

# Set your minds on things that are above

Colossians 3:2



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2022 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

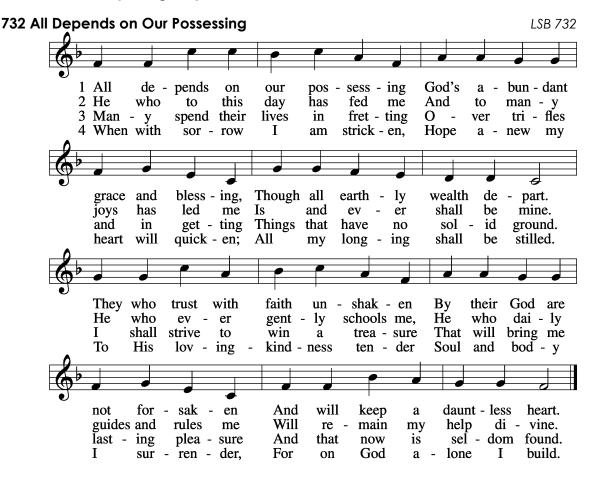


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As we gather, please take time to fill out the fellowship pad located near the center aisle in your pew. If you have any prayer requests, feel free to use a prayer request card from the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate after the sermon. (For those joining us online, please contact the church office.) We will include these requests in our prayers during worship, and share them with our prayer chain (if desired).

#### **Welcome and Opening Prayer**



- Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me, Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never; As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
  God my weary soul will strengthen;
  All my trust in Him I place.
  Earthly wealth is not abiding,
  Like a stream away is gliding;
  Safe I anchor in His grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758 Text and tune: Public domain

#### Stand

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

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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.

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

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

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

- **A** 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.

#### **Declaration of Grace**

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6 LSB 151

- A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

#### Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 49:7-8, 13-14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1-2

- A Hear this, all peoples!
- Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- **A** both low and high,
- **C** rich and poor together!
- A Truly no man can ransom another,
- or give to God the price of his life,
- **A** for the ransom of their life is costly
- and can never suffice.
- A This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
- **Q** yet after them people approve of their boasts.
- **A** Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
- **C** death shall be their shepherd.
- A But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
- **C** for he will receive 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.

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- Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- **A** both low and high,
- **C** rich and poor together!



**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.

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



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



A 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.



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



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



A 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 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.

A The Lord be with you.



#### A Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

A The Old Testament Reading is from Ecclesiastes, chapter 1.

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity....

 $^{12}\mathrm{I}$  the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.  $^{13}\mathrm{And}$  I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with.  $^{14}\mathrm{I}$  have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has

toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

**Epistle** Colossians 3:1–11

**A** The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

Stand



Alleluia and Verse John 6:68 LSB 156



Holy Gospel Luke 12:13–21

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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





#### **Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

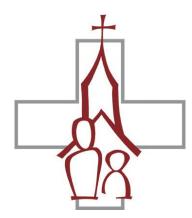
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

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#### Children's Message

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

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





#### Sermon



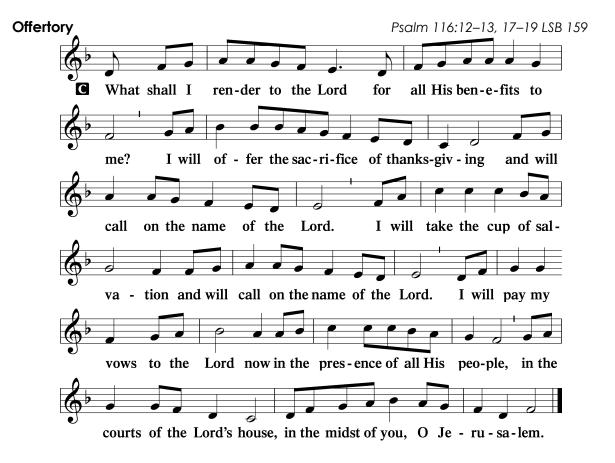
#### Offering

If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving 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 (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 elder will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

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

#### Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 162

- A 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.

#### **Luther's Morning Prayer**

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

**Benediction** Numbers 6:24–26 166

From Latin, "to bless" or "blessing", the Lord sends us out, blessing us as we go.

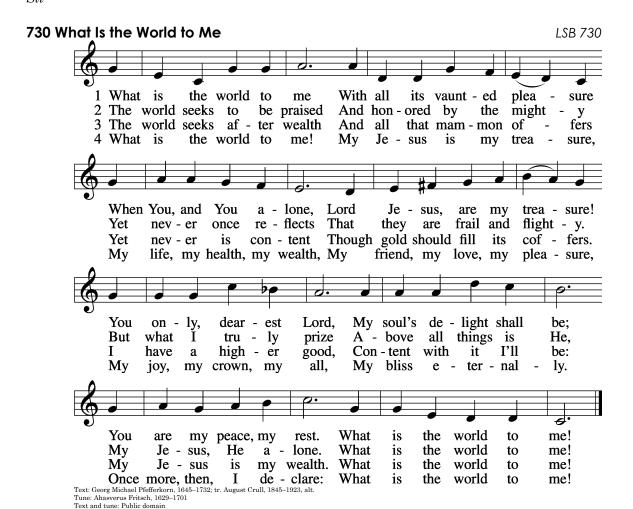
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



Sit



# -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday July 31st	9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Movie Day in the gym	
	11.45 dill	Pastor Ben Vacation	
Monday August 1st			
		Pastor Ben Vacation	
Tuesday August 2nd		Primary Election Day	
		Pastor Ben Vacation	
Wednesday August 3rd	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	WWF Pastor's Midweek Bible Study	
Thursday August 4th	2:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	
Friday August 5th			
Saturday August 6th		Touch a Truck Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	
Sunday August 7th		Worship Service Sunday School (children & adults)	

#### **Celebrating**

**Birthdays:** Don L. (31st); Haley G., Jennifer G. (2nd); Tracie C., Harper D., Leandra H., Jay W. (3rd); Satine G., Jenna H., Robert P., Henry S., Sandy S. (4th); Stephen B., Chance B., Alan H., Damien O. (5th); Dan F., Shelley J. (6th)

Baptism Birthdays: Heather M., Riley M., Bryan V., Patrick V. (31st); Mayah M.,

Joann W. (1st); Frankie J. (2nd); Andrea V. (4th); Ammi M., Nancy P. (7th)

Anniversaries: Marty & Bev C., John & Carlie G. (2nd); Chris & Vikki N.,

Scott & Andrea V. (4th); Thad & Marlee C. (5th)

#### 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 Book of Daniel – Wednesdays at 7 PM – Basement

#### **Bible Reading Challenge**

Did you complete our Bible Reading Challenge for the Old Testament Major Prophets? Turn in your completed reading log in the coffee lobby for a prize!

#### Movie Day - TODAY!

All are welcome to join us for a movie in the gym on Sunday, July  $31^{\rm st}$ ! We will meet after worship services have concluded (around 11:45 AM). Feel free to bring a chair from home if you wish to use something other than folding chairs.

#### <u>School Supplies for Topeka Rescue Mission – LAST DAY</u>

We found out that TRM needs the school supplies earlier than what we had initially planned upon. So today is the FINAL day to bring school supply donations. Thank you!

#### **Confirmation**

7th-8th grade confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, August 24th at 4 PM.

#### Offering Envelopes

The computer program we use for recording offerings only lets us look up your CURRENT envelope number. So if you find a box of old envelopes to use, please let the church office know your name and the envelope number that you will be using. Otherwise, we have no way to acknowledge or record who that gift was from. Thank you for your continued giving! — Financial Secretaries, Barbara & Heather

#### <u>Lutheran Witness Magazine</u>

If you would like a 1-year subscription to the *Lutheran Witness* magazine (including the Kansas District insert), please contact the church office with your name, mailing address, and payment of \$18 no later than Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

#### Touch a Truck

Join us this Saturday for this free community event right here in our parking lot! We'll have lots of fun trucks and vehicles on site, as well as free snacks, a free book for the first 100 kids, and drawings for even more giveaways!



#### Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday (August 14th) is just around the corner! Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church for a special Backpack Blessing from Pastor Ben during both of our worship services that morning. Then join us for a pancake breakfast at 9:15 AM in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym). A free will offering will be taken to help fund updates to our Sunday School classrooms.

# RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday. August 14th

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of another school year!

# Backpack Blessing

Students may bring their backpacks with them to church that morning.

Pastor will say a blessing for the coming school year!

# Breakfast

Join us for breakfast at 9:15 am
in the Schemm Family Life Center!
A free will offering will be taken.
Funds raised will be used for upgrades
to our Sunday School classrooms.

#### **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), Melanie (Sharon L.'s daughter), Ella (Marsha S.'s granddaughter), Vikki N., Matt N., 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), Barbara K., Dave C., Garry N., Mark (Carol J.'s friend), 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.



#### Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God

To live for earthly things "is vanity and a striving after wind," and work that is driven by such vanity "is an unhappy business" (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for "all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun … all his days are full of sorrow" (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your "covetousness, which is idolatry" (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). But "Christ who is your life" (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be "rich toward God" in Him (Luke 12:21).

#### Worship Attendance – Sunday, July 24th

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# **Stewardship Corner**

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,337
Offerings Received – Week of 7/24	\$ 9,313
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Jun 2022) Offerings Received (Jan-Jun 2022)	\$ 216,768 \$ 210,664

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Luke 12:15 - "And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all

covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.' "Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God's purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.