EASTER SUNDAY

"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HAS RISEN."

LUKE 24:5-6

The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday April 9, 2023 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



As We Gather

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



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

■ 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

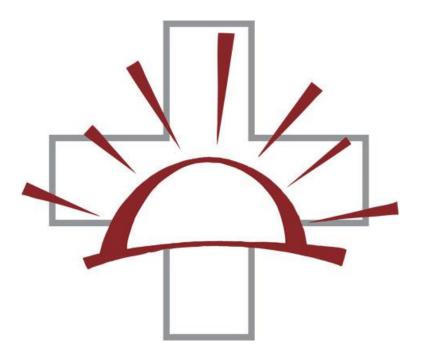
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

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Service of the Word

Introit

- **P** I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
- **C** the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- **P** The LORD is my strength and my song,
- **C** and he has become my salvation.
- P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
- **C** your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- **P** You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
- **G** you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- P You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
- **C** the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
- **P** the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
- C The LORD will reign forever and ever. 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 sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
- **C** the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.



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 God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

P The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 31.

¹"At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people."

²Thus says the LORD:
"The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,
³the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines Jeremiah 31:1–6

and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ⁶Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4

P The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter 3.

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Luke 24:1-12

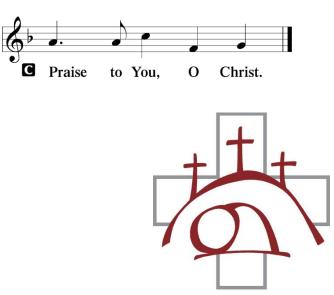
Holy Gospel

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



¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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.

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

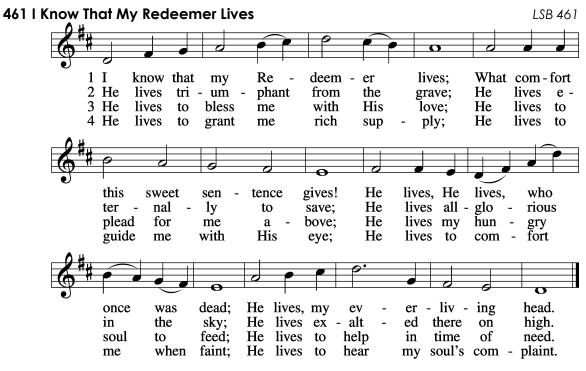
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

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



- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

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- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Sermon

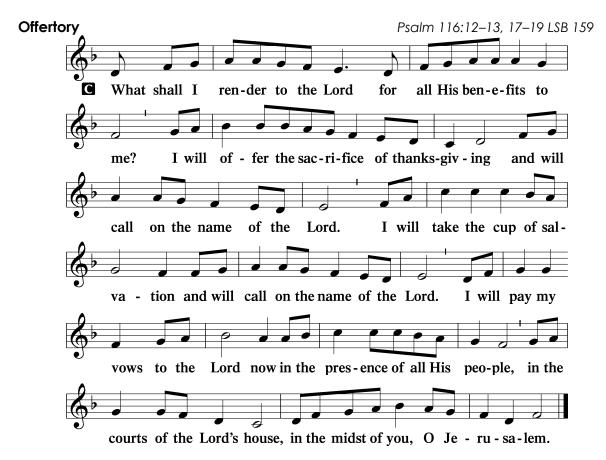
Offering

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."**

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

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

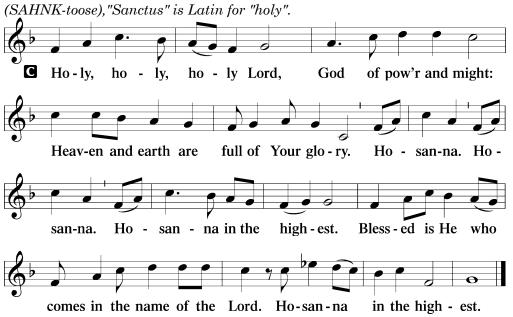


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

▶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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).

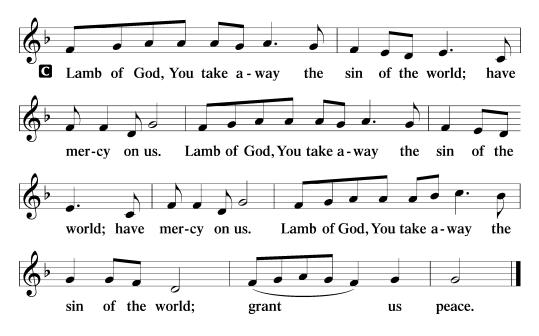
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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.

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



463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia the Lord is ris'n to - day; 1 Christ Al le - lu 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al le - lu _ _ the vic-tim 3 Hail. un - de - filed, Al le - lu _ _ 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - lv day, Al le lu _

> Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al lu ia! le sin - ner's stead. Sin - less in the Al ia! le lu God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al le lu ia! _ _ All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al le lu ia! -Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al le - lu ia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al le - lu ia! _ _ When con - tend - ing death and life, A1 le - lu ia! _ Christ the Lord is ris'n on high: Al le - lu ia! _ -At pas - chal vic - tim's feet. the Al le - lu ia! lives, no Now He more to die. Al le - lu ia! awe - some strife. Met in strange and Al le - lu _ ia! _ Now He lives, no more Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt. A1 more to die. le - lu _ ia!

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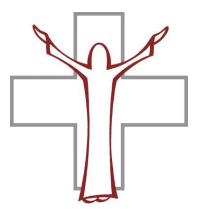
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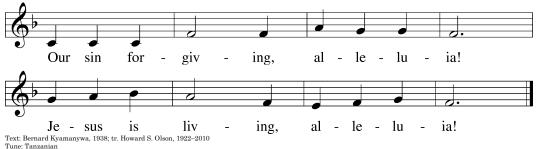
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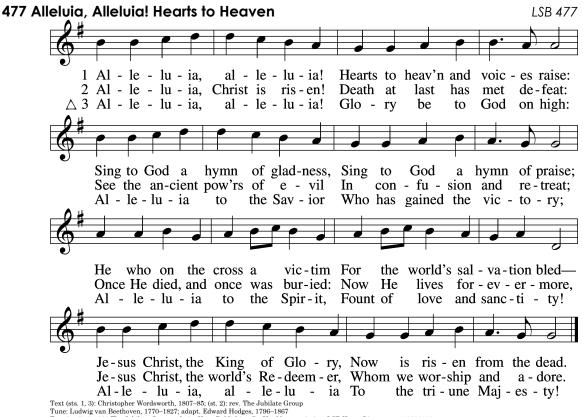
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- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
 Foll'wing our exalted Head.
 Made like Him, like Him we rise;
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n! Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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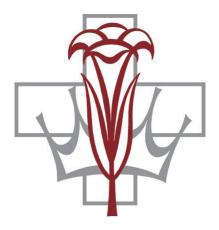


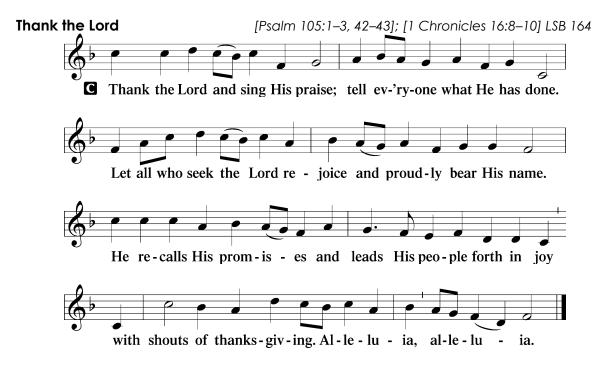


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Dismissal





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

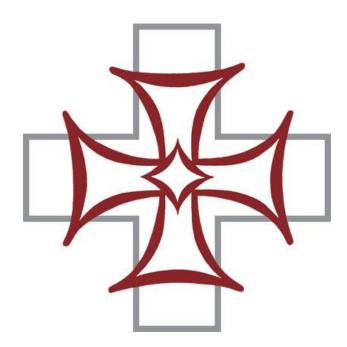
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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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JOLENE BALCH – IN MEMORY OF HERB & ENOLA MEYERHOFF. GLEN & MILDRED BALCH ANN-MARIF BEVEL - IN HONOR OF TLS TEACHERS AND STAFF WAYNE & LINDA BRADLEY – IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS. WAYNE'S SISTER. LINDA'S BROTHER. AND THEIR GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER PATRICK & NORLINDA CAMPBELL – IN MEMORY OF ZACHARY. VILLAMOR. NESTOR. NOLAN GINGER CHANG – IN MEMORY OF RUU CHANG. IN HONOR OF HIS 100th birthday JUDY & BOB CRITES - IN HONOR OF ALL OUR FAMILY EDDIE & CONNIE DAWSON – IN MEMORY OF EDWARD SR. & ANN DAWSON LYNNE DRYFR & CHASE FORD - IN MEMORY OF LURA LEE DRYFR JOHN & DARIA HART – IN HONOR OF THE FAMILIES OF UKRAINE ALAN HILL & RANDY HILL – IN MEMORY OF JANICE HILL & GREG PIERSON THE HOLMER FAMILY - IN MEMORY OF TERRY HOLMER MATT & MELLANG - IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES GONE BEFORE US WAYNE KELLNER AND FAMILY – IN MEMORY OF BARBARA KELLNER DENNIS & GLENNA LEMKE – IN HONOR OF FAMILY WALT & KENDRA MALONE – IN MEMORY OF WALT & WILMA BRANDES. GERALDINE ROSS. DEWITT MALONE GLADYS NEUHAUS – IN MEMORY OF ALLEN AND KENNETH ROBERT PARKER – IN MEMORY OF MARJEAN PARKER MARSHA SMITH – IN HONOR OF HEATHER SNYDER, JACLYNN SAATHOFF, ADAM SMITH SCOTT & ANDREA VAN GENDEREN – IN HONOR OF COY & MERIDITH HOWARD GENEVIEVE WYMORE – IN MEMORY OF CHARLES WYMORE

The Altar Guild thanks you for your support!

-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday April 9th	8:00 & 10:30 am	Easter Sunrise Worship Service Easter Sunday Worship Service w/ Communion Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt
		Easter Sunday
Monday April 10th		
Tuesday April 11th	2:00 pm	LWML Meeting
Wednesday April 12th	5:30 pm	Confirmation WWF Pastor's Bible Study – NEW NIGHT!
Thursday April 13th	6:00 pm	Chair Aerobics Christian Skate Night at Sk8away Elders Meeting
Friday April 14th		
Saturday April 15th		Women's Monthly Bible Study at Arloa's home Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday April 16th		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)

Celebrating

Birthdays: Stacy H. (9th); Carley B., Elizabeth P. (10th); Eli M. (11th); Isaac R. (12th); Brooklyn B. (13th); Chelsea M., Larry R. (14th); Leola P. (16th)

Baptism Birthdays: Evelyn L. (9th); Phylis B., Robyn F. (10th); Phil B., Connie D. (11th); Charlie P., Barrett W. (12th); Sharon B., Carlos B., Kylie G., Taylor H., Damien O., Jaylen O., Eric T. (13th); Larry R. (14th); Nick J. (15th); Brooklyn B., Sharon H., Cassidy K., Sara P. (16th)

Anniversaries: Brian & Kelly G. (12th); David & Chris G. (14th); Patrick & Jennifer C. (16th)

-- Announcements --

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am) - RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY

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) - RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY

Children (Pre-K through 6^{th} grade) – Upstairs Education Wing Youth (7^{th} - 12^{th} grades) – Basement Youth Room

Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

Luke - Wednesdays at 7 PM - Basement (Now on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays!)

Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on this morning for a light breakfast prepared by the ladies of LWML (featuring muffins, casseroles, and more) in the Schemm Family Life Center (gym) at 9:15 AM, followed by our Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

WWF is Back!

Now that our Wednesday evening Lent meals have concluded, Weekly Wednesday Fellowship (WWF) is back! Join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Bring a dish to share for our potluck dinner, and stay for games and fellowship with your church family. All ages are welcome!

Christian Skate Night

Join us at Sk8away this Thursday evening at 6 PM for Christian Skate Night! \$5 admission includes skate rental.

State of the Church Lunch & Voters' Meeting

On Sunday, April 23rd, we will be having a "State of the Church" lunch and voters' meeting in the gym after worship services have concluded (around 11:45 AM). The elders will grill up some tasty food for us, while church council and the building committee will provide updates for the congregation. All members are encouraged to attend.

We will be voting on revisions to our church constitution and bylaws. These revisions are available for review in the coffee lobby and church office (look for the 3-ring binder), as well as the on the password-protected "Members" page of our website. (Please contact the church office if you do not have the password.) We will also vote on minor changes to the planned construction project in the sanctuary.

-- Announcements --

<u>Harvesters</u>

Anyone ages 8 and older can volunteer with us at Harvesters! Our next date is Tuesday, April 18th at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to Amanda Adams, as slots are sometimes limited.

Crop at Christ

You are invited to a "Crop" (scrapbooking and cardmaking) event here at Christ on Saturday, May 6th. Cost is \$20, which includes a free Make & Take item. 100% of the fees will benefit the Schaefer Scholarship Fund. Questions, RSVP's, and payment should be directed to Ann-Marie Bevel.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Save the date! Our next blood drive will be Thursday, May 25th. We will once again have a free hot meal for our volunteers and donors – enjoy lasagna (plus something sweet for dessert). To make your life-saving appointment call 800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: TopekaCLC).

Vacation Bible School

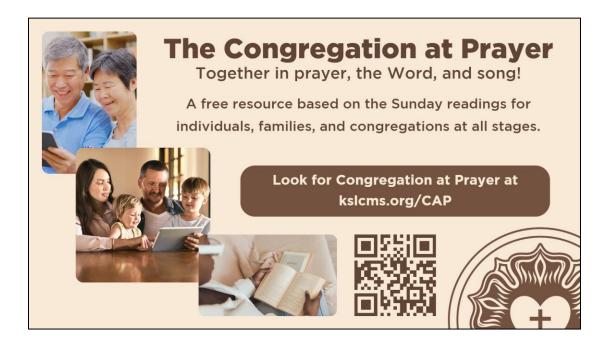
Mark your calendar! VBS will be June 12-16, 2023. This year's theme is "God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace." Children entering kindergarten through 5th grades can enroll as students, and youth entering 6th grade and up can sign up as helpers! (We could use some adult volunteers, as well.) As always, VBS at Christ is free of charge. We hope you'll join us! Registration is now open through our website (christlcms.org/vbs).



-- Announcements --

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), Vikki N., Matt N., Virginia C., Evelyn (mother of Sandy S.), Ted M., 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), Sharon H., Lila N., Mike (Shawn H.'s friend), Darleen C., Kendra M., Brandon B., Dennis L., Bob H., Marsha S., James (father-in-law of Norlinda C.), 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.



State of the Church Lunch & Voters' Meeting Sunday, April 23 -- 11:45 AM

Meet in the gym -- the elders will grill up lunch for us. We will vote on revisions to our constitution and bylaws, as well as minor changes from the building committee . All members are encouraged to attend.



The Victory of Christ Crucified Is Given to You in the Preaching of His Resurrection

Every Sunday is the Lord's day, the day of His resurrection, "after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week" (Matt. 28:1). In the Divine Service, the Church enters upon the eternal "eighth day." The Lord Jesus, "who was crucified," who "has risen, as he said" (Matt. 28:5–6), is the firstborn from the dead and the firstfruits of the new creation. Because "you have died" with Him in Holy Baptism, "you have been raised with Christ" and "your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1, 3). The Lord Jesus has become our God, as surely as He is "the God of all the clans of Israel," and we now belong to His people (Jer. 31:1). In this, He "shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34), but "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43). As "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power" and "raised him on the third day," He also raises us up and pours out His Spirit upon us through the Gospel (Acts 10:38, 40).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, Apr. 2nd

8:00 AM --103 10:30 AM -- 70

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Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,945
Offerings Received – Week of 4/2	\$ 10,137
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Mar 2023)	\$ 116,285
Offerings Received (Jan-Mar 2023)	\$ 107,571

John 20:16 – "**Jesus said to her, 'Mary.**" Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!