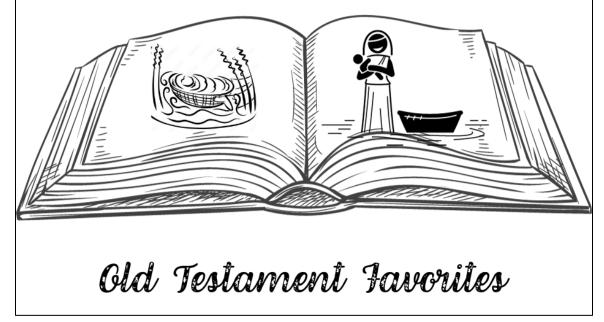
When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

-- Exodus 2:10 --



Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2024 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



Christ Lutheran Church 3509 SW Burlingame Rd. Topeka, KS 66611 785-266-6263 www.christlcms.org Rev. Ben Micheel, Pastor Amanda Adams, DCE



<u>As We Gather</u>

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

 \mathbb{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

- \mathbf{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.
- ▶ 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

LSB 203

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.

Introit

- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
- **C** praise the name of the LORD!
- **P** Blessèd be the name of the LORD
- **C** from this time forth and forevermore!
- **P** The LORD is high above all nations,
- **C** and his glory above the heavens!
- **P** He raises the poor from the dust
- **C** and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
- \mathbf{P} to make them sit with princes,
- G with the princes of his people. 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** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the LORD is to be praised!

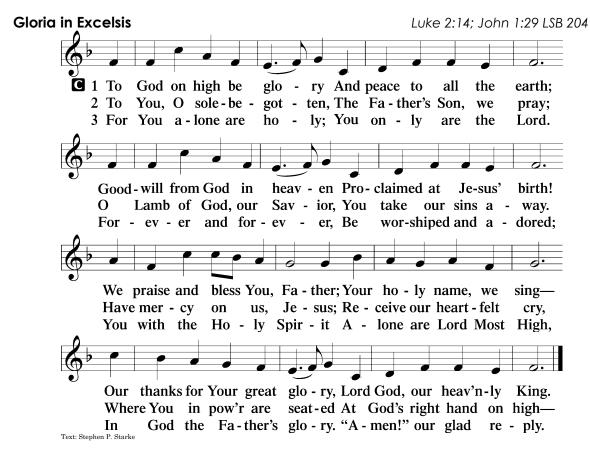
Kyrie

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.







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

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

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

¹⁵Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." 7Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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



Second Reading

A The Epistle is from Acts, chapter 7.

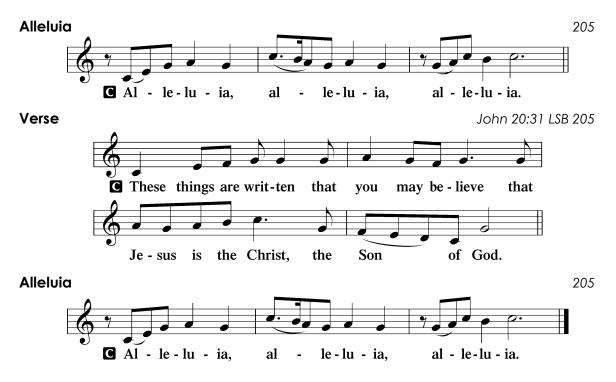
¹⁷"But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt ¹⁸until there arose over Egypt another king who did not know Joseph. ¹⁹He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive. ²⁰At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, ²¹and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. ²²And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



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]	[be]	lieve	in	one	God,
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the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

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

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

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

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

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

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

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

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

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

Children's Message

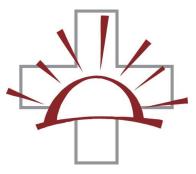
Children are invited to join Amanda Adams, our Director of Christian Education, at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Message.



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Sermon



Offering

If you brought your gift, tithe, or offering with you today, you may place it in the offering plate as it passes. We also have multiple options for electronic giving. You can sign up for online giving through Vanco at **bit.ly/GivingChristLCMS** for a onetime 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

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

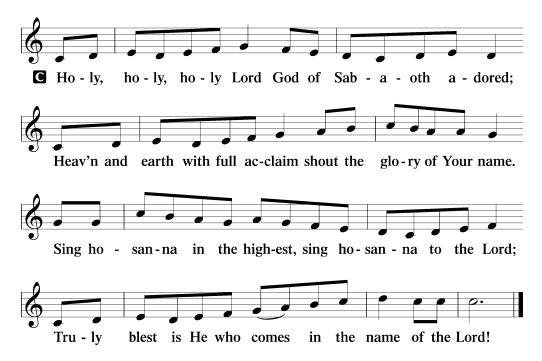
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 208

- **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.
- 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:



1 Timothy 2:1-4

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

 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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

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



Lord's Prayer

 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

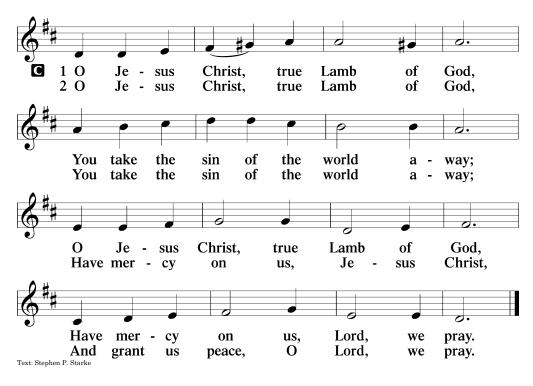
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

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



Agnus Dei

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



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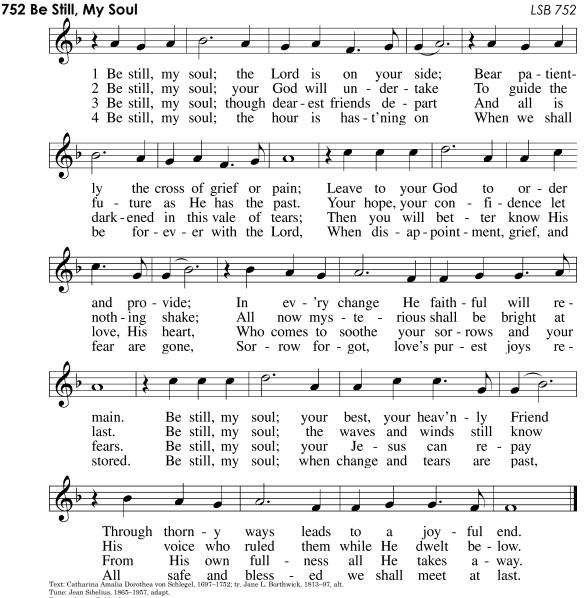
Distribution

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.



743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure LSB 743 sus, price-less trea -1 Je sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure. 2 In Thine arms T rest me: Foes who would mo - lest me de - fy 3 Sa - tan. Ι thee; Death, T now de - cry thee: 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea -Je sure! sus is my plea - sure, 1 Tru - est friend to Ah, how long in guish me, an _ Though Can - not reach me here. the earth be shak ing, Fear, Ι bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me Je sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo ry! -Shall mv spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing. Lord. for Thee? 'ry heart calms Ev quak - ing, Je fear. be sus mv Nor thy threats a - larm While sing of peace. me Ι Naught to me thy sto -Told with tempt - ing voice. ry Thou mine, O Lamb di - vine! will suf - fer art And Light - nings flash thun ders crash; Yet, though sin and God's great pow'r Guards 'ry hour; Earth and all its ev -Pain or loss. Or shame or cross. Shall not from my 0 Thee. naught to hide Thee; Naught Ι ask be side hell as - sail sus will fail me, Je not me. Si depths a - dore Him, _ lent bow be fore Him. Say - ior move Since He deigns to love me. me Evil world, I leave thee; 6 Hence, all fear and sadness! 5For the Lord of gladness, Thou canst not deceive me, Thine appeal is vain. Jesus. enters in. Sin that once did blind me. Those who love the Father. Get thee far behind me. Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within. Come not forth again. Yea, whate'er, I here must bear, Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; Thou art still my purest pleasure, Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever. Jesus, priceless treasure!

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741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense



5 Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded; In this body I shall view

God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded; In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.

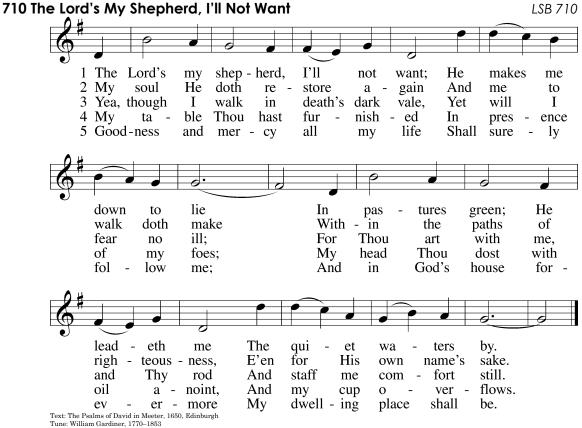
- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish.
 Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they will never perish;
 For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer tremble; He, the Lord, who came to save

Will at last His own assemble. They will go their Lord to meet, Treading death beneath their feet.

8 O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow; Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow.

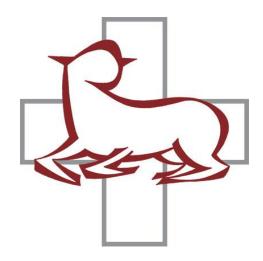
As you now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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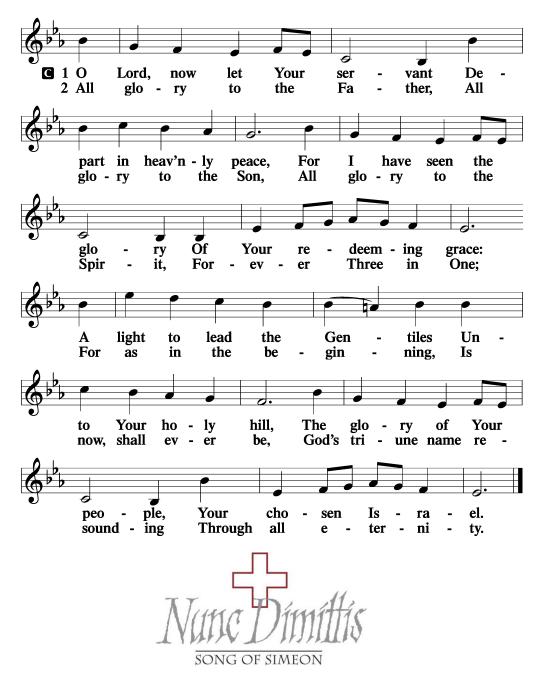
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Nunc Dimittis

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



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

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

icamus (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.

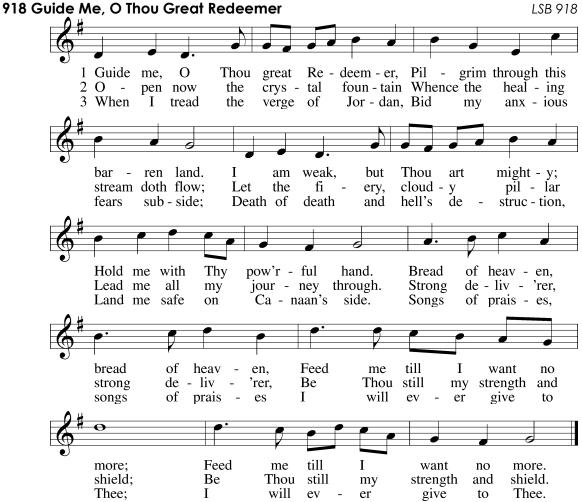
Benediction

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- 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





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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday January 21		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)
		Sanctity of Life Sunday
Monday January 22		
Tuesday January 23	1:00 pm 2:00 pm	LWML Work Day LWML Officers Meeting LWML Meeting Council Meeting
Wednesday January 24	5:15 pm 5:55 pm 6:05 pm	Midweek – Confirmation Midweek – Meal Midweek – Worship Midweek Classes Midweek Choir
Thursday January 25	2:00 pm	Chair Aerobics
Friday January 26		
Saturday January 27	10:00 am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
Sunday January 28	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:15 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) New Testament Bible Reading Challenge Begins

Celebrating

Birthdays: Melissa M. (21st); Cristy B., Carol J., Preston L., Ike Z. (22nd); Jessica D., Kellan G., Cody K. (23rd); Stephanie M. (26th)
Baptism Birthdays: Linda B., Wendy B. (21st); Cristy B., Harrison F., Trentan W., Billy W. (22nd); John H. (28th)
Anniversaries: (none this week)

-- Announcements --

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Mark (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 6^{th} grade) – Upstairs Education Wing Youth ($7^{th}-12^{th}$ grades) – Basement Youth Room

Midweek at Christ (Wednesday)

4:00 pm – Confirmation 5:15 pm – Meal 5:55 pm – Worship 6:05 pm – Classes 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 --

Diaper Drive for Lifeline – LAST DAY!

Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 21st. In celebration, we are holding a diaper drive for Lifeline Women's Resource Center from January 14th-21st. Bring new packages of diapers and leave them in the crib in our coffee lobby. Lifeline will happily accept all diaper sizes, but specifically requested sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, and newborn.

LWML

Please note that in addition to our regularly scheduled work day at 9 AM this Tuesday, we will also be holding our rescheduled officers meeting at 1 PM and our rescheduled monthly meeting at 2 PM.

New Testament – Bible Reading Challenge

Our next Bible Reading Challenge begins on January 28^{th} – we will be reading through the New Testament in a little over 3 months. Pick up a reading calendar in the coffee lobby or download from our website. Those who complete the challenge in May will receive a prize!

Christian Skate Night

Sk8away is holding their quarterly Christian Skate Night on Thursday, February 8th at 6 PM. Admission is \$5 and includes skate rental.

Valentines Card-Making Service Project

Join us after church (around 11:45 AM) on Sunday, February 11th. We'll have a light lunch, and then make Valentines for our homebound members as well as residents of local care facilities. All ages and skill-levels welcome! (And we'll be done in plenty of time before kick-off for the big game.)

Red Cross Blood Drive

LEAP at the chance to save a life, and donate blood here at Christ on Leap Day (February 29th). To make your life-saving appointment call 800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: TopekaCLC). Bring a photo ID, drink plenty of water and eat prior to your appointment.

Text Alerts

If you would like to sign up for text alerts from Christ Lutheran (during inclement weather and the like), please contact the church office with your cell phone number and e-mail address, and we will add you to our list.

-- Announcements --

<u>Christ Cookbook</u>

Do you have a favorite recipe (or several favorites) that you would be willing to share? One member family has graciously offered to cover the cost of publishing a cookbook, and Andrea Van Genderen has volunteered her time and talents to coordinate the project for our congregation. The cookbook will be available for a suggested donation of \$5 once it has been completed (hopefully late spring or early summer). All donations will be used for our continued outreach efforts here at Christ.

To submit recipes, please include the following information:

- 1) Your name
- 2) Contact info (in case clarification is needed)
- 3) A few sentences/short paragraph on the origin of this recipe (optional)
- 4) Recipe (with measurements)

All submissions should be given to Andrea Van Genderen – either give a written/printed copy to her in person here at church, leave it in her church mailbox in the coffee lobby, or send her an e-mail (andrealvg06@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your participation – we're excited to see what you all cook up! *Deadline is April 30th*.

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., Ted M., Garry N., Mark (Carol J.'s friend), Wayne B., David (Sondra K.'s son), 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., Donna B., Lee M., Julie J., Colleen B., Greg (friend of the Tolberts), Rick (Colleen B.'s son-in-law), Averi (great niece of Heather S.), Galen H., Isaac (Ginger C.'s grandson), Bobby B., Josie H., Emily (great niece of Brenda Z.), Jessica (Jamie H.'s daughter), Sean (Patrick C.'s brother-in-law), Dakota (Patrick C.'s niece's husband), Linda O., Jon J., Harley B., 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.



Lent Midweek at Christ FEBRUARY 14, 21, 28; MARCH 6, 13, 20

4:00 PM - CONFIRMATION 5:00 PM - CLASSES/BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM - LENT MEAL* *PREPARED BY CHRIST YOUTH OR LWML - DONATIONS APPRECIATED 7:00 PM - LENT WORSHIP 7:30 PM - CHOIR

CHOIR WILL NOT MEET ON 2/14 (ASH WEDNESDAY). FIRST COMMUNION CLASS WILL MEET IN THE BASEMENT DURING THE MEAL. CONFIRMATION WILL NOT MEET ON 3/13 (SPRING BREAK).

The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name

When "the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time," sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, "Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD" (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they "believed God," as He spoke to them through His prophet, "they turned from their evil way" and were spared "the disaster that he had said he would do to them" (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that "the appointed time has grown very short" (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for "the present form of this world is passing away" (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give "your undivided devotion to the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become "fishers of men" with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

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Worship Attendance – Sunday, January 14th

 $\begin{array}{l} 8:00 \ AM - 30 \\ 10:30 \ AM - 45 \end{array}$

Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,269
Offerings Received – Week of 1/7	\$ 6,854
Offerings Received – Week of 1/14	\$ 4,109

(Due to a software update, offering totals were not available at print time last week.)

Budgeted Needs (Jan-Dec 2023)	\$ 465,140
Offerings Received (Jan-Dec 2023)	\$ 435,056

Mark 1:14-15 – "Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?