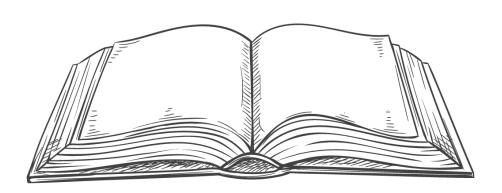
If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.

Luke 16:31



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 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 Kyle Johnson, 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).

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



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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

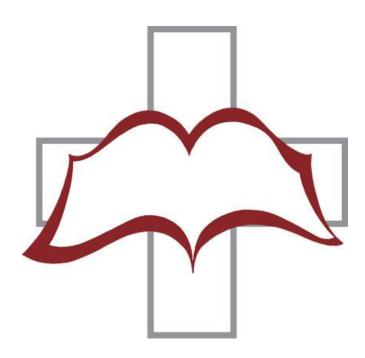
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:73-75, 77; antiphon: v. 76

- P Let your steadfast love comfort me
- according to your promise to your servant.
- P Your hands have made and fashioned me;
- **G** give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
- P Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
- **C** because I have hoped in your word.
- P I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,
- and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- P Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
- for your law is my delight. 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 Let your steadfast love comfort me
- according to your promise to your servant.



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.







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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 are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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

Amos 6:1-7

A The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 6.

1"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!
2Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
3O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?
4"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the midst of the stall,

5who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

6who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

7Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

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

Down to the River to Pray

Choir

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Epistle 1 Timothy 3:1–13

A The Epistle is from 1 Timothy, chapter 3.

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ¬Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Luke 16:19–31

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



¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day, 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets: let them hear them.' 30And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

P 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 (short statement of belief) 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.

Sit

Children's Message

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

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





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Sermon

Offering

If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving 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).

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Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

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



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

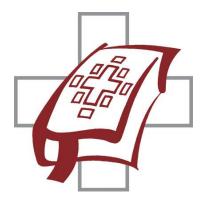


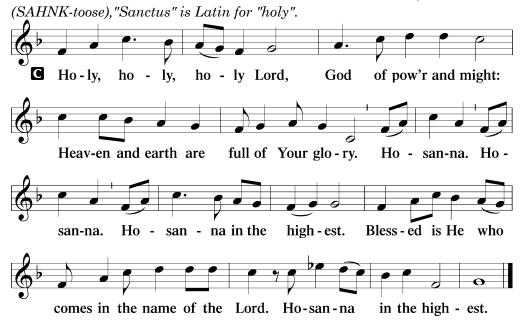
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who 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:





Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 162

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

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



The Words of Our Lord

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

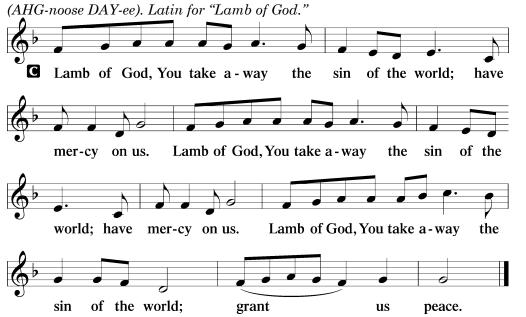
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 163

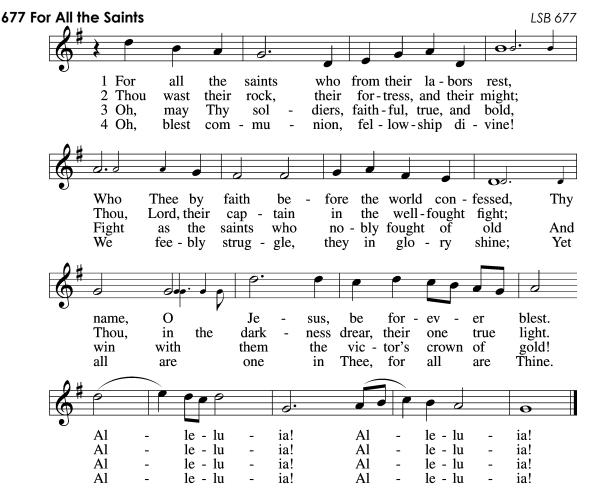


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Distribution

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.





- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- △8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia!



in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

Him

who saves you by

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

Lord

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His grace And crown Him

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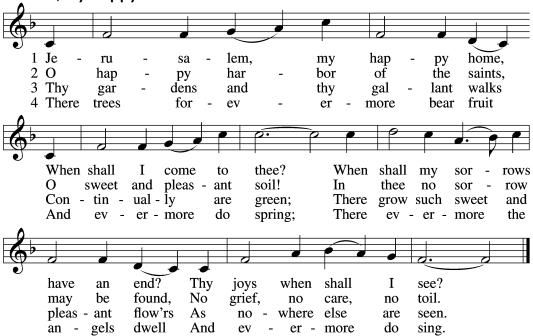


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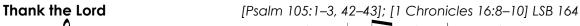
- Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
 Around my Savior stand;
 And soon my friends in Christ below
 Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
 For that bright home of love
 That I may see Thee and adore
 With all Thy saints above.

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Stand



Acknowledgments





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.



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

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 September 25th	9:15 am 11:45 am 4:00 pm 5:15 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)
Monday September 26th		
Tuesday September 27th	9:00 am	LWML Wok Day
Wednesday September 28th	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	
Thursday September 29th	· ·	Chair Aerobics Pastor's Midweek Bible Study
Friday September 30th		
Saturday October 1st	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday October 2nd		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) LWML Sunday

Celebrating

 $\textbf{Birthdays:} \ Madison \ F. \ (26^{th}); \ Daria \ H., \ Alice \ M. \ (27^{th}); \ Rylan \ M., \ Melissa \ W. \ (29^{th});$

Teresa H. (30th); Derek H. (2nd)

Baptism Birthdays: LaJean R. (25th); Dan F., Jenni H., Christopher W. (27th); Judy C.

(30th); Jon B., Kailey C., Randy H., Kimberly S. (1st)

Anniversaries: Earl & Elizabeth P. (1^{st})

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 6^{th} grade) — Upstairs Education Wing Youth (7^{th} - 12^{th} 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 - TODAY!

We will hold a congregational voters' meeting with a potluck today 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!

Worship Service Update

Our worship services on Sunday, October 9th will not offer Holy Communion, as Pastor Ben will be out of town that day.

Load the Truck

LWML will be loading a truck with donations for Orphan Grain Train on Friday, October 14th from 9 AM to noon here at Christ. If you're able to help with some moderate to heavy lifting, we would love some helpers!

Volunteering at Harvesters

Volunteers needed! Join us for a couple of hours at Harvesters on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 PM. We will be sorting food donations and preparing boxes to be given away to those in need. Contact Amanda Adams for more information.

Gary's Berries - Tickets Available Now

Join us for an evening of fellowship at Gary's Berries on Friday, Oct. 14th! Advance tickets are \$11 each and include a campfire meal of hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'mores. We will be at the same location on site as last year, with plenty of seating. (You must purchase an advance ticket for the \$11 price – tickets on site will be full cost.)

If paying online through Vanco, please scroll to the very bottom of the listed funds and select "Gary's Berries Tickets." (We'll leave the tickets in your church mailbox.) For cash/check, please purchase tickets from the church office. Please note that Gary's Berries is now cashless, so any additional purchases made on site will require a credit/debit card or mobile payment. This does <u>not</u> affect how you purchase your advance tickets for the event.

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).

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!)

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?

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.

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).

New Pastor Installation at St. John's

All are welcome to attend a vespers service on Sunday, October 2^{nd} at 2:00 PM at St. John's Ev. Lutheran (Topeka) for Pastor Wright's installation at their church. God's blessings to Pastor Wright, his family, and the congregation at St. John's as they begin this new chapter together.

Enchilada Sale at Calvary Lutheran

Calvary's 100+ year old organ needs major work so we can use it for many years to come — all sales will go toward this effort. Beef enchiladas will be sold by the dozen only and cost is \$30 per dozen (*due on pickup*). If you would like to place an order, please call Calvary's office at 785-286-1431. *Orders must be turned in by Sunday, October 2nd*.

Pickup will be at Calvary (4211 NW Topeka Blvd.), in the Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, November 5th from 10 AM to noon and from 1-2 PM (enter through north basement door). Orders must be picked up this date as there is no freezer room to store them. Orders not picked up will be offered for sale to others.

Events at Prince of Peace Lutheran

Oktoberfest is an annual community event sponsored by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (37th and Wanamaker). This year's event will be on Saturday, October 1st from 10 AM to 3 PM. For a list of vendors, products, and food that will be available, please visit their church website (www.princeofpeacetopeka.org).

Prince of Peace will be hosting a Bell Choir Festival on Saturday, October 15th. Rehearsals will be held all morning, with a concert that is open to the public at 2:30pm. Contact their church office for more information.

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.

Circuit Forum

A Circuit Forum for our circuit of the Kansas District LCMS will be held on Thursday, September 29th at 6 PM at Faith Lutheran. Delegates for the National Convention will be elected.

Thank You

Thank you for all of your cards and continued prayers for Wayne's health. We appreciate each and every one. -- Wayne & Linda Bradley

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.

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



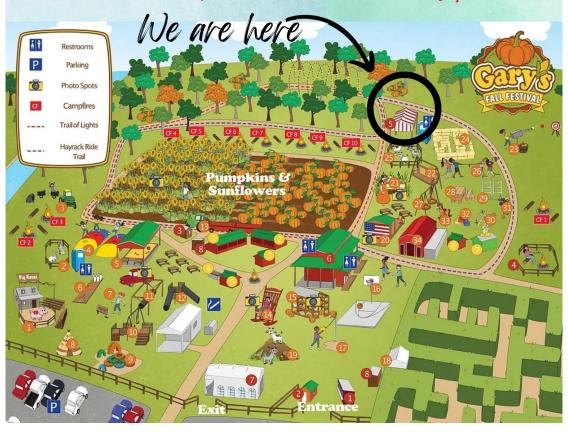
Christ Lutheran at Gary's Berries Friday, October 14th

Tickets: \$11 each (includes campfire meal)

**You MUST have an advance ticket for the \$11 price. **

Join us for hot dogs and s'mores, and then explore the farm.

Please note that Gary's Berries is now cashless -- any additional purchases made on site will require credit/debit card or mobile payment.





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.

Our Help Is Not in Worldly Riches

"The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side," and "the rich man also died and was buried" (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be "in anguish" (Luke 16:25). Therefore, "woe to those who are at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1), for "the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away" (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged "not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches," but "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share" (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and "a root of all kinds of evils" (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has "great gain" in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

Worship Attendance - Sunday, September 18th

8:00 AM -- 63 10:30 AM -- 72

Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs: Offerings Received – Week of 9/18	\$ •	8,337
Offerings Received - Week of 9/18	\$	4,571
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Aug 2022)	\$	289,024
Offerings Received (Jan-Aug 2022)	\$	281,890

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Amos 6:1a – "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion." The Book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions – to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord's House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.