

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 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

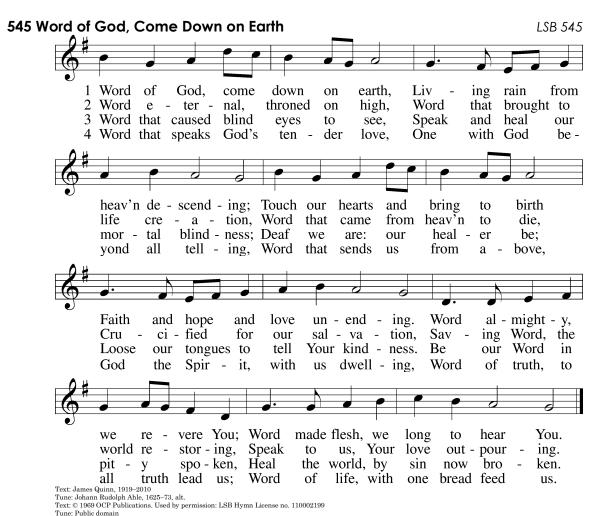
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our 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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+ 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

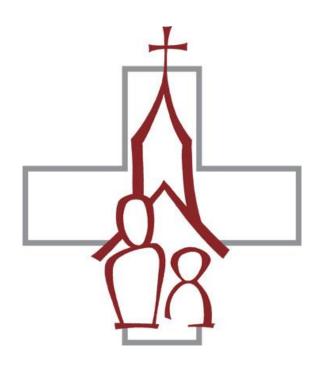
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 74:18-19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a

- P Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
- which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
- P Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
- **C** and a foolish people reviles your name.
- **P** Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
- do not forget the life of your poor forever.
- P Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
- **C** let the poor and needy praise your name.
- **P** Have regard for the covenant;
- arise, O God, defend your cause. 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 Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
- which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!



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 Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-30

A The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 32.

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my

name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

A The Epistle is from 2 Timothy, chapter 3.

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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

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 18:1–8

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



¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." ⁴And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Nicene Creed

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

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

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

whose kingdom will have no end.

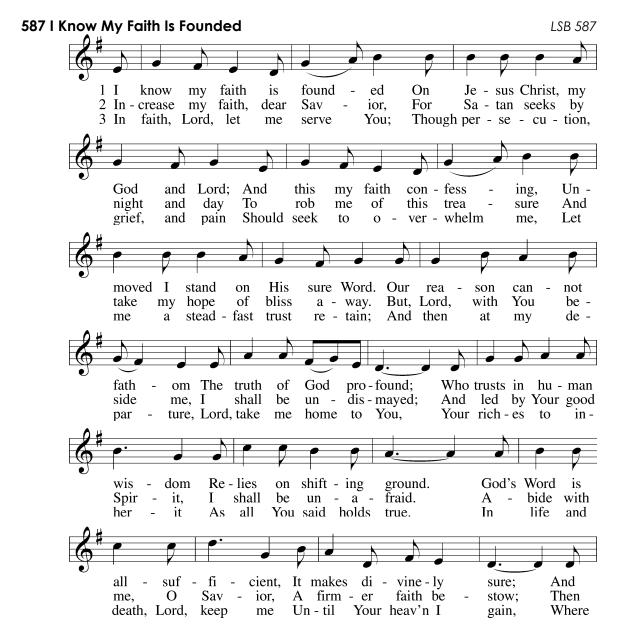
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

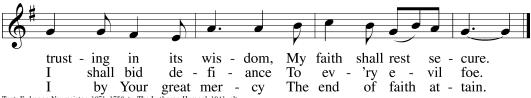
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection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

Children's Message

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

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





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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.



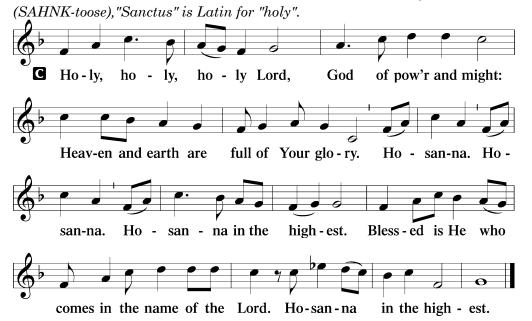
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



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

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini John 20:19 163

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

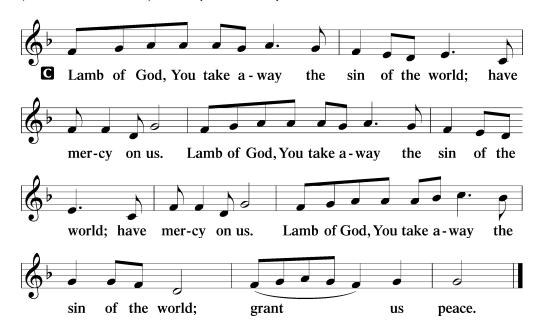
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 163

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



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Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. Then they will distribute it to those who cannot come up to the altar rail due to physical ailments. Following that the ushers will dismiss the people from their pews to go to the altar rail. The congregation will be ushered down the middle aisle to go up to the rail and when dismissed from there will use the side aisle to return to their seats. All are invited up to receive a blessing.



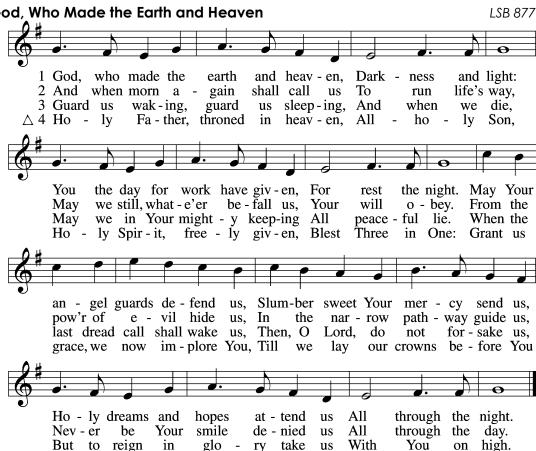


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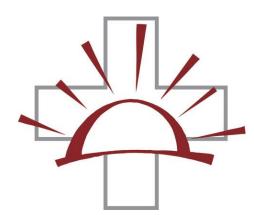
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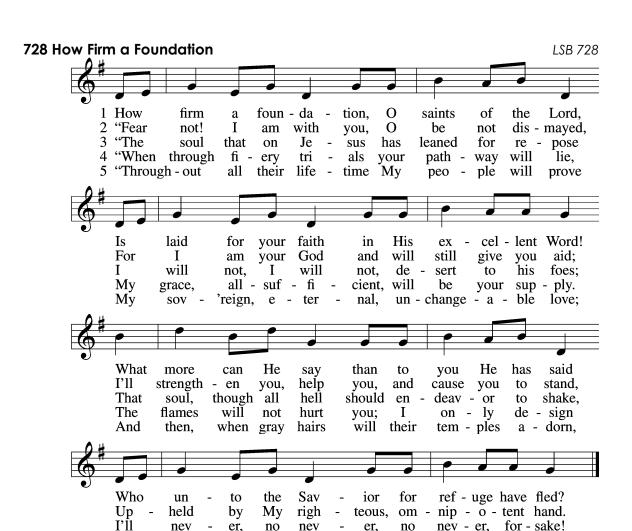
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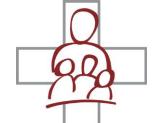
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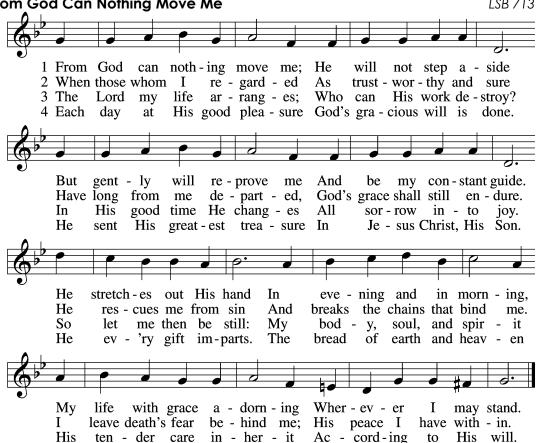
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Praise Him with thank-ful hearts!



His kind-ness giv - en.

- 5 Praise God with acclamation
 And in His gifts rejoice.
 Each day finds its vocation
 Responding to His voice.
 Soon years on earth are past;
 But time we spend expressing
 The love of God brings blessing
 That will forever last!
- 6 Yet even though I suffer
 The world's unpleasantness,
 And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,
 That day of bliss divine,
 Which knows no end or measure,
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine.

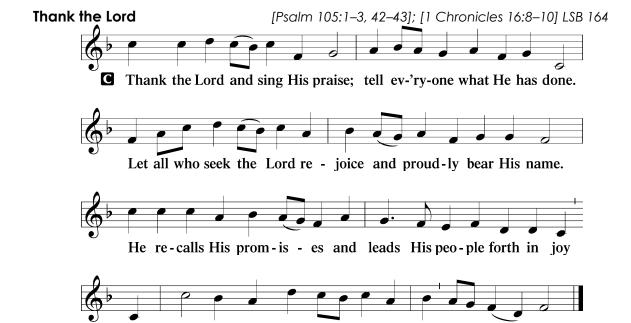
△7 For thus the Father willed it,
Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

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

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 October 16th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)
Monday October 17th		
Tuesday October 18th	5:30 pm	Volunteer at Harvesters
Wednesday October 19th	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	
Thursday October 20th		Chair Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study
Friday October 21st		Red Cross Blood Drive Young at Heart
Saturday October 22nd		Women's Monthly Bible Study at Arloa's Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday October 23rd	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:15 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Jr. Youth (4 th -6 th grades) Youth Group (7 th -12 th grades) College/Young Adult Group (ages 18-25) TLS Sunday

Celebrating

Birthdays: Beth E., Adair H. (16th); Bryttney T. (17th); Ali G., Nicole M., Kenneth S. (18th); Eddie D., Rachel K. (19th); Marlee C., Michelle H. (20th); Bryson B., Jolene B., Dylan E. (22nd)

Baptism Birthdays: Coralyne T. (16th); Gene G. (17th); Amanda A., Doris T., Wes Z. (19th); Ginger C., Michele S. (22nd); Kent B., Dave J. (23rd)

Anniversaries: Matthew & Jenifer G. (19th); Matt & Melissa L. (20th)

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.)

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 attempting 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.) The link through the church website is not affected, and is always available (christlems.org/giving).

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.

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).

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!

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.



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!

<u>All Saints' Day</u>

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.)

Active-Duty Military

If you have a family member who is currently serving in our armed forces, please submit their name and mailing address to the church office by Friday, Nov. 4th. We will be sending out boxes to them ahead of the advent/Christmas season.

Sing Boldly at Immanuel Lutheran

Sing Boldly is a group of junior high students from St. John Lutheran School in Seward, Nebraska - and they'll be presenting a hymn festival at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lawrence on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 7 PM. A hymn festival is a combination of a hymn sing and choral concert - so while the choir and handbells will present their own music, it's done in a way that also invites the gathered congregation to join in. For a sample of what the choir will present, visit SingBoldly.org/tour.



SATURDAY, NOV. 5TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 6:30 PM
SUGGESTED DONATION \$10 / PERSON
SIGN UP IN THE COFFEE LOBBY

TLS Fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A

Join us this Tuesday (October 18th) from 4 to 7 PM at Chick-Fil-A on Wanamaker. Take a night off from cooking, and support the TLS 8th graders as they raise funds for their class trip. Be sure to mention Topeka Lutheran School when you order!

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.

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.

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!



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!

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.



Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

"Left alone," Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, "until the breaking of the day" (Gen. 32:24). Though "Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us "always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of "a judge who neither feared God nor respected man" and of a widow "who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary" (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to "give her justice" (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they "have learned and have firmly believed" (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of "the sacred writings" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to "preach the word" at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

Worship Attendance - Sunday, October 9th

8:00 AM -- 54 10:30 AM -- 67

Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,337
Offerings Received – Week of 10/9	\$ 17,889
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Sept 2022)	\$ 325,152
Offerings Received (Jan-Sept 2022)	\$ 310,963
Offerings Received (Jan-Sept 2022)	\$ 31

Genesis 32:26 – "And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'" The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter's words: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the "hard sayings" that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.