

**If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed,
you could say to this mulberry tree,
"Be uprooted and planted in the sea,"
and it would obey you.**



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 2022
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**



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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

337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending

LSB 337



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - dant
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.
demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.
new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.
still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, “To absolve of sin and wrongdoing,” more specifically, to affirm God’s forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.

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

Stand

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b [18:20] LSB 203

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

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

Prayer for Forgiveness

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166

- P** I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
C and I do your commandments.
P I rejoice at your word
C like one who finds great spoil.
P Seven times a day I praise you
C for your just and righteous decrees.
P Great peace have those who love your law;
C nothing can make them stumble.
P My soul keeps your testimonies;
C I love them exceedingly.
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 I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
C and I do your commandments.



Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204

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



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

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

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;

it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Timothy 1:1–14

A The Epistle is from 2 Timothy, chapter 1.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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

Alleluia

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse

John 20:31 LSB 205



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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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.

C 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; 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.

587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

LSB 587



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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 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.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 209

P Lord, hear as us we pray in Your name and as You have taught us:

- 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

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.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1 212

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

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 212

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

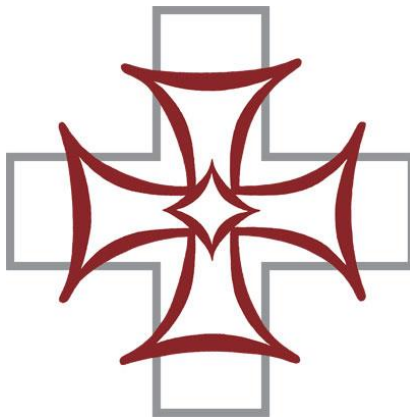
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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 **Amen.**

Sit



576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 576



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday October 9th	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service Sunday School (children & adults) <i>Amanda --Conference</i> <i>Pastor Ben --Vacation</i>
Monday October 10th		<i>Amanda -- Conference</i> <i>Pastor Ben -- Vacation</i>
Tuesday October 11th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Elders Meeting LWML Meeting <i>Amanda -- Conference</i> <i>Pastor Ben -- Vacation</i>
Wednesday October 12th	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation WWF Choir
Thursday October 13th	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chair Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study
Friday October 14th	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Orphan Grain Train – Load the Truck Gary's Berries
Saturday October 15th	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Zoom) College/Young Adult Pasta Bar
Sunday October 15th	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service Sunday School (children & adults)

Celebrating

Birthdays: Erika S. (9th); Scott G. (10th); Luna C. (11th); Phoebe R. (12th); Jeanette H. (15th)

Baptism Birthdays: Lewis B. (9th); Abigayle H., Melissa L. (10th); Dave S. (13th); Alice M. (14th); Madison F. (15th)

Anniversaries: Lester & Sharon L. (14th)

-- 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.)

Stewardship Month

October is Stewardship Month. Please prayerfully consider your gifts to Christ and His Church. Extra pledge forms are available at the back of the sanctuary or can be downloaded from our website (christlcms.org/giving).

Vanco App

If you have been trying to use the Vanco app for your online giving but have received an error message when trying to complete your transaction, you are not alone! Please un-install and re-install the app, and then login to your account. This should resolve the issue. (And if that doesn't fix it, please contact the church office.)

Youth & Young Adult Groups

Our Youth/Jr. Youth and College/Young Adult groups will NOT be meeting on Sunday, October 9th. All are invited to join us at Gary's Berries on Friday the 14th, and the College/Young Adult group has their Pasta Bar on Saturday the 15th.

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 assist with some moderate to heavy lifting, we would love some helpers!

Volunteering at Harvesters

Anyone ages 8 and up can volunteer with us for a couple of hours at Harvesters on Tuesday, October 18th at 5:30 PM. We will be sorting food donations and preparing boxes to be given away to those in need. RSVP to Amanda Adams.

-- Announcements --

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 not affect how you purchase your advance tickets for the event.*



-- Announcements --

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 online (www.redcrossblood.org).

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!)

Additionally, if you would like to donate candy for the trunk or treat, please drop off treats using the box in the coffee lobby by Sunday, Oct. 23rd.

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!

Reformation Potluck

Join us after worship (around 11:45 AM) on Sunday, October 30th for a potluck! Bring a dish to share. German foods are encouraged, but your family favorites are always welcome. No “Diet of Worms” required!

Trivia Night

Join us for trivia night on Saturday, November 5th. Doors open at 6 PM, trivia starts at 6:30 PM. Suggested donation of \$10 per person – sign up in the coffee lobby. Thank you for supporting Christ Youth!

All Saints' Day

We will be celebrating All Saints' Day at our worship services on November 6th. If you have a family member who passed away since last November (2021) and you would like their name included in the services that morning, please contact the office no later than Wednesday, November 2nd.

Veterans Day

If you are a veteran, please be sure to let the church office know. We'd like to thank you for your service with a handmade card and an invitation to a special program at Topeka Lutheran School. (If you were on our list last year, we have your info already.)

-- Announcements --

Bell Choir Festival at Prince of Peace Lutheran

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.

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).

TLS Sunday

On Sunday, October 23rd, we welcome the students and staff of Topeka Lutheran School and their families, as they will be joining us for worship that morning. TLS Students in grades K-3 will sing during our 8 AM service. TLS students in grades 4-8 will sing during our 10:30 AM service. Principal Kyle Johnson will be speaking during Pastor Ben's class at 9:15 AM. All students are encouraged to attend Sunday School classes based on their grade level. Thank you for your continued support of Christian and Lutheran education here in Topeka! Please continue to keep both TLS and the Jr. Wildcats daycare in your prayers.

-- Announcements --

2022 Kansas District Reformation Offering

It's time for the annual Kansas District Reformation Offering, which supports the Rev. Eugene Schmidt Memorial Mission Fund. The Schmidt Memorial Mission Fund *helps fund mission outreach right here in Kansas*, including church revitalization, church planting and specialized ministries (campus, rural and small town, urban, deaf, and ethnic). If you'd like to contribute to this special offering, you can donate online through the Kansas District website. Click the red "Donate" button and select "Reformation Offering" from the dropdown menu on the payment page. You may also send a check with "2022 Reformation Offering" in the memo line to LCMS Kansas District, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS, 66604-1104. We're grateful for your support as we work together to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the state!

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., Sammi (Carol J.'s friend's granddaughter), Burnell M., Brian G., Amber (Carol J.'s niece), Carlie G., 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.



We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness

We are surrounded by “*destruction and violence*” (Hab. 1:3) because the Law “*is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth*” (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, “*the righteous shall live by his faith*” (Hab. 2:4). “*Temptations to sin are sure to come*” (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus “*increase our faith*” (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His “*unworthy servants*” (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, “*by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus*” (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings “*life and immortality to light*” (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, “*follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,*” by which He guards you “*in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus*” (2 Tim. 1:13).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, October 2nd

8:00 AM -- 66

10:30 AM -- 101

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,337
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 10/2</i>	\$ 10,227
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Sept 2022)</i>	\$ 325,152
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Sept 2022)</i>	\$ 310,963

Luke 17:10 – “**So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’**” We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord’s work in the Church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the Church. And what a blessing it is to give to the Church so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in community.