Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 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

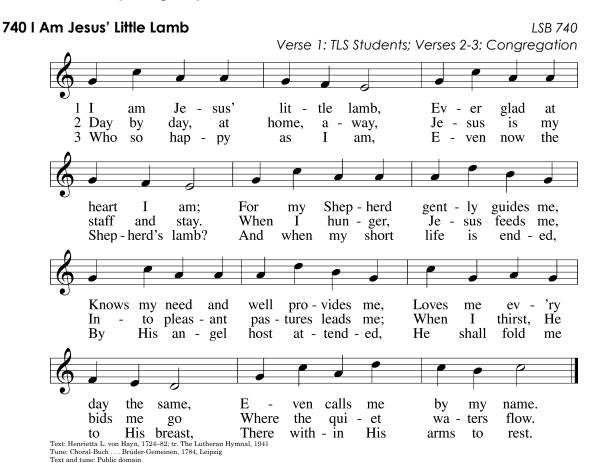
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our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

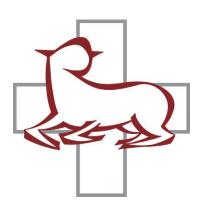
For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.



Welcome and Opening Prayer



Stand



Divine Service Setting One, page 151

+ Confession and Absolution +

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

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

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 56:10-13; antiphon: v. 3

- P When I am afraid,
- C I put my trust in you.
- **P** In God, whose word I praise,
- in the LORD, whose word I praise,
- **P** in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
- What can man do to me?
- P I must perform my vows to you, O God;
- I will render thank offerings to you.
- **P** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
- that I may walk before God in the light of life. 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 When I am afraid,
- C I put my trust in you.



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.



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



Salutation and Collect of the Day

"Salutation" is a word from Latin meaning, "to 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit



A The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 4.

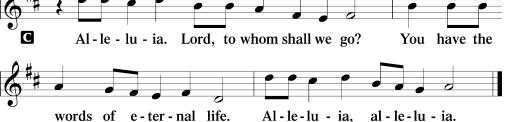
¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ¹If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

- **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".



Holy GospelMatthew 28:16–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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.



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Great woes may o - ver-take me, Yet He will not for - sake me. I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me. It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er. You suf-fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.

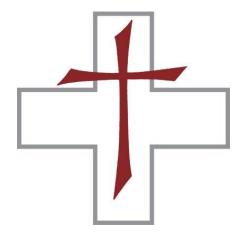


Mv al - ter; His hand lets noth-ing fal - ter. trou-bles He can will sur - ren - der, To Him I Him, my soul's de-fend - er. To sor - row, Come death now or He gives me joy to - mor - row. in heirs of heav'n-ly glad-ness When ends this life of sad - ness. Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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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).

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."

- ...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.



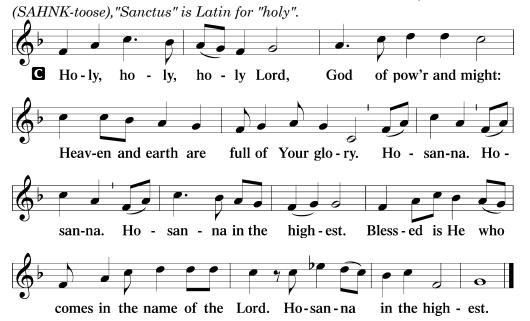
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

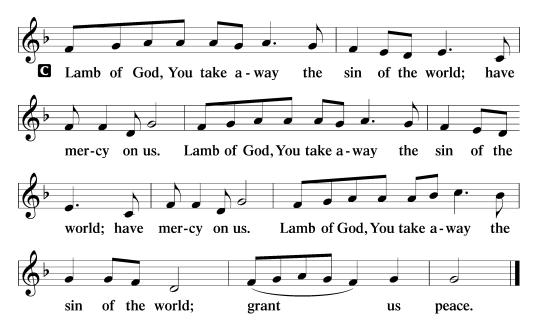
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 163

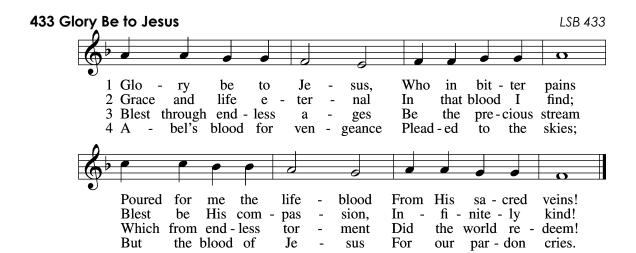
(AHG-noose DAY-ee). Latin for "Lamb of God."



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.

Communion for today's services will utilize a continuous style of distribution instead of kneeling at the altar rail. The common cup will still be available for those who wish to use it instead of an individual cup. All are invited up to receive a blessing.

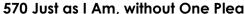


5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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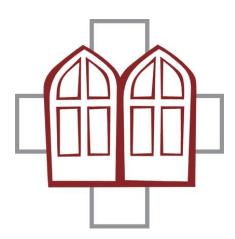


5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe,

 \boldsymbol{O} Lamb of God, \boldsymbol{I} come, \boldsymbol{I} come.

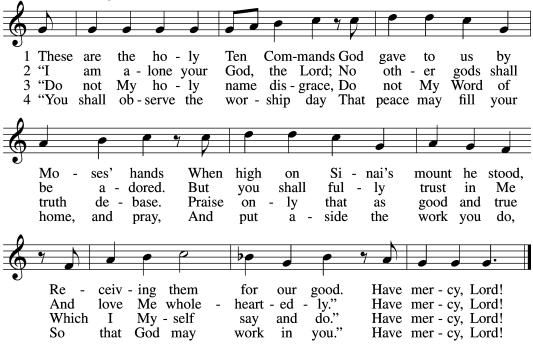
6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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- 5 "You are to honor and obey
 Your father, mother, ev'ry day,
 Serve them each way that comes to hand;
 You'll then live long in the land."
 Have mercy, Lord!
- 6 "You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate; Your anger dare not dominate. Be kind and patient; help, defend, And treat your foe as your friend." Have mercy, Lord!
- 7 "Be faithful to your marriage vow; No lust or impure thoughts allow. Keep all your conduct free from sin By self-controlled discipline." Have mercy, Lord!

- 8 "You shall not steal or take away
 What others worked for night and day,
 But open wide a gen'rous hand
 And help the poor in the land."
 Have mercy, Lord!
- 9 "Bear no false witness nor defame Your neighbor nor destroy his name, But view him in the kindest way; Speak truth in all that you say." Have mercy, Lord!
- 10 "You shall not crave your neighbor's house Nor covet money, goods, or spouse. Pray God He would your neighbor bless As you yourself wish success." Have mercy, Lord!

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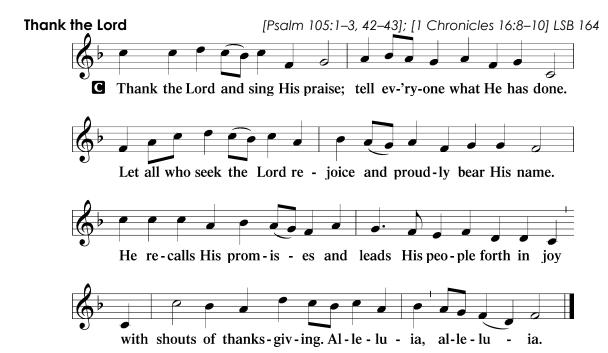
- 11 You have this Law to see therein
 That you have not been free from sin
 But also that you clearly see
 How pure toward God life should be.
 Have mercy, Lord!
- 12 Our works cannot salvation gain;
 They merit only endless pain.
 Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
 Who pleads for us endlessly.
 Have mercy, Lord!

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Stand



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

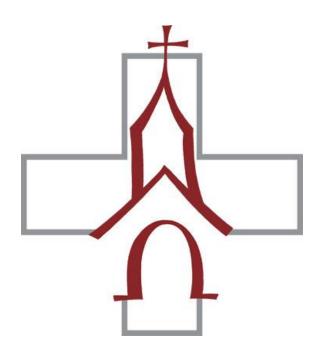
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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

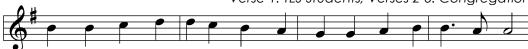
→ give you peace.



Sit







1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love! 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-flect Thy rays,

 \triangle 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove. Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un-bro-ken praise. Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir - it, Foun-tain-head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day. Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee. Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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Message from TLS Principal

Acknowledgments

-- Week at a Glance --

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
Monday October 24th		
Tuesday October 25th	9:00 am	LWML Work Day
Wednesday October 26th	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	
Thursday October 27th		Chair Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study
Friday October 28th		
Saturday October 29th		Men's Bible Study (Zoom) Trunk or Treat
Sunday October 30th	9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Reformation Potluck Reformation Sunday

Celebrating

Birthdays: Hannah A., Kaitlynn B. (25th); Audrey H. (28th); Julie P., Anthony W. (29th) **Baptism Birthdays:** Kent B., Dave J. (23rd); Michelle J. (25th); Brayden B., Delbert G. (26th); Paige C., Benjamin F., Erma P. (27th); Chance B., Shelly B., Nicole M. (28th); Jeanette H. (30th)

Anniversaries: Phil & Jolene B. (28th)

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).

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!

LCMS Kansas District Regional Youth Gathering – Registration Deadline Soon!

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for the day on Saturday, November 19th at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe. Registration is \$50 and includes a t-shirt. Christ will cover half of that for youth in our congregation, leaving you responsible for \$25. Registration deadline is November 1st to guarantee a t-shirt. Contact DCE Amanda for more information.

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.



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.

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. $4^{\rm th}$. We will be sending out boxes to them ahead of the advent/Christmas season.

Trivia Night

Join us for trivia night on Saturday, November $5^{\rm th}$. 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>Veterans Day</u>

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.)

Volunteering at Harvesters – Sign up for November

Anyone ages 8 and up can volunteer with us for a couple of hours at Harvesters on Tuesday, November 29th 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.



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 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?

Job Opening at TLS

We are looking for an After-School Care Director to join our TLS family! Requirements include experience in childcare, membership at an LCMS church, and age of 21 or older. If interested, please contact Principal Kyle Johnson (phone: 785-357-0382 or e-mail: johnson@topekalutheran.org).

Recycle Aluminum Cans for TLS

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

TLS 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., 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), Dorothy (Wayne K.'s sister-in-law), 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.





"The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God." MARTIN LUTHER Thesis 62 of the 95 Theses 2022 Kansas District

Reformation Offering

Supporting Mission Work in Kansas

We have a precious treasure to proclaim, teach, and share! Your gift to the annual Reformation Offering will help us share that treasure with others right here in Kansas.

A PRAYER FOR MISSION OUTREACH

Spirit of love, within us move,

Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard (LSB 831)



TO DONATE ONLINE

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TO DONATE BY MAIL

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Please include "Reformation Offering" on the memo line of your check.

Support Ukrainians

Consider giving to LCMS Mission Advancement or Mission Central to provide aid and assistance to those displaced by the war in Ukraine.



GIVE BY PHONE

LCMS Donor Central: 888-930-4438

Mission Central: 712-882-1039



GIVE BY TEXT

Send the message **LCMSUKRAINE** to **41-444** from your mobile phone to give through LCMS Mission Advancement



GIVE BY MAIL

Mission Central 40718 Highway E 16 Mapleton, IA 51034 MEMO: "Help for Displaced Ukrainians"

In Humble Repentance, Faith Lives by Grace and Mercy and Is Exalted by God in Christ

Jesus tells a parable "to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous" (Luke 18:9). In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13). That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went "down to his house justified, rather than the other" (Luke 18:14). So do little children, "even infants," come to Jesus with their need, and they "receive the kingdom of God" through faith (Luke 18:15–17). For "the one who humbles himself will be exalted," but "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled" (Luke 18:14). That is why "the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gen. 4:4–5). St. Paul's life, "poured out as a drink offering," was another sacrifice like Abel's (2 Tim. 4:6). The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that "the message might be fully proclaimed" (2 Tim. 4:17). It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we "have loved his appearing" and as repentant sinners pray to "the Lord, the righteous judge" by faith (2 Tim. 6:8).

Worship Attendance - Sunday, October 16th

8:00 AM -- 58 10:30 AM -- 72

Stewardship Corner

8 337

Offerings Received – Week of 10/16	\$ 5,789
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Sept 2022)	\$ 325,152
Offerings Received (Jan-Sept 2022)	\$ 310,963

Rudgeted Weekly Needs.

2 Timothy 4:6 – "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come." As St. Paul nears the end of his life, he continues to view it as something to be spent in sacrifice toward God – just as he had told the Romans (12:1) to be "living sacrifices." And why does St. Paul do this? Because he knows that His Lord has already won for him the crown of life. Jesus' sacrifice that purchased our salvation leads us to imitate His sacrifice in our living for Him.