

NOW WE KNOW THAT WHATEVER THE LAW SAYS  
IT SPEAKS TO THOSE WHO ARE UNDER THE LAW,  
SO THAT EVERY MOUTH MAY BE STOPPED, AND THE  
WHOLE WORLD MAY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD.

ROMANS 3:19



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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 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

### 349 Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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## Divine Service Setting Four, page 203

### ✠ 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

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13* 203

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession of Sins

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- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

### Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

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

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

- P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**C** **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**  
**P** I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
**C** **my God, in whom I trust."**  
**P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
**C** **the Most High, who is my refuge—**  
**P** no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**C** **no plague come near your tent.**  
**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** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**C** **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47 204

*A Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy!" A brief prayer not only imploring God's mercy but rejoicing in it through Jesus Christ.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;

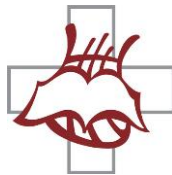


We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*“Salutation” is a word from Latin meaning, “to salute” or “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.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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## Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Zechariah, chapter 9.

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3.

<sup>9</sup>What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, <sup>10</sup>as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

<sup>11</sup>no one understands;

no one seeks for God.

<sup>12</sup>All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good,

not even one.”

<sup>13</sup>“Their throat is an open grave;

they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

<sup>14</sup>“Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

<sup>15</sup>“Their feet are swift to shed blood;

<sup>16</sup>in their paths are ruin and misery,

<sup>17</sup>and the way of peace they have not known.”

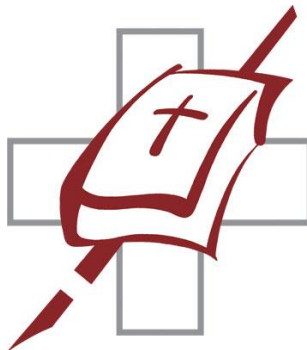
<sup>18</sup>“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



## Alleluia and Verse

### Alleluia


205




**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Verse

John 20:31 LSB 205



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

### Alleluia

205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- 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.**

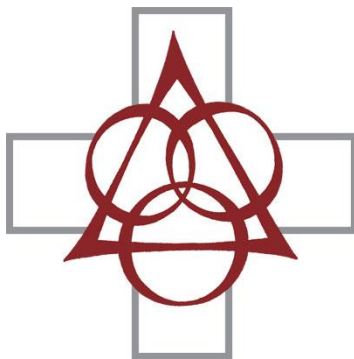
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

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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.*



## 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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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](https://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](https://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).*

### Stand

### Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

*At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, “Lord, in Your mercy,” to which the congregation will respond, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

**P** ...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 208

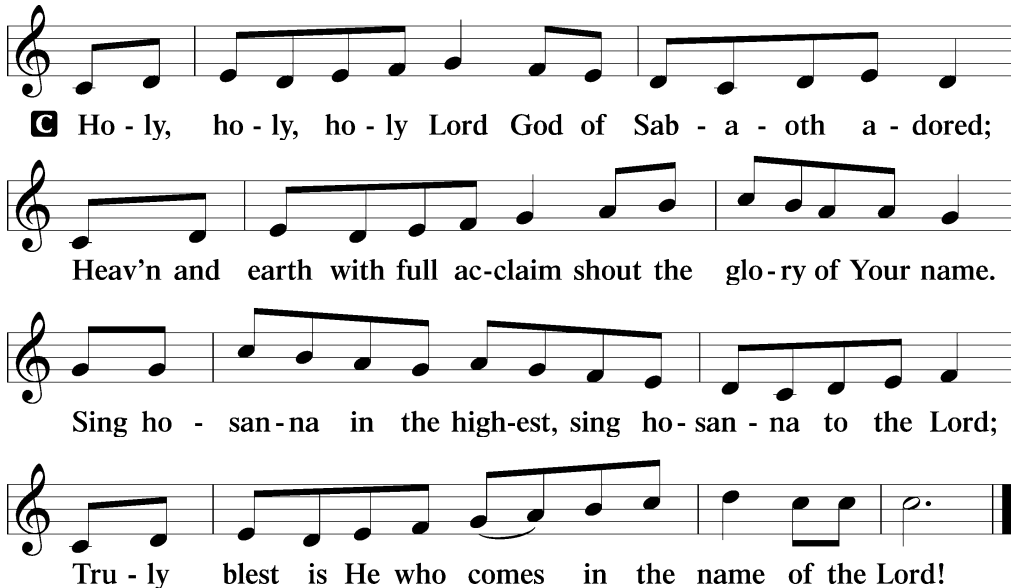
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 208

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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

- 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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

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

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29 LSB 210*

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

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## 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.*

## 752 Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der  
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let  
dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His  
be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -  
noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend  
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of

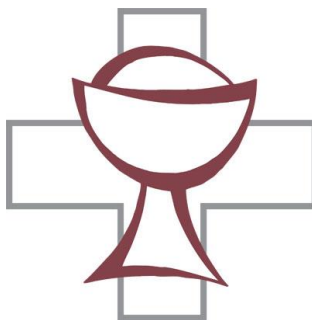


lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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## 832 Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

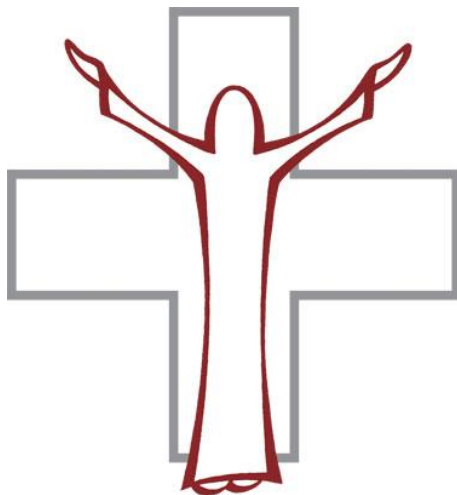


ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es  
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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# 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB 684



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,  
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
 But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
 But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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*Stand*



# Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32 LSB 211

(*NUNK dih-MIH-tuss*). Latin for “now [let your servant] depart,” from the Song of Simeon.



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.



## 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.

**C** Amen.

## Luther's Morning Prayer

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

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1 LSB 212*

*(beh-neh-dih-KAH-moose), Latin for "bless we [the Lord]." We give thanks to God for everything He has done for us in Jesus Christ.*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.*

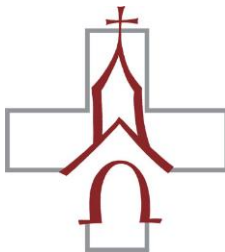
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*



# 605 Father Welcomes

LSB 605

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



*Refrain*

Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a - gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

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## -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday July 9	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am 11:45 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Sunday School (children & adults) Potluck Meal Ice Cream Social & Pie Auction College/Yong Adult Group (ages 18-25)
Monday July 10		
Tuesday July 11	2:00 pm 6:30 pm	LWML Meeting Elders Meeting
Wednesday July 12	10:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Women's Morning Bible Study July Fellowship Night (Potluck, Games, Paint) Pastor's Bible Study
Thursday July 13	2:00 pm	Chair Aerobics
Friday July 14	5:30 pm	Neighborhood Block Party
Saturday July 15	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday July 16	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Sunday School (children), Voters' Meeting

### **Celebrating**

**Birthdays:** KeyShawn S. (9<sup>th</sup>); Tracy C., Karlee G. (12<sup>th</sup>); Anna H., Brett N., Charlotte R., Cherie S. (14<sup>th</sup>); Marsha A. (15<sup>th</sup>); Nichole B., Amy W. (16<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Nancy G. (9<sup>th</sup>); Tara S. (11<sup>th</sup>); Preston L. (12<sup>th</sup>); Remington F., Antonio N. (13<sup>th</sup>); Ruth B. (14<sup>th</sup>); Rene A., Lois N., Scott V. (16<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Michael & Alicia B. (14<sup>th</sup>)

# -- 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<sup>th</sup> grade) – Upstairs Education Wing  
Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Basement Youth Room

## **Women's Morning Bible Study**

Leaning on Jesus – Wednesdays at 10 AM – Coffee Lobby (Kids can play in gym.)

## **Pastor's Midweek Bible Study**

Luke – Wednesdays at 6 PM – Basement (*Please note new time!*)

## **Potluck + Ice Cream Social/Pie Auction – TODAY!**

Join us in the gym on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>! LWML will host a potluck meal after worship services conclude (11:45 AM). Please bring a main dish or side to share. Dessert will be served by Christ Youth at their Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction (1 PM).

Enjoy vanilla ice cream and our sundae bar, and stay for the fun and excitement of our pie auction! **We'll even auction off a special whipped cream pie – the winner will get to give Pastor Ben a pie in the face!** Proceeds of the free will offering and pie auction will help offset costs for Christ Youth attending upcoming district and national youth gatherings.

If you would like to bring a pie for the auction, please sign up on the bulletin board in the coffee lobby.

## **Voters' Meeting**

All members are encouraged to attend a congregational voters' meeting on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM, during the Sunday School hour. At our last voters' meeting, the voters agreed that we (as a congregation) can begin the necessary preparations for starting the call process for an Associate Pastor (to work in addition to Pastor Ben) as we continue to grow as a church. This meeting will address one of those steps, making revisions to our constitution and bylaws.

## **Survey – Pastoral Characteristics**

The Pastoral Characteristics Survey is another necessary step as we prepare to start the call process for an Associate Pastor. Please fill out this survey on our website ([christlcms.org](http://christlcms.org)) or pick up a paper copy in the coffee lobby.

# -- Announcements --

## **Call Committee**

The Call Committee is the group of members from Christ tasked with looking through potential seminary candidates and (with prayerful consideration) finding our new Associate Pastor. The Call Committee is appointed by the Head Elder and the President of the Congregation. If you are interested in being a member of this committee, please contact John Hart (Head Elder) or Charles Hartman (President of the Congregation). Not all interested parties will be able to be on the committee, but all will be considered.

## **July Fellowship Night – Potluck, Games, and Paint**

WWF is on a break for the summer, but the food and fun will continue! Join us on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> for a potluck dinner at 5:30 PM, followed by your choice of games or a Bob Ross paint-along! If you would like to participate in the painting project, please sign up on the bulletin board in the coffee lobby or contact the church office – we need an approximate head count for supplies. All ages are welcome!

## **Neighborhood Block Party**

Mark your calendar! We're hosting a neighborhood block party here at Christ on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 7 PM. We'll have free burgers and hot dogs, as well as yard games and a bounce house on site!

We need volunteers! We will be distributing door hangers to our neighbors ahead of the event, and we also need helpers for the event itself. Please sign up in the coffee lobby.

## **Touch a Truck**

Save the date! Our third annual Touch a Truck event will be on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 11 AM here in the church parking lot.

## **LERT Training**

If our Touch a Truck event at Christ isn't your thing, the LCMS Kansas District is offering the opportunity to sign up for Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Individuals (ages 14+) can train as volunteers to serve in Disaster Response and/or Critical Incidents scenarios.

LERT Basic Training

Herington Retreat Center

475 Trail Rd.

Herington, KS

Registration: \$25 for 6 hours of training

Register: [lcms-lert.org](http://lcms-lert.org)

## -- Announcements --

### Dillons Community Rewards

Christ is now enrolled in the Dillons Community Rewards program! To participate, you must sign into your digital account for your Dillons card. You can search for our organization by name (Christ Lutheran Church LCMS) or enter our non-profit organization (NPO) number – LD157. Select our name from the list and hit “save.” Once you have designated Christ as your organization of choice, we will receive a small donation from Kroger each time you scan your Dillons card. We have included a link on our website’s homepage ([christlcms.org](http://christlcms.org)) for your convenience.

### 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., Betty H., Dorothy (Wayne K.’s sister-in-law), Nick (Hannah M.’s cousin), Sharon H., Lila N., Darleen C., Brandon B., Dennis L., Marsha S., James (father-in-law of Norlinda C.), Craig R., Craig R. II, 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 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.

*Pray* WITHOUT  
CEASING



*Sunday, July 9th*

*11:45 AM - Potluck Meal*

*(bring a main dish or side to share)*

*1:00 PM - Pie Auction  
& Ice Cream Social*

*Proceeds from free will offering  
and pie auction will help offset costs  
for Christ Youth attending upcoming  
district and national youth gatherings.*

*Thank you for your support!*



**JULY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT:  
POTLUCK, GAMES, AND PAINT  
-- WEDNESDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 PM --**

**ALL AGES  
WELCOME!**



**SIGN UP IN THE  
COFFEE LOBBY!**

Join us at Christ Lutheran Church  
(3509 SW Burlingame Road) for a

# NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

**FRIDAY, JULY 14  
5 PM - 7 PM**

Free burgers and hot dogs!  
Yard games and bounce house on site!

*In the event of rain/inclement weather, we will use the church gym.  
Christ Lutheran is a smoke-free and alcohol-free campus.*



**Christ Lutheran Church**  
*The Forgiveness Place*

*For more information,  
please visit us online at  
[www.christicms.org](http://www.christicms.org)  
or contact the church office  
at (785) 266-6263.*

**Free event! Free snacks!  
Free book for the first 100 kids!**

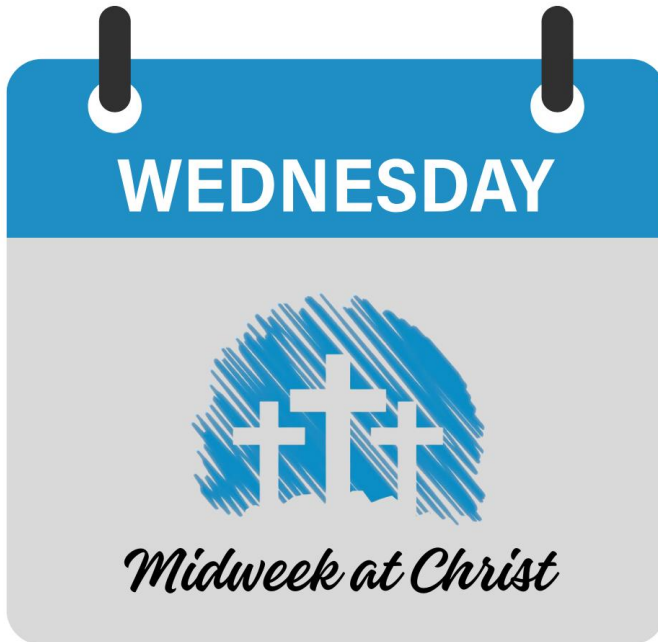
# Touch a Truck

**First Saturday in August  
9 AM to 11 AM**



**Christ Lutheran Church**  
3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka  
[www.christicms.org](http://www.christicms.org)





*-- Every Wednesday --*  
*(Begins Fall 2023)*

*4:00 pm - Confirmation*

*5:15 pm - Meal*

*5:55 pm - Worship*

*6:05 pm - Classes/Bible Study*

*7:00 pm - Children's Choir*

*7:20 pm - Adult Choir*

***Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest***

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find “another law waging war” in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we “*desire to do what is right,*” but we are not able to do so because “*nothing good*” dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). “*Thanks be to God,*” therefore, “*through Jesus Christ our Lord,*” who delivers us from “*this body of death*” (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes “*righteous and having salvation*” (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us “*free from the waterless pit,*” and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we “*labor and are heavy laden,*” He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are “*wise and understanding,*” but by the “*gracious will*” of God the Father, whom “*the Son chooses to reveal*” in love (Matt. 11:25–27).

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**Worship Attendance – Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 AM – 69

10:30 AM – 66

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**Stewardship Corner**

<b><i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i></b>	<b>\$ 8,945</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received – Week of 7/2</i></b>	<b>\$ 10,450</b>
<b><i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Jun 2023)</i></b>	<b>\$ 232,570</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received (Jan-Jun 2023)</i></b>	<b>\$ 210,057</b>
<b><i>Building Fund Offerings Received – Week of 7/2</i></b>	<b>\$ 3,205</b>

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**Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”** Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!