

NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS,
FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER,
OR HE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER.
YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MONEY.

-- LUKE 16:13 --



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 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).

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

567 Not What These Hands Have Done

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1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;
2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;
3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;
4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,



Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can make my spir - it whole.
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.
Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.
Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

5 Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.

6 I bless the Christ of God,
I rest on love divine,
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
I call this Savior mine.

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Stand

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

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

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

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

- P** Your testimonies are righteous forever;
- C** **give me understanding that I may live.**
- P** Righteous are you, O LORD,
- C** **and right are your just decrees.**
- P** You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
- C** **and in all faithfulness.**
- P** My zeal consumes me,
- C** **because my foes forget your words.**
- P** Your promise is well tried,
- C** **and your servant loves it.**
- P** Your righteousness is righteous forever,
- C** **and your law is true.**
- 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** Your testimonies are righteous forever;
- C** **give me understanding that I may live.**

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 154

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



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4-7

A The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 8.

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A The Epistle is from 1 Timothy, chapter 2.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

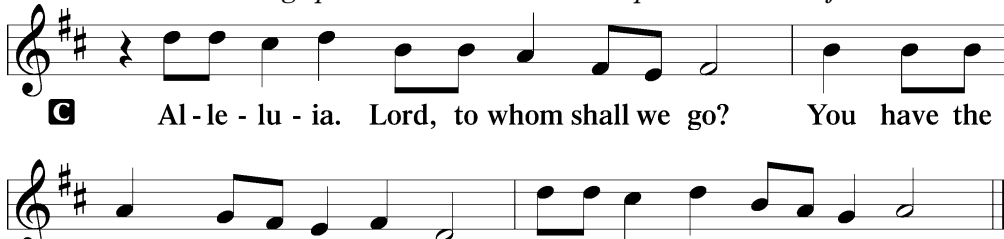
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

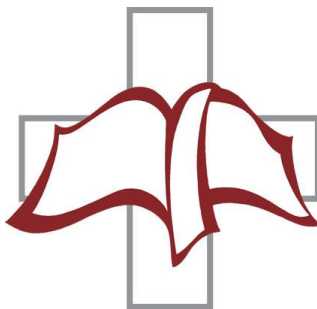
Alleluia and Verse

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



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and also 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

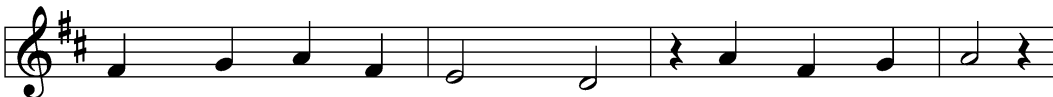
Children are invited to join Amanda Adams, our Director of Christian Education, at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Message.

557 Seek Where You May Find a Way

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1 Seek where you may To find a way That
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,
All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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Sermon

Offering

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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

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19 LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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.**"*

P ...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.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C 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.

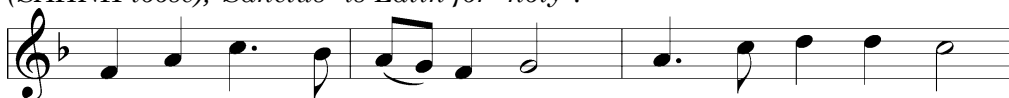
Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 21:9 161

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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

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."

□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

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.



690 Hope of the World

LSB 690



1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
 Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,
 From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,
 Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;
 We would be faith - ful to Thy Gos - pel glo - rious.



Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.
 Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
 Thou our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

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1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down
 From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



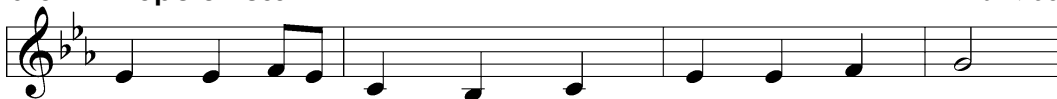
we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
 less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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738 Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



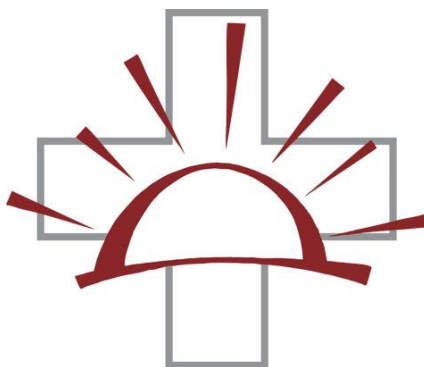
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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332 Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - chose pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night.
 Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.

6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

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Stand



Thank the Lord

[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



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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 A - men.

Luther's Morning Prayer

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

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 166

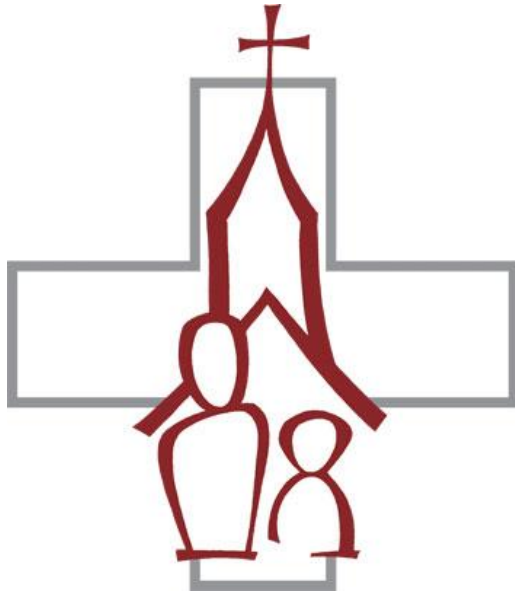
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A - men.

Sit



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851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday September 18th	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)
Monday September 19th	10:00 am	TLS Fundraiser at Jason's Deli
Tuesday September 20th	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday September 21st	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation WWF Choir
Thursday September 22nd	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chair Aerobics Pastor's Midweek Bible Study
Friday September 23rd		
Saturday September 24th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Men's Bible Study (Zoom) TLS Carnival
Sunday September 25th	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 11:45 am 4:00 pm 5:15 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Voters' Meeting & Potluck Jr. Youth (4 th -6 th grades) Youth Group (7 th -12 th grades) College/Young Adult Group (ages 18-25)

Celebrating

Birthdays: Janet M. (18th); Mara G., Nicholas H., Tagen K. (19th); Jaymee H., Micah J., Tevan W. (20th); Annette H., Conrad J., Jerry M., Kayli M., Charles P. (21st); Ginger C., Melissa F., Shane H. (22nd); Kimberly S. (23rd); Camden C., Jana C., Tava K., Melissa L. (24th)

Baptism Birthdays: Morgan C., Janet M. (18th); Damion B. (19th); Beau H. (20th); Addelynn M., Charles P. (21st); Harper D., Conrad J., Aaron W. (23rd); Jana C., Mara G., Kaylyn S. (24th); LaJean R. (25th)

Anniversaries: Jason & Megan K. (21st); Luis & Traci C. (23rd)

-- Announcements --

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Tree of Life (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 – Thursdays at 7 PM – Basement

(This class does NOT meet on the first Thursday of each month.)

Missions Month

September is Missions Month! While we will not be asking for pledges specific to missions this year, we encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting one or more of our featured missions by volunteering your time and/or through financial gifts. Read the insert each week in our bulletin for more information on how you can help!

Voters' Meeting & Potluck

Mark your calendar – we will hold a congregational voters' meeting with a potluck on Sunday, September 25th at 11:45 AM. Topics covered will include our funding formula for TLS plus changes to our church constitution and handbook of duties. All members are encouraged to attend – bring a dish to share!

Lawn Care

We are still in need of help mowing the lawn here at Christ. If you are able to assist, please contact the church office. (And thank you to those who have already helped out!)

Save the Date

As we have for the past couple years, we will once again have an evening of fellowship at Gary's Berries! Pencil in the date of Friday, October 14th on your calendar – we'll have more info and tickets available soon!

Trunk or Treat

We need your trunk! If you would like to decorate your vehicle and hand out goodies at our Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 29th, please sign up on the bulletin board in the coffee lobby. (And if you'd like to volunteer but need a little help on the decorations, just contact the church office – we're happy to assist!)

-- Announcements --

Young Adults – Pasta Bar

Just like unrinsed spaghetti noodles, friends stick together! College students and young adults are invited to Christ for a pasta bar on Saturday, October 15th at 6 PM. This event is free of charge. Young adults from our neighboring Topeka LCMS congregations are encouraged to attend, and friends are welcome!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be on Friday, October 21st. To make your life-saving appointment call 800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: TopekaCLC).

MOPS Group at Faith Lutheran

Hey, moms! You are invited to join the MOPS group at Faith Lutheran Church (1716 Gage Blvd). They meet Wednesday evenings from 6-7 PM and on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 9 AM to 11 AM. The acronym MOPS stands for “Mothers of Preschoolers,” but the group has expanded to include expectant mothers up to moms with school-aged children (K-12). Visit <https://www.mops.org/groups/faithlutheranmops> for more information.

TLS Fundraiser at Jason’s Deli – TOMORROW!

Join us on Monday, September 19th for lunch or dinner (10 AM to 8 PM) at Jason’s Deli! Be sure to mention Topeka Lutheran School when you order, and a percentage of your purchase will help our 8th graders fund their class trip.

TLS Matching Gift Opportunity!

Two generous donors have come forward to bless the ministry of TLS and are willing to match donations up to \$20,000! We are excited for this opportunity and what it could provide for our school. Gifts can be made either by mail or online. If by check, make payable to Topeka Lutheran School, 701 SW Roosevelt St., Topeka KS, 66606; or if online, check the TLS website for the Vanco link. Every donation matters and counts! How much can you give?



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-- Announcements --

TLS Carnival

All are invited to join us at TLS for the Topeka Lutheran School Carnival on Saturday, September 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Two bounce houses, only \$1 for the cake walk, \$10 wrist bands for games, and food/drinks available to purchase.

TLS Carnival Cake Walk

Baked goods needed! If you would like to donate a cake or other bakery items for the cake walk at the TLS Carnival, please bring them to Christ on Friday, Sept. 23rd by 3 PM or directly to TLS the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 24th. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed at TLS

TLS is looking for some help. We are looking for bus drivers to drive for various school field trips, as well as volunteers that wouldn't mind helping out in various classrooms. If you're interested or know someone that might be able to help, feel free to call the TLS office at 785-357-0382 or contact Principal Kyle Johnson (johnson@topekalutheran.org).

Recycle Aluminum Cans for TLS

Recycle your empty soda cans, and raise money for Topeka Lutheran School! Stop by 18th and Gage (across the street south of Faith Lutheran Church) and look for the recycling "house" on the north end of the parking lot (by the old CYC building). Slide open the top of the house and drop in your aluminum cans. A generous friend of TLS has offered to stop by weekly and deliver the cans to a local scrap and recycling center, with the cash received benefitting Topeka Lutheran School.

TLS Spirit Wear

Our Spirit Wear Store for Topeka Lutheran School is open! We have two options for spirit wear this year.

Option 1: TLS embroidered patch that can be professionally sewn onto a shirt, jacket or other item for \$6. You would purchase the item, bring it to school at TLS with your \$6, and we would return it to you in 2 weeks or less with the patch attached. This option is very durable and will hold up long term. (An extra bonus to this option – the patch can come off and be attached to a different clothing item in the future if ever needed!)

Option 2: Order items from our TLS Spirit Wear Store – so many options!

<https://topekaspirt.tuosystems.com/stores/tlswildcats22>

Please note all items in this store are screen printed, the polos and round small logos are not as durable as the patch and may start to show wear over time. Simply place your order online and your items will be ready for pickup within a 2-week window.

Contact Amanda Adams or Rachel Micheel for details.

-- 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), 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., Garry N., Mark (Carol J.'s friend), Wayne B., Sue (Mel L.'s mother), David (Sondra K.'s son), Kim (friend of the Micheels), Dick H., Galen H., Penny (Marty K.'s coworker's wife), Diane (Bessie T.'s cousin), Betty H., Connie D., 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 Jr. Wildcats. 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.

Pray WITHOUT
CEASING

MISSIONS MONTH



Chelsea Irwin

Chelsea Irwin serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Eurasia region as missionary coordinator for volunteer opportunities. Based out of Český Těšín, Czech Republic, she works with LCMS missionaries and local church partners to place and send volunteers to serve in Eurasia. These individuals or groups engage in projects such as English Bible Camps, theological education and mission education, to name a few. Chelsea seeks to challenge volunteers to live out the Great Commission by viewing each day as a mission trip. She encourages them to support and stay connected to the Eurasia region, as well as serving in their own churches and communities.

Pray for Chelsea as she serves in Eurasia. Ask God to provide opportunities for Chelsea to build relationships with local church partners and future volunteers. Pray that, working together, they can effectively share the Gospel with the people they serve. Give thanks to God for the faithful service of volunteers who support the Synod's mission efforts in Eurasia. Pray that God would guide those who are prayerfully considering being a volunteer. Let us give thanks to God that Chelsea is serving His people in this part of the world.

To offer financial support to Chelsea and Together in Mission, please visit christlcms.org/giving or lcms.org/irwin





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Invite family and friends to Jason's Deli for dinner. Jason's Deli will donate a portion of the proceeds to our 8th graders who will be able to travel on a class trip for a hands-on learning experience.

Be sure to show the flyer or mention TLS when checking out.
Thank you for your support!

**MONDAY, SEPT 19TH
10:00AM-8:00PM**



Carnival Time!
September 24th 4:30pm-6:30 pm
at Topeka Lutheran School



2 Bounce Houses!

**Only \$1 for
the Cake Walk!!**



**Games - \$10 wrist band
for games**

**Food and drinks
available
for purchase**



DRIVE-THRU
TRUNK OR TREAT
SATURDAY, OCT. 29TH

1:00 - 3:00 PM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
3509 SW BURLINGAME RD.
TOPEKA, KS

DRIVE THROUGH OUR PARKING LOT
TO SEE ALL OF THE DECORATED TRUNKS.
WE'LL BRING THE TREATS TO YOU!

COME AS YOU ARE, OR DRESS UP
IN YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME.

NON-CANDY AND ALLERGY-FRIENDLY
OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, “*desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “*that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people*” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “*without anger or quarreling,*” but “*adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control*” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “*the poor of the land*” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “*For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God*” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “*before men,*” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “*not strong enough to dig,*” and we are “*ashamed to beg*” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “*eternal dwellings*” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “*the sons of this world*” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

Worship Attendance – Sunday, September 11th

8:00 AM -- 77

10:30 AM -- 85

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,337
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 9/11</i>	\$ 12,649
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Aug 2022)</i>	\$ 289,024
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Aug 2022)</i>	\$ 281,890

Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we, as “sons of light,” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in roles He has given us to play in Church, home, and society?