

Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2023 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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#### As We Gather

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

#### **Holy Communion**

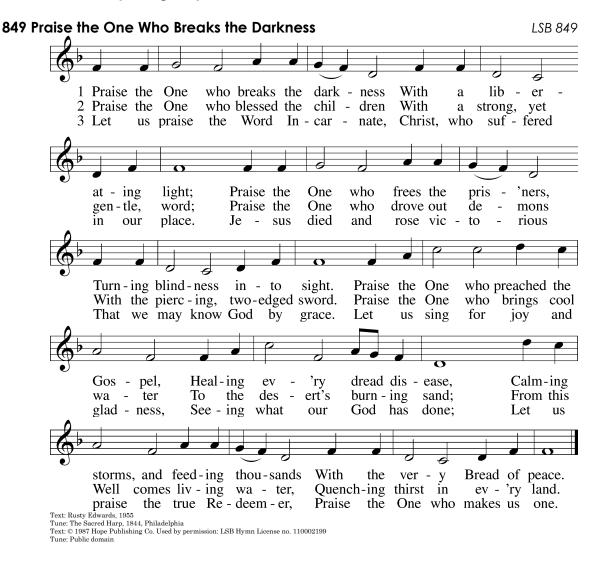
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our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

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

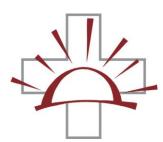
For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.



#### **Welcome and Opening Prayer**



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+ Confession and Absolution +

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

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

**Invocation**Matthew 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.

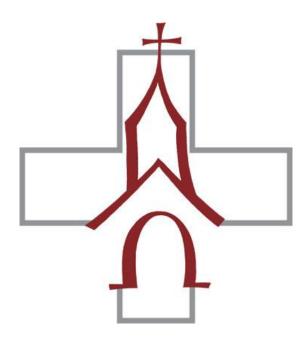
**Absolution** [John 20:19–23] LSB 151

- 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.

#### Introit

Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

- **P** I will tell of your name to my brothers;
- in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
- and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- **P** For kingship belongs to the LORD,
- **C** and he rules over the nations.
- P All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
- before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- P Posterity shall serve him;
- it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- P they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
- that he has done it. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** I will tell of your name to my brothers;
- in the midst of the congregation I will praise 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.







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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**P** The Lord be with you.



#### P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-4

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 9.

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

**A** The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

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Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 4:12–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
16the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

<sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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

## C Praise to You, O Christ.



#### **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.

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.

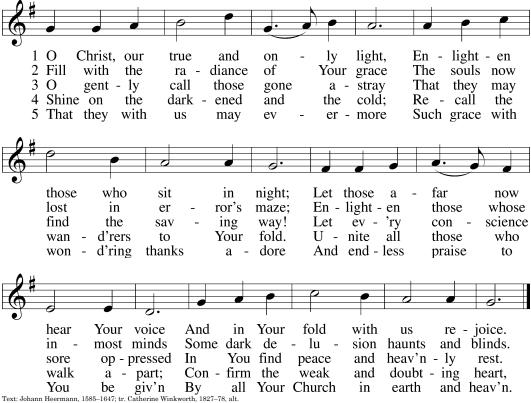
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#### Children's Message

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

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





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#### Sermon

#### Offering

If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving through Vanco at bit.ly/GivingChristLCMS for a one-time or recurring gift. You may also download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app and search for Christ Lutheran Church in Topeka, KS. Direct links and additional information are available on the church website (christlems.org/giving).



For those joining us remotely, you may use the electronic giving methods listed above, or you may mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611).



#### **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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



(SAHNK-toose), "Sanctus" is Latin for "holy".



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

#### C Amen.



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

#### The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini John 20:19 163

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

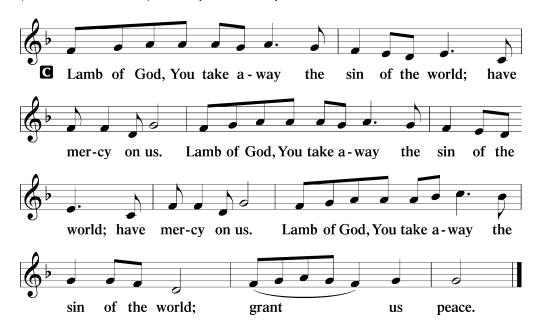
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 163

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

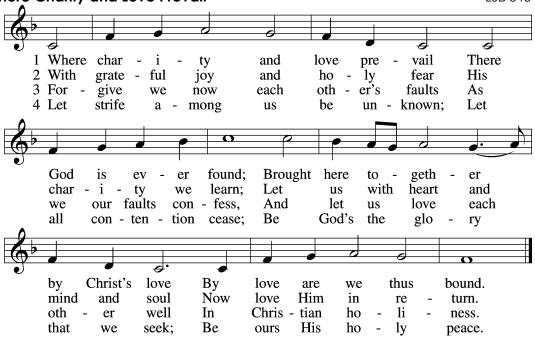


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#### **Distribution**

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





5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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- 1 The Church's one foun da tion Is Je sus Christ, her Lord; 2 E - lect from ev - 'rv na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth:
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, Yet one o'er all the earth; 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion And tu mult of her war 5 Yet she on earth has u nion With God, the Three in One,
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion With God, the Three in One,

She is His new cre - a - tion Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: By schisms rent a - sun - der, She waits the con - sum - ma - tion And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion By wa - ter and the Word. One Lord, one faith, one birth. By her - e - sies dis-tressed, Of peace for - ev - er - more With those whose rest is won.



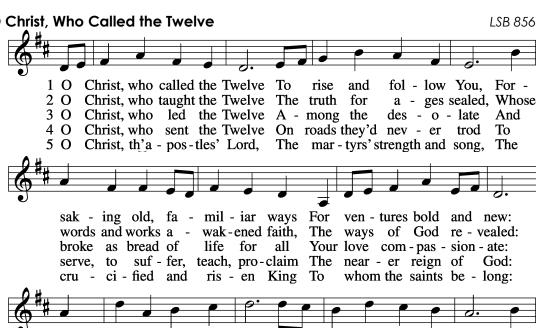
His ho - ly From heav'n He came and sought her To be bride: Par - takes one ho - ly One ho - ly name she bless - es, food. Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, Till bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save 0 us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. hope she press - es And to one With ev - 'ry grace en - dued. And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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Grant to hear Your call us In - struct us now, we pray, Lead us a - long the ways on ways where faith Send Though gen - er - a - tions pass,

To risk se - cu - ri - ty And, ByYour em-pow'r-ing Word. True Where hope has near - ly died And Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty. all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord. teach - er. be for lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied. help us climb the love in-forms and hope sus-tains Both life and min-is - try. hymns a sac - ri fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day? you can-not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,

you can-not be a watch-man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall, 3 If

4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth-ing



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?" You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all. Point-ing out the path to heav-en, Of-f'ring life and peace to all, While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee. can - not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a - larms, With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands; task He gives you glad-ly. Let His work your plea-sure be:



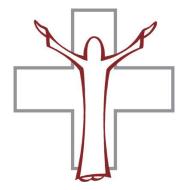
an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? Who will You can lead the lit - tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait - ing arms. You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold-ing up the proph-et's hands. An-swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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#### Stand





**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

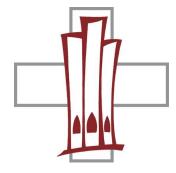


#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





#### **Luther's Morning Prayer**

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

**Benediction**Numbers 6:24–26 166

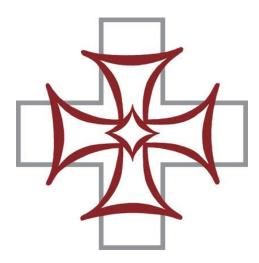
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and 

→ give you peace.



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# -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday January 22nd	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:15 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Jr. Youth (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grades) Youth Group (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades) College/Young Adult Group (ages 18-25)	
Monday January 23rd		National Lutheran Schools Week	
Tuesday January 24th		LWML Work Day Harvesters National Lutheran Schools Week	
Wednesday January 25th	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm		
Thursday January 26th	-	Chair Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study National Lutheran Schools Week	
Friday January 27th	5:00 pm	TLS Chili Supper National Lutheran Schools Week	
Saturday January 28th	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	
Sunday January 29th	9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Movie Day	

#### **Celebrating**

**Birthdays:** Cristy B., Carol J., Preston L., Ike Z. (22<sup>nd</sup>); Jessica D., Kellan G., Cody K. (23<sup>rd</sup>); Stephanie M. (26<sup>th</sup>); Dalton N. (29<sup>th</sup>)

Baptism Birthdays: Cristy B., Harrison F., Trestan W., Billy W. (22nd); John H. (28th);

Cindy F. (29th)

**Anniversaries:** (none this week)

# -- Announcements --

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

Romans (with Pastor Ben) – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym) God's Word for Today: 1, 2, & 3 John (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  $6^{th}$  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.)

#### **Assistive Listening Devices**

If you use one of our devices for Assistive Listening (available in the coffee lobby), please remember to return it to the basket after the service has concluded. We've had a couple of them wander off – if you accidentally brought one home, please bring it back with you next Sunday. Thank you!

#### Lost & Found

Missing something? We have a few coats, jackets, and a box of other odds and ends that have been hanging out in our Lost & Found (near the coffee lobby doors by the coat rack) for quite some time. Please take a look and see if we found something of yours!

Any items that are not claimed by Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> will be packed up and donated.

#### **Harvesters - THIS TUESDAY!**

Anyone ages 8 and older can volunteer with us at Harvesters! Our next date is Tuesday, January  $24^{\rm th}$  from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Please RSVP to Amanda, as slots are limited.

## TLS Chili Supper - THIS FRIDAY!

The annual TLS Chili Supper will be on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Topeka Lutheran School. Donations for food and raffle items are much appreciated – more info on Christ's website (christlems.org).

#### **Movie Day**

All are welcome to join us next Sunday (January 29<sup>th</sup>) after worship services for pizza and a movie in the gym! If you would like to sit on something other than folding chairs, please bring that with you.

# -- Announcements --

#### Valentine's Day Card Service Project

Join us in the gym after worship services on Sunday, Feb.  $12^{\rm th}$  – we will be making Valentines for both our homebound/shut-in members as well as residents of local care facilities. Lunch and craft supplies will be provided. All ages & skill-levels are welcome!

#### **Muffins for Missions Bake Sale**

Mark your calendar – our Muffins for Missions bake sale will be the morning of Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Our goal this year is to raise \$1000 for Lifeline Pregnancy Center here in Topeka. If we meet that goal, we will also receive \$1000 in matching funds from the Kansas District LCMS Office, and then we can apply to match that \$2000 through the Synod's Life Grant – making a potential grand total of \$4000 for Lifeline! Sign up to bring baked goods on the bulletin board in the coffee lobby.

#### Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., 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), 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., Burnell M., Dorothy (Wayne K.'s sister-in-law), Nick (Hannah M.'s cousin), Chris G., Sharon H., Lila N., Mike (Shawn H.'s friend), Darleen C., Kendra M., 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 Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon "the people who walked in darkness" and "who dwelt in a land of deep darkness" (Is. 9:2). He also has "multiplied the nation" and "increased its joy" (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be "fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people" (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides "those who are perishing" from "us who are being saved" (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, "in the same mind and the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10).

#### Worship Attendance - Sunday, Jan. 15th

8:00 AM -- 91 10:30 AM -- 76

# **Stewardship Corner**

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,945
Offerings Received – Week of 1/15	\$ 4,984
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Dec 2022 )	\$ 433,539
Offerings Received (Jan-Dec 2022)	\$ 418,505

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Matthew 4:20 – "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.