** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- **P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
- **©** break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- P Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
- with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- P With trumpets and the sound of the horn
- make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD! 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 Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.



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, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading Acts 11:1–18

The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 11.

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ¬And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ¬But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ¬But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¬¹OThis happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¬¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from

Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

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

EpistleRevelation 21:1–8

A The Epistle is from Revelation, chapter 21.

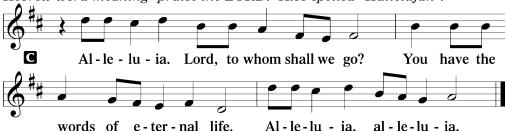
¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

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

Alleluia and Verse

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



Holy Gospel John 16:12–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



¹²[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds (short statement of belief) agreed upon by the ancient church.

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

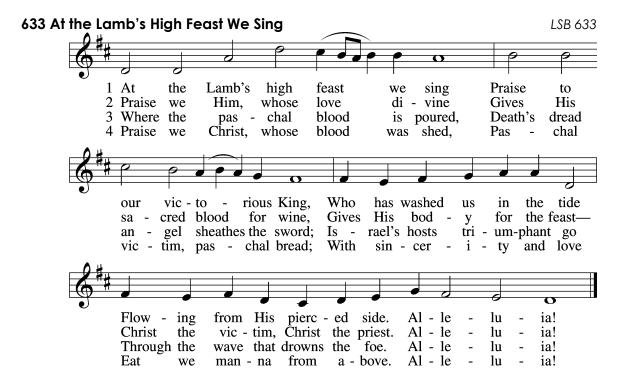
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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

Children's Message

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

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



- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!
- △8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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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 through Vanco at bit.ly/GivingChristLCMS for a one-time or recurring gift. You may also download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app and search for Christ Lutheran Church in Topeka, KS. Direct links and additional information are available on the church website (christlems.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).

Blessing and Sending of Graduates

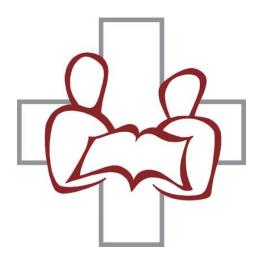
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Prayer of the Church

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.



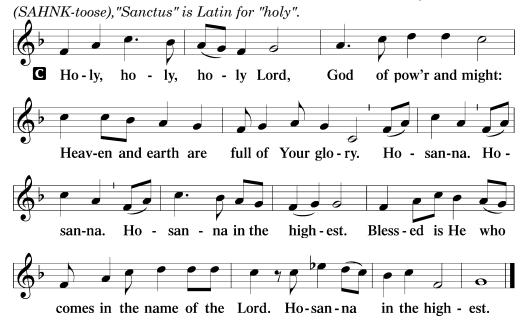
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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:
- C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini John 20:19 163

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

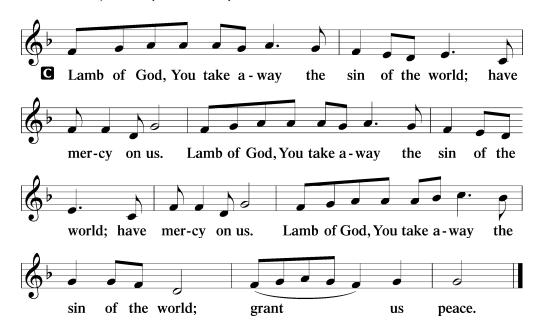
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 163

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



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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.

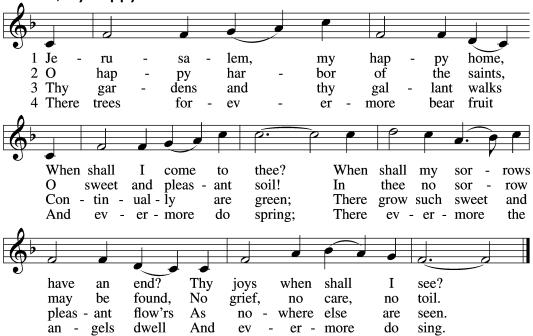




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5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand; And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band. 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

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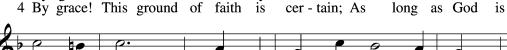






1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct

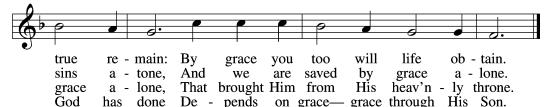
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to



doubt it Why not. this word prom - ise? stag at worth. God in His Re - deem - er, have no love sent our bear our sin. Was it be - cause of own mer - it vour true, it stands. What saints have penned by in spi - ra - tion,



false - hood taught? No! Has Scrip-ture Then this word must ev - er Christ Je - sus. this sin - ful earth: His death did for to Je - sus died your soul to win? No. it was grace, and His Word our God com - mands. Our faith in what our



- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10] LSB 164



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



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



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



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.

BenedictionNumbers 6:24–26 166

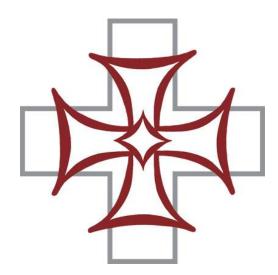
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.



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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday May 15th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)
		Graduates Sunday
Monday May 16th		
Tuesday May 17th	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday May 18th	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	WWF Pastor's Bible Class
Thursday May 19th	The state of the s	Chair Aerobics TLS Graduation (at Christ)
Friday May 20th	1:30 pm	Young at Heart
Saturday May 21st	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom) Farewell Party for TLS Teachers/Staff (at TLS)
Sunday May 22nd	9:15 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) 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) Bible Reading Challenge Begins

Celebrating

Birthdays: John G., Cindy H. (17th); Logan A., Jacob M. (18th); Mitch F., Lila N., David P., Jzanasia S. (19th); Bryan B. (21st); Rachel F., Jackie G. (22nd)

Baptism Birthdays: Brooklyn H. (16th); David B., John G. (17th); Bryce B., Elizabeth P. (18th); Emagene M., Lila N., David P., Carolyn S. (19th); Amelia S. (20th); Barbara K. (21st); Sarah B. (22nd)

Anniversaries: Dick & Marjory H. (18th); Ben & Rachel M. (19th); Gary & Marsha S. (22nd)

-- Announcements --

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 6^{th} grade) — Upstairs Education Wing Youth (7^{th} - 12^{th} grades) — Basement Youth Room

Pastor's Midweek Bible Study - NOW MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS

The Book of Daniel – Wednesdays at 7 PM – Basement

Changes to Online Giving

We are in the process of switching our online giving platform from PushPay to Vanco. This is a very positive change for us because not only will it save the congregation money in processing fees, but it will also be easier for our staff, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer who log all of the information behind the scenes.

If you currently have a scheduled recurring gift, tithe, or offering through PushPay, please switch that to the Vanco platform by May $31^{\rm st}$.

To make your donation through Vanco, please visit **bit.ly/GivingChristLCMS** or download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app and search for Christ Lutheran Church (make sure it's the one in Topeka, KS).

For more information about this change, please visit our website at **christlems.org/giving** or contact the church office.

25th Anniversary Kansas District Pentecost Offering

To celebrate 25 years of God's grace in Guinea and West Africa, the Kansas District is aiming to raise \$25,000 in this year's Pentecost Offering to help construct a new seminary in Guinea! To learn more or make a gift, visit the Guinea/West Africa webpage at kslcms.org/pentecost or designate "Pentecost Offering" on your envelope or online gift.

Bible Reading Challenge

It's time for another Bible Reading Challenge! Join us as we take 60 days to read the five major prophets of the Old Testament: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Pick up a (bright green) reading log in the coffee lobby, or download from our website (christlems.org). Turn in your completed reading log after July 20th for a prize! (Need a Bible? We have free ones that you can keep by the church library!)

-- Announcements --

Red Cross Blood Drive

You can donate blood right here at Christ on Friday, May 27th. To make your life-saving appointment call 800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: TopekaCLC).

TLS Graduation

Graduation for Topeka Lutheran School will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 7 PM here at Christ. All are invited to celebrate these young people and their achievements!

Schaefer Scholarship

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 on our website (christlcms.org/schaefer) through May 31, 2022.

New Staff Installation for TLS

The Installation Service for Principal Kyle Johnson and kindergarten teacher Cristy Balch will be on Sunday, June 5th at 2:00 PM at Faith Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to attend as we welcome them to the staff of Topeka Lutheran School.

Vacation Bible School

Join us the week of June 13th through 17th from 9 AM to noon. At Rainforest Explorers VBS, your children will look to the Bible, God's Holy Word, and discover that Jesus leads the way to the treasure of eternal life with him! Registration is now open through our website (christlems.org/vbs).

VBS Supplies

If you would like to donate supplies for VBS, please take a leaf from the display in the coffee lobby. Please bring donated items no later than Sunday, June 5th. Thank you!



-- Announcements --

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!

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), Lisa (Judy K.'s sister), Randy (Carol J.'s son), Vikki N., Matt N., Lynn M., Virginia C., Evelyn (mother of Sandy S.), Ted M., Carolyn S., Jen (Donna B.'s niece), Janene (Bessie T.'s cousin), Jeff (Bessie T.'s friend's brother), Craig (Larry R.'s brother), Barbara K., Dick H., Dave C., Mary D., Josie H., 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.



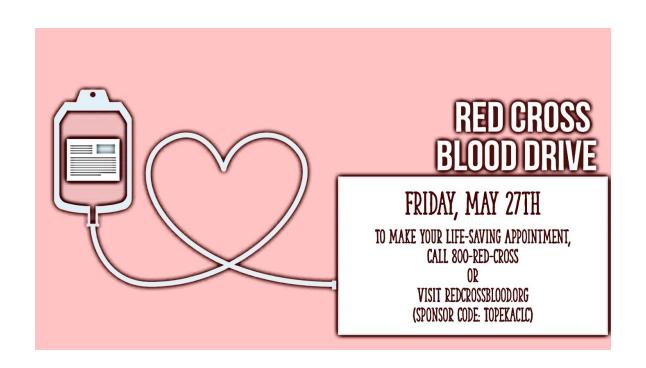
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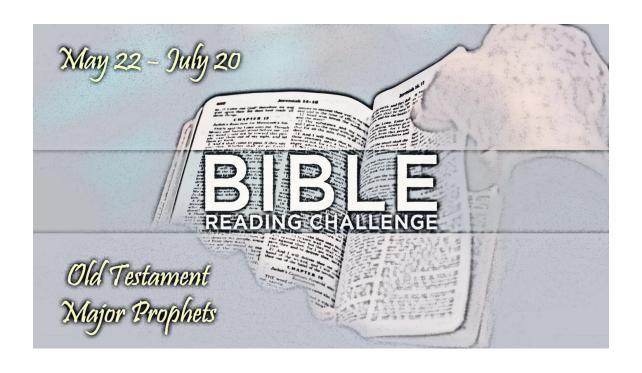
The Margaret Schaefer Scholarship was created to assist Christ Lutheran Church families who show a need and request additional support, beyond the annual budgeted TLS subsidy, in sending their child/children to Topeka Lutheran School.

Donate now!

To donate to this scholarship fund, please specify "Schaefer Scholarship" on your envelope, check, or online aift.

Scholarship applications will be accepted from May 1 through May 31, 2022.





Support Ukrainians

Consider giving to LCMS Mission Advancement or Mission Central to provide aid and assistance to those displaced by the war in Ukraine.



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LCMS Donor Central: 888-930-4438

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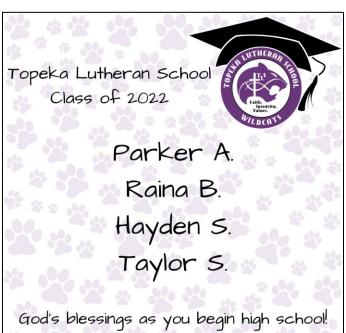
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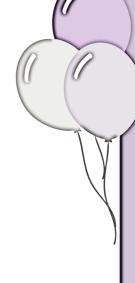
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Join us in celebrating Mr. Francik, Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Bartels, and Ms. Stiers to thank them as they prepare to leave TLS and pursue new adventures!

MAY 21ST • SATURDAY • 10 AM-NOON TOPEKA LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy

On earth "you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, "God has granted repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is "a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household" (Acts 11:14). He gives freely "from the spring of the water of life" (Rev. 21:6), "and death shall be no more" (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, "and God is glorified in him" (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our "love for one another" (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

Worship Attendance - Sunday, May 8th

8:00 AM -- 74 10:30 AM -- 101

Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,337
Offerings Received – Week of 5/8	\$ 13,881
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Apr 2022)	\$ 144,512
Offerings Received (Jan-Apr 2022)	\$ 144,328

Revelation 21:1 – "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use "unrighteous mammon" for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?