

Reformation Sunday October 30, 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



# <u>As We Gather</u>

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

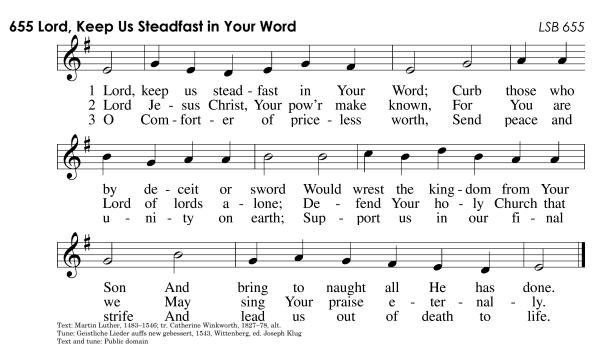
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our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

### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

▶ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Consider: Have you loved God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength? Have you loved your neighbor as yourself?

## **Confession of Sins**

- **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 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

- I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
- **C** and shall not be put to shame.
- **P** I will bless the LORD at all times;
- **C** his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- **P** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
- **C** let the humble hear and be glad.
- P Come, O children, listen to me;
- **C** I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- **P** The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
- **C** none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. 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.
- I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
- **C** and shall not be put to shame.

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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.



### **Kyrie**



### 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 gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### **First Reading**

Revelation 14:6-7

**A** The First Reading is from Revelation, chapter 14.

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

This is the Word of the Lord. A

**C** Thanks be to God.

### At the Table of the Lord

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### **Epistle**

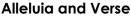
A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3.

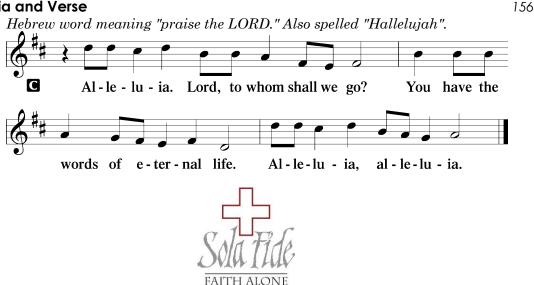
<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—<sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

### Stand





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

#### John 8:31-36

#### **Holy Gospel**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

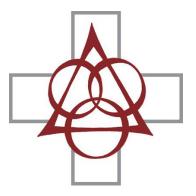
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the 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.

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### Children's Messaae

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 (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).

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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."

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

С Amen.

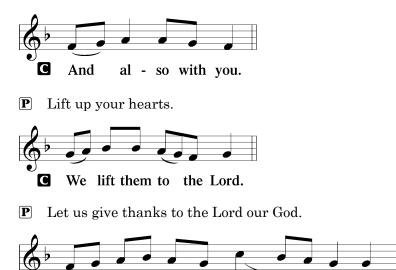


### Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

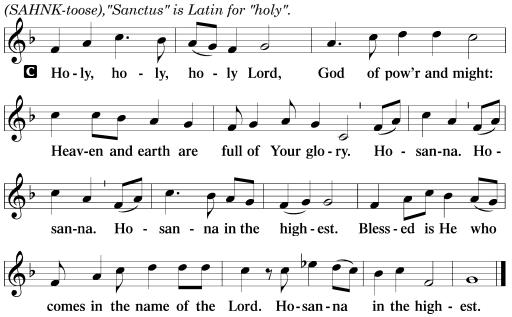


**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### 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.



# Lord's Prayer

**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

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."

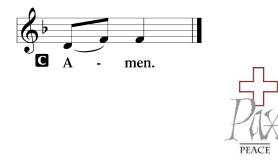
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

John 20:19 163

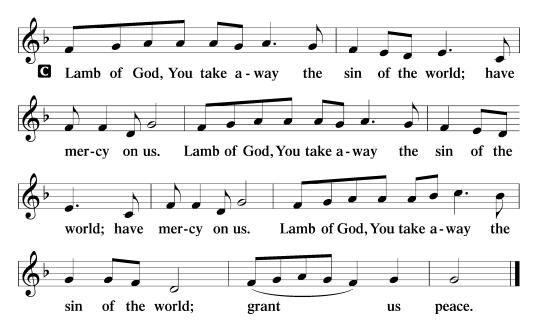
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



### Agnus Dei

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

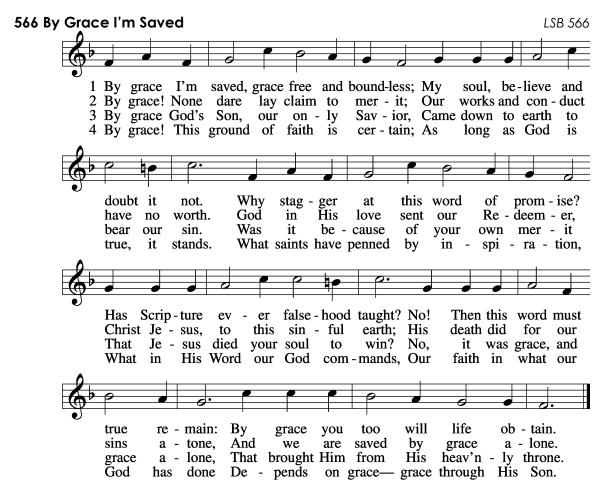


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### Distribution

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.

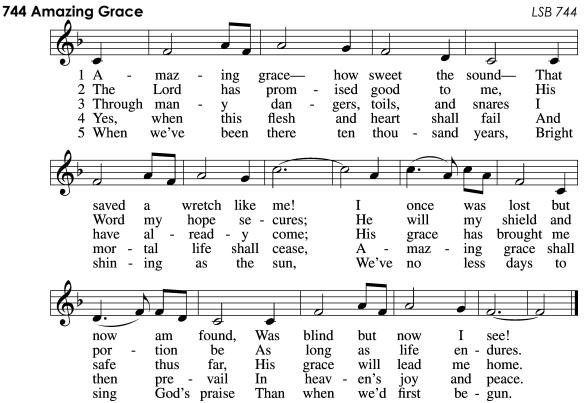




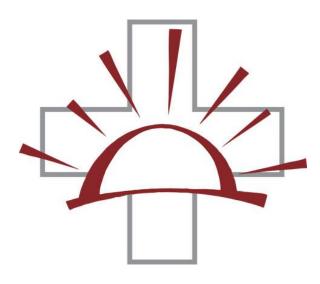
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
  By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
  Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice; For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

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GRACE ALONE



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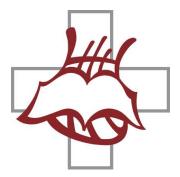


849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness





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555 Salvation unto Us Has Come LSB 555 By God's free 1 Sal va - tion un - to us has come grace and 2 His Law What Him could God did in de - mand And none to mis - lead - ing dream 3 It was false. That God His Law had а 4 From our flesh could not ab - stain. Sin held sin its sway un fa vor; Good works can - not doom. Thev а vert our Caused wrath For ren der and woe ev - 'ry hand on sin - ners giv en That could them - selves re deem And ceas ing; The task was use less and in vain. Our help Faith looks Je and save us nev er. to sus vile of - fend - er. man, the Our flesh has not those gain heav - en. their works The Law but by is а guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's Who Christ lone, did for all the а \_ de sires The spir it of the pure \_ bright То bring the bred mir ror in dart poi soned Or pu ri fy our -He world Re deem a - tone; is our one er. -Law re - quires, And lost is con di our tion. -\_ lurks with - in sin to light That our ture. na guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor rup tion. -(continued on next page)



- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
  Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
  He has for us the Law obeyed
  And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
  Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
  Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
  Your death is now my life indeed,
  For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;
  Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
  Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.

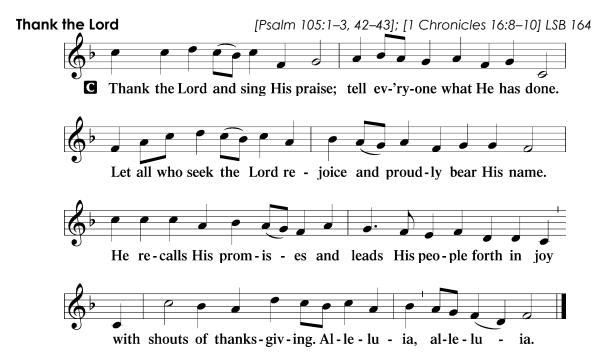
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
  But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
  Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
  The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
  And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
  For faith alone can justify;
  Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
  - O triune God in heav'n above,
  - You have revealed Your saving love;

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### **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

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

### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26 166

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



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5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

 △ 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!
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# -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday October 30th	9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Reformation Potluck Reformation St	unday
Monday October 31st		Reformatio	on Day
Tuesday November 1st		All Saint	s' Day
Wednesday November 2nd	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm		
Thursday November 3rd	2:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	
Friday November 4th			
Saturday November 5th		Men's Bible Study (Zoom) Trivia Night	
Sunday November 6th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)	
		All Saints' Su	unday

### **Celebrating**

**Birthdays:** David G. (31<sup>st</sup>); Darric C., Ryan H. (1<sup>st</sup>); Liz H. (3<sup>rd</sup>); Wayne K., Chris N. (4<sup>th</sup>); Glenna B., Kinley G., Terry L., Jana R., Duane S. (5<sup>th</sup>); Lisa D. (6<sup>th</sup>) **Baptism Birthdays:** Jeanette H. (30<sup>th</sup>); Jolene B., Frank J., John W. (31<sup>st</sup>); Marlee C., Dylan E., Sharon L., Vikki N. (1<sup>st</sup>); Tagen K. (2<sup>nd</sup>); Nicholas H. (4<sup>th</sup>) **Anniversaries:** (none this week)

### Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Romans (with Pastor Ben) – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym) Tree of Life (Basement Small Group) – Basement Meeting Room A Walk Through the Bible (Women's Group) – Meeting Room near Gym

### Children/Youth Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Children (Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Upstairs Education Wing Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 (christlcms.org/giving).

### Assistive Listening

Christ member Burnell (Bernie) Muhleisen generously donated the funds to provide assistive listening devices to be used in our sanctuary. Additionally, Christ member Darleen Carpenter has also graciously provided the funds to expand the system as needed. Thank you both for these gifts so that others can truly HEAR the good news!

If you would like to use an assistive listening device during our worship service, please pick one up next to the mailboxes in the coffee lobby.

### Reformation Potluck – TODAY!

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

### 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<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending out boxes to them ahead of the advent/Christmas season.

### <u>Trivia Night</u>

Join us for trivia night on Saturday, November  $5^{\text{th}}$ . 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!

### 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.)

### LWML Work Day

Our work day for the month of November will be on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> instead of Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> as our usual schedule would dictate. Thank you for your flexibility!



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

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to guarantee a t-shirt. Contact DCE Amanda for more information.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### TLS Matching Gift Opportunity – Update

Thanks to the generosity of the TLS families and friends, the school has received almost \$11,500 in match gifts! We are less than \$8,000 away from making the goal of raising an additional \$20,000 to match the initial gifts of \$20,000. If you can help, please mail your donation to TLS, or go to *www.topekalutheran.org/donate* to make an online gift. Thank you for your continued support!

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Pray for TLS

Take one of the purple paw print magnets from the coffee lobby. Whenever you see it, use it as a reminder to pray for Topeka Lutheran School!

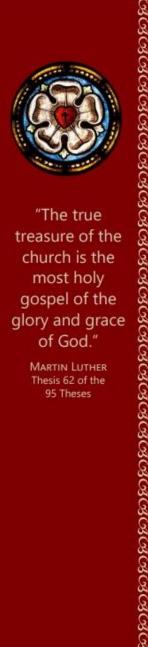
### 2022 Kansas District Reformation Offering

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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., Natalie O., 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), Nick (Hannah M.'s cousin), Dennis L., 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)



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#### The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

### Worship Attendance – Sunday, October 23rd

8:00 AM -- 138 10:30 AM -- 109

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# Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,337
Offerings Received – Week of 10/23	\$ 5,112
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Sept 2022) Offerings Received (Jan-Sept 2022)	325,152 310,963

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**Revelation 14:6** – **"Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people."** During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the "apostle of works. Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.