

I KNOW THAT WHEN I COME TO YOU
I WILL COME IN THE FULLNESS
OF THE BLESSING OF CHRIST.

ROMANS 15:29



ROMANS: The Theology of the Gospel

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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Welcome and Opening Prayer

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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

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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.

Stand

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b [18:20] LSB 203

A 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 LSB 203

A Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

A 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.**

A Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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

LSB 203

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

Absolution

A Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalms 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: v. 1

- A** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**
A Enter not into judgment with your servant,
C **for no one living is righteous before you.**
A I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
C **I ponder the work of your hands.**
A I stretch out my hands to you;
C **my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**
A Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
C **Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**
A For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
C **In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**
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.
A Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 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.


Kyrie Eleison

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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 - shipped 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.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

1-2-3 (10:30 only)

Children's Choir

Children's Message (10:30 only)

Matthew 19:14; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

A The Old Testament Reading is from Zephaniah, chapter 1.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill."

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,

near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 15:14–33

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 15.

¹⁴I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. ¹⁵But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God ¹⁶to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. ¹⁸For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else’s foundation, ²¹but as it is written,

“Those who have never been told of him will see,
and those who have never heard will understand.”

²²This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. ²³But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, ²⁴I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. ²⁵At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. ²⁶For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. ²⁷They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in

their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. ²⁸When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. ²⁹I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

³⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, ³¹that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³²so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. ³³May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

205

Hebrew word meaning "praise the LORD." Also spelled "Hallelujah".



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

LSB 205



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

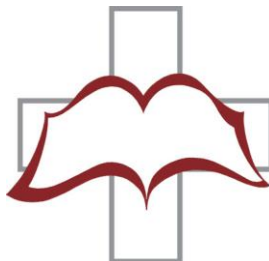
A The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

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.**

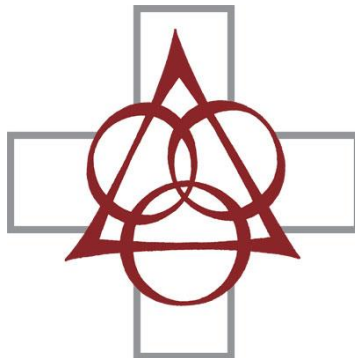
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Children's Message (8:00 only)

Matthew 19:14; Luke 18:16

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at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Message.*



411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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).



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.**"*

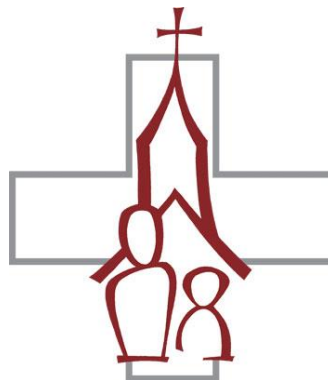
- A** ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit (8:00 only)

1-2-3 (8:00 only)

Children's Choir

Stand



Lord's Prayer

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

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.

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 103:1 212

(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.

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 212

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

A 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.

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.
 Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one;
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 “O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday November 19	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service Sunday School (children & adults) <i>Poinsettia Order Deadline</i> <i>Kansas District Youth Gathering</i>
Monday November 20		
Tuesday November 21	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship Service w/ Communion
Wednesday November 22		NO MIDWEEK
Thursday November 23		OFFICE CLOSED <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
Friday November 24		OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday November 25	10:00 am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
Sunday November 26	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 4:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Jr. Youth (4 th -6 th grades) Youth Group (7 th -12 th grades) College/Young Adult group (ages 18-25) <i>Bible Reading Challenge Q4 Prizes</i>

Celebrating

Birthdays: Dustin B., Cindy F. (19th); Carmen C., Shiloh H. (21st); Caleb F. (22nd); Brilyn G., Eddie M. (23rd); Walt M., Paul R. (24th); Jeanette B. (26th)

Baptism Birthdays: Dustin B. (19th); Caleb F., Michelle K. (23rd); Aaron B., Kadie C., Liz H., Ryan H. (26th)

Anniversaries: Jerry & Emagene M. (19th)

-- Announcements --

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Placed for a Purpose (with Pastor Ben) – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym)
A Walk Through the Bible (Women's Group) – Meeting Room near Gym

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

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

Midweek at Christ (Wednesday)

4:00 pm – Confirmation (6th, 7th, 8th grades)
5:15 pm – Meal (Free!)
5:55 pm – Worship (Brief service including prayer and a Bible reading)
6:05 pm – Classes (Christian education for all ages)
7:00 pm – Choir

Saturday Bible Studies

9:30 am monthly – Women's Bible Study (contact LaJean Rinker or the church office)
10:00 am weekly – Men's Zoom Bible Study (contact Eric Turner or the church office)



-- Announcements --

Worship Services on 11/19

Please note that there will not be communion during our worship services today. Pastor Ben is leading the worship service at the Kansas District Youth Gathering.

Poinsettia Orders – DEADLINE IS TODAY!

It's time to place your poinsettia orders! Please use the green form in the bulletin to order poinsettias to adorn our altar and sanctuary throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please place the form in the offering plate with your payment. If you are paying online through Vanco, please still turn in the green form, and indicate on it that you are paying online. Order deadline is Sunday, November 19th. The Altar Guild thanks you for your support!

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Our Thanksgiving worship service will be this TUESDAY, November 21st at 7 PM. Join us as we give thanks!

Children's Christmas Program

We'd love to have your child join us for our Children's Christmas Program! Rehearsals begin have begun during Sunday School and will continue each Sunday through Dec. 3rd, with a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 10 AM. The program will be held Sunday, December 10 at 10:30 AM (with a potluck meal to follow). Please contact Amanda Adams ASAP if your child plans to participate.

Survey

We are conducting a survey to help Pastor Ben and staff determine what areas of ministry we need to focus on as a church, and also show how members of the congregation desire to be involved in outreach and other projects. To take the survey, please visit our website (christlcms.org) or pick up a paper copy in the coffee lobby. Survey deadline is December 11th.

Bible Reading Challenge

Our Bible Reading Challenge is wrapping up soon! Beginning on Sunday, November 26th, you may bring your Q4 completion slip to church, certifying that YES! You read the entire Bible in one year! Once you bring your slip to church, you will receive your completion prize (\$5 gift card to Blackbird Coffee) in your church mailbox the following week. Not quite caught up? Keep on reading – you'll have several extra weeks to finish the challenge! The deadline to turn in your completion slip is Sunday, December 17th – we will hold the grand prize drawing (for a \$50 restaurant gift card plus a \$50 CPH gift card) on Wednesday, December 20th during our Midweek Christmas Cookie Night.

-- Announcements --

Veterans Day – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who purchased cinnamon rolls last Sunday. The Board of Evangelism was able to raise \$600 to purchase gift cards for the residents of our local VA hospital. And thanks once again to Marsha Smith for making and donating that patriotic quilt – the winning veteran from our congregation was George Liesmann!

Amazon Wish List

If you are shopping online for deals on Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday, (or anytime, really), feel free to check out our Amazon Wish List. These are items that we could use here at Christ, but not for which we are in urgent need. However, we would welcome your gift if you would like to add an item or two on to your shopping list. You may access the list by scanning this QR code, or you may visit christlcms.org/giving and use the link there. (And if you would like to purchase items from the list locally or from a different retailer, that's perfectly fine, too!)



Sanctuary Renovations – FULLY FUNDED!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the sanctuary renovation fund – our financial goal has been met! Construction work will begin as soon as scheduling allows.

Household Items & Supplies for Ukrainian Family

Oleg and his family are hoping to cross the border from Ukraine into Poland either this week or the next.

We have a list of supplies and furniture needed to furnish an apartment for the family once they arrive in Topeka. Please sign up to donate new or gently used items. You may access this list on the homepage of our website (christlcms.org). Do NOT bring the donations to church at this time. Once we have purchased airline tickets for the family, we will be better able to set an official arrival and move-in date for them. We will contact those who have signed up at that point in time.

We will also have volunteer opportunities at that time for members willing to welcome the family at the airport, cleaning/furnishing the apartment ahead of their arrival, cooking a few meals, and more. Again, once we have an estimated arrival date, we will be able to give more information on these volunteer opportunities.

Please continue to keep Oleg, Alina, and Oleg (Jr.) in your prayers.

-- 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., Betty H., Dorothy (Wayne K.'s sister-in-law), Nick (Hannah M.'s cousin), Lila N., Darleen C., Brandon B., Dennis L., Marsha S., James (father-in-law of Norlinda C.), Craig R., Craig R. II, Natalie O., Doris T., Donna B., Lee M., Julie J., Colleen B., Greg (friend of the Tolberts), Rick (Colleen B.'s son-in-law), Carlie G., Avril (great niece of Heather S.), and others named in your heart. Pray for 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.



Thanksgiving Worship
Tuesday, Nov. 21st -- 7:00 pm

Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
-- Psalm 106:1 --

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is “*near and hastening fast,*” and it will be “*a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation*” (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish “*the men who are complacent*” concerning His Word, “*who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud*” (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: “*Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them*” (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are “*good and faithful*” stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and “*the master of those servants*” settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, “*God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also “*put on the breastplate of faith and love*” in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, November 12th

8:00 AM – 72

10:30 AM – 65

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,945
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 11/12</i>	\$ 7,723
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Oct 2023)</i>	\$ 393,580
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Oct 2023)</i>	\$ 356,909

Matthew 25:30 – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

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