

Last Sunday of the Church Year November 20, 2022 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



<u>As We Gather</u>

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Please take time to fill out the fellowship pad located near the center aisle in your pew. If you have any prayer requests, feel free to use a prayer request card from the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate after the sermon. (For those joining us online, please contact the church office.) We will include these requests in our prayers during worship and share them with our prayer chain (if desired).

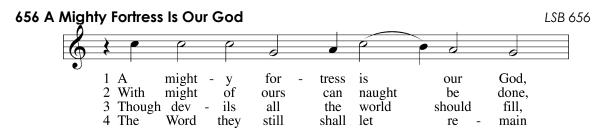
Holy Communion

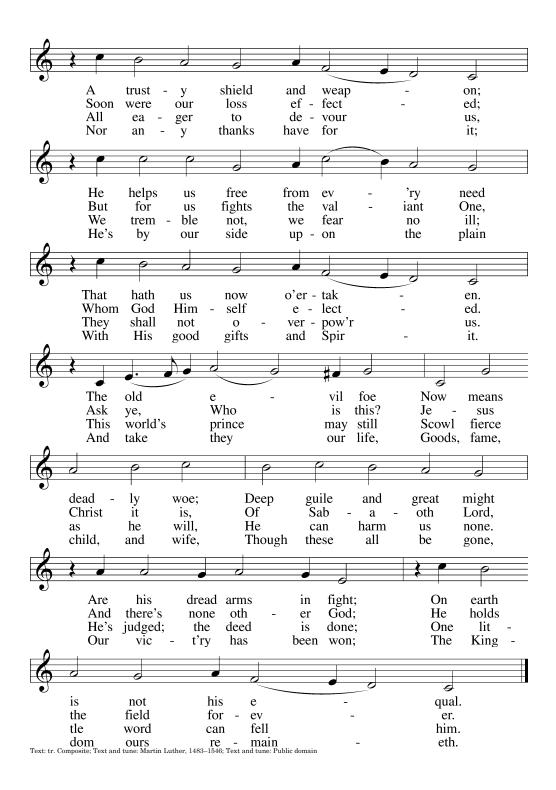
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer





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Divine Service Setting One, page 151

+ Confession and Absolution +

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

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

Invocation

- **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

Matthew 28:19b: 18:20

- **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

- $\ensuremath{\mathbb{P}}$ 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.



Amen.

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Service of the Word

Introit

- **P** Let all the earth fear the LORD;
- **C** let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- **ℙ** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
- **C** who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
- **P** Lift up your hands to the holy place
- **C** and bless the LORD!
- P May the LORD bless you from Zion,
- C he who made heaven and earth! 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.
- \mathbf{P} Let all the earth fear the LORD;
- **C** let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!



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

Gloria in Excelsis

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13–18

A The Old Testament Reading is from Malachi, chapter 3.

¹³"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape."

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We Praise You, O God

Epistle

Colossians 1:13-20

A The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter 1.

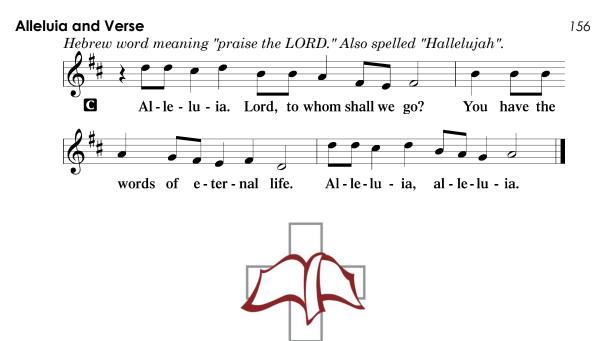
 $^{13}\mathrm{He}$ has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, $^{14}\mathrm{in}$ whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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.

С	I be	lieve	in	one	God,
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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,

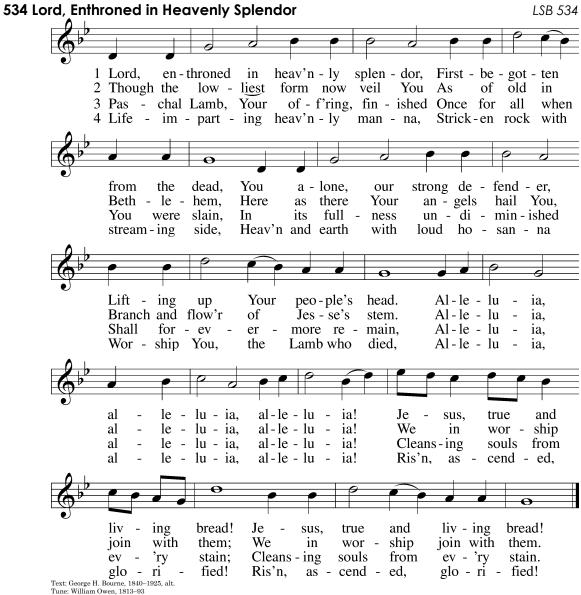
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

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 (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).

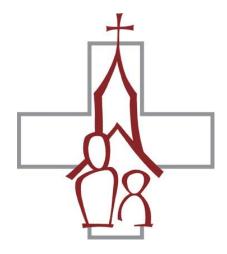
Reception of Member by Profession of Faith (8:00 only)

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Prayer of the Church

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.



1 Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.



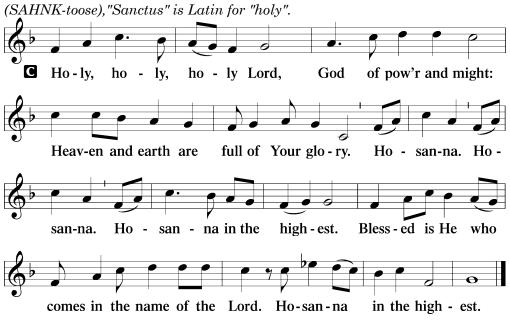
G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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, 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:



Sanctus



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

- **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).

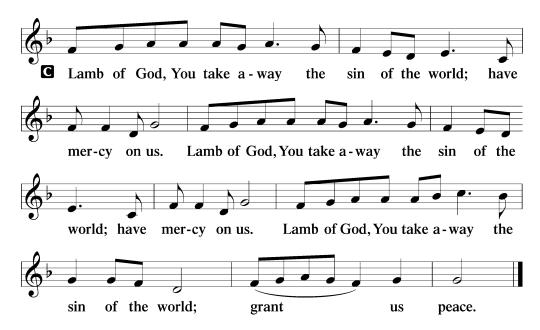
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

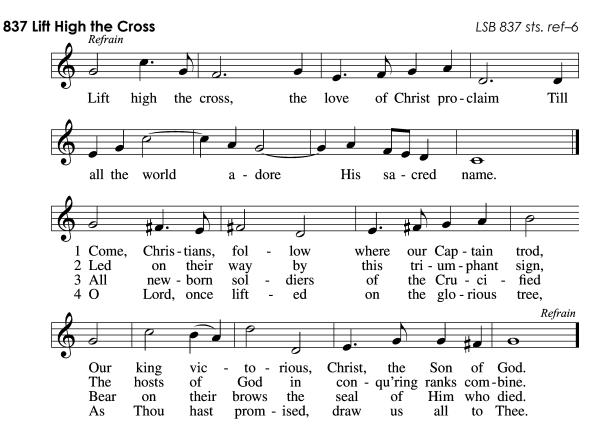
John 1:29 LSB 163

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



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 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt.

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420 Christ, the Life of All the Living LSB 420 1 Christ, the life of all Christ, the death the liv - ing, of 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast on Thee Bonds and stripes, tak - en а 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly my wounds might That 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with Who, Thy - self death, our foe, for giv - ing me once rod: and were heaped up - on cru - el Pain scorn Thee. be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly, all shame-ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee. To the dark - est depths of Through Thy suf - f'rings, woe: Thou sin - less Son God! Thus didst Thou 0 of my Rest to give my wea - rv soul: Yea. the curse of All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou death, and mer - it Ι life in - her - it. e - ter - nal soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er. en - dur - ing, God Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing. with heav'n - ly might - est own me And glo - ry crown me. Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, un - to Thee. Dear-est Je - sus, Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear-est Je - sus. un - to Thee. Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear-est Je - sus, un - to Thee. Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, un - to Thee. Dear-est Je - sus, (continued on next page)

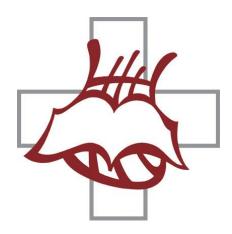


5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high. Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81; (sts. 1–2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 3–4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis Tune: Das grosse Cantional, 1687, Darmstadt Text and tune: Public domain

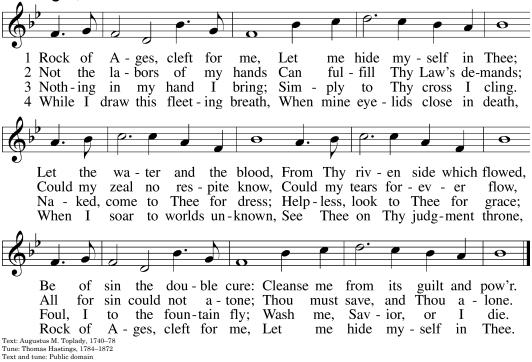


802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise LSB 802 1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i ble, God ly wise, _ on hast - ing, 2 Un - rest - ing, si - lent un and as light, both great 3 To all life Thou giv - est small to and 4 Great Fa - ther Fa - ther light, of glo - ry, of pure light hid In in ces - si ble from _ ac _ our eyes, Nor Thou want - ing, wast - ing, rul - est might; nor in all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all: In dore Thee, Thine an - gels all veil - ing their sight; a -Most bless - ed, glo - rious, An - cient of Days, most the Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves the tree on All laud we would ren - der: 0 help us to see Al - might - y, - to - rious, Thy great vic name praise. we Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love. with - er per - ish naught chang - es And and but Thee. splen - dor 'Tis on - ly the of light that hides Thee. Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt. Tune: Welsh

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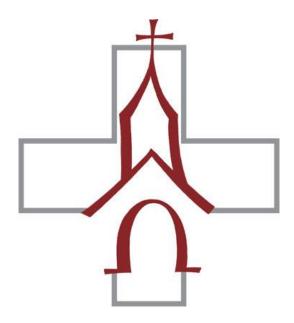


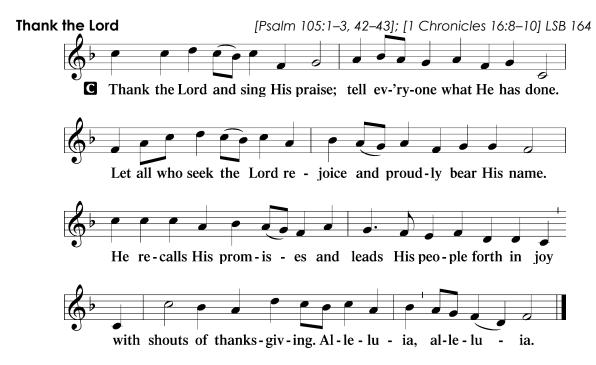
761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



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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

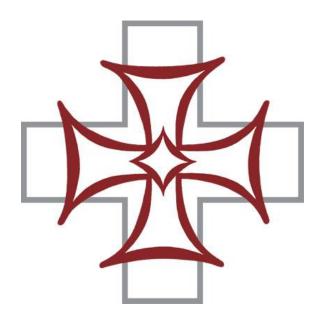
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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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680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise LSB 680 Thine the Thine the praise Al le men 1 а Thine 2 Thine the life e ter nal ly the _ -3 Thine the Thine the Thine the tru ly yes 4 Thine the king -Thine the dom Thine the prize 5 Thine the glo _ ry in the night No more Thine the an - gels raise last - ing head lu - ias ev er prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree ta - ble the guest Thine the all Thee we mer - cy from sur - prise won - der full Thine the ban - quet then the praise Thine the riv - er dv - ing on - ly light Thine the tree Thine Thine the break - ing of the bread the glo - ry Thine the All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the Thine the be Then the ring - ing and the glo - ry vet to Then the ius - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the ho - ly Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly the Then ho - lv Thine Thine the sto - ry the har - vest then the cup rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the Gone the cry sing - ing Then the end the Thine the of all war Then the sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least ho - ly Cel bra - tion - bi - lee Thine the _ e ju _ lift - ed vine-yard then the lift - ed cup is up up. sigh - ing the $d\bar{y}$ - ing what was loss lift - ed high. gone liv - ing Thine the lov - ing - er more ev - er - more. ev won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast. splen-dor Thine the bright - ness Thee on - lv Thee. on - lv

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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday November 20th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)
Monday November 21st		
Tuesday November 22nd	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship Service w/ Communion
Wednesday November 23rd		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday November 24th		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day
Friday November 25th		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday November 26th	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday November 27th	9:15 am	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) Bible Reading Challenge Begins

Celebrating

Birthdays: Willa H. (20th); Carmen C., Shiloh H. (21st); Caleb F. (22nd); Brilyn G., Eddie M. (23rd); Barbara K., Walt M., Paul R. (24th); Jeanette B. (26th)
Baptism Birthdays: Derek H. (20th); Caleb F., Michelle K. (23rd); Hannah A. (25th); Aaron B., Kadie C., Liz H., Jaymee H., Ryan H. (26th); Anna H., Ryan K. (27th)
Anniversaries: (none this week)

-- Announcements --

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 6th grade) – Upstairs Education Wing Youth (7th-12th grades) – Basement Youth Room

Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

The Book of Daniel – Thursdays at 7 PM – Basement (This class does NOT meet on the first Thursday of each month.)

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Our Thanksgiving worship service will be on *Tuesday*, November 22^{nd} at 7:00 PM. Join us as we give thanks!

Advent Meals & Advent Midweek Worship Services

Beginning on Wednesday, November 30th, we will have our weekly 6:00 PM Advent Meals and 7:00 PM Advent Midweek Worship Services. A free will offering will be taken for at Advent Meals, with proceeds going to Christ Youth. Our midweek worship services for this Advent season will have the theme "O Come, Emmanuel." We hope you'll join us!

Advent Devotions

Pick up your FREE devotions for the season at the back of the sanctuary, courtesy of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Both regular print and large print are available.

Children's Christmas Program

It's that time of year again! Practices for our Children's Christmas program have begun during our 9:15 AM Sunday School hour. The program will be on Sunday, December 11th at 10:30 AM. If your child would like to participate, please contact DCE Amanda ASAP!

Poinsettias – LAST DAY TO ORDER!

If you would like to order poinsettias to adorn our altar and sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons, please fill out the green insert from your bulletin and place it in the offering plate with your payment. If paying online through Vanco, please select "Altar Guild" from the list of funds (but still fill out the order form insert). Orders are due by Sunday, November 20th.

-- Announcements --

New Processional Cross

We give thanks to God for our new processional cross! This cross was created by The Center for Liturgical Art at Concordia University in Seward Nebraska, and it was paid for through unrestricted memorial funds that had been previously given to our church. The use of these funds was approved by the Church Council. Please take note that there are different mosaic inserts in the middle of the cross that will change colors to match the season of the church year. Please enjoy this wonderful new addition to our worship space.

Bible Reading Challenge

Our next Bible Reading Challenge is THE BIG ONE – reading the entire Bible in a year! Pick up a reading calendar in the coffee lobby or download from our website. The challenge begins on Sunday, Nov. 27th (the beginning of the church year) – join us!

LWML Work Day

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

Volunteering at Harvesters

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.

Christmas for SLI

LWML is once again supporting SLI this Christmas. They would love your help collecting gifts for the residents. Please bring items by Dec. 7th (unwrapped.) Items needed: Men's and Women's lotions, soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner; Toothpaste, Men's After Shave, Men's socks size 6-10 or 10-13, Men's underwear sizes L or XL; 38-40 Boxers, Women's underwear sizes 7, 8, or 13 OR items from the display board in the coffee lobby. Thank you for your support. If you have questions, please contact LaJean.

TLS Matching Gift Opportunity – Update

Thank you from TLS! A total of \$20,725 in match gifts has been received over the past two months in response to the \$20K Match Gift opportunity; and with the initial \$20,000 donor gifts received, just under **\$41,000 has been directed to TLS for immediate staffing and facility needs.** We thank God for His continued goodness and blessings to TLS and thank you Association Churches of Christ, Faith, and St. John's for your prayers and support.

-- Announcements --

Welcome our New Member

Please welcome Mary Hoyt to our church family here at Christ! Mary has been attending Christ for several months and has now completed new member classes with Pastor Ben, professing her faith during our 8 AM worship service this morning.

Voters Meeting

Mark your calendar! Our annual voters meeting to discuss budget and other topics will be on Sunday, December 4th at 11:45 AM. All members are encouraged to attend!

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), Barbara K., Garry N., Mark (Carol J.'s friend), Wayne B., David (Sondra K.'s son), Kim (friend of the Micheels), Dick H., Penny (Marty K.'s coworker's wife), Betty H., Sammi (Carol J.'s friend's granddaughter), Burnell M., Amber (Carol J.'s niece), Dorothy (Wayne K.'s sister-in-law), Nick (Hannah M.'s cousin), Chris G., Sharon H., Lila N., 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.

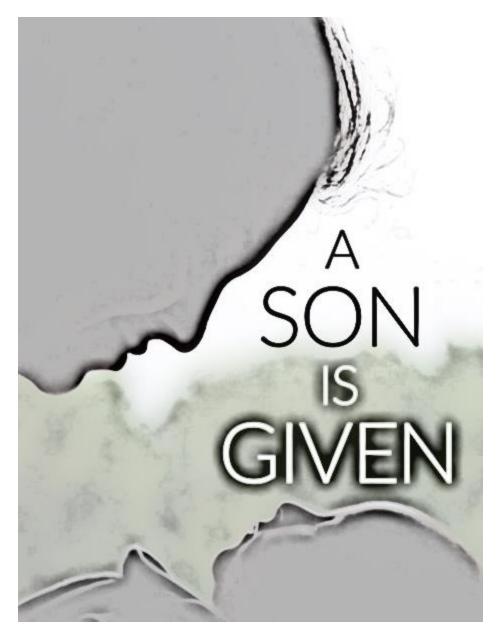


Oh give thanks unto the Lord. for he is good. for his steadfast love endures forever! -- Psalm 100:1 --

Thanksgiving Worship Tuesday, Nov. 22nd 7:00 pm

Christ Lutheran Church - 3509 IV Burlingame Rd. (Topeka)





Free Advent Devotions

(available at the back of the sanctuary)

Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross – Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. "They shall be mine," He says, "and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him" (Mal. 3:17). Jesus' service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining "the distinction between the righteous and the wicked" (Mal. 3:18). He truly is "the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith "weep for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Col. 1:15). "All things were created through him and for him" (Col. 1:16), and "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself "by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:19–20).

<u>Worship Attendance – Sunday, November 13th</u> 8:00 AM -- 67 10:30 AM -- 61

Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,337
Offerings Received – Week of 11/13	\$ 5,734
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Oct 2022)	\$ 400,519
Offerings Received (Jan-Oct 2022)	\$ 353,158
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Colossians 1:18a – "And he is the head of the body, the church." We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.