



*Easter
Sunday*

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024
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

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

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

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination. Consider: Have you loved God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength? Have you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Confession of Sins

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

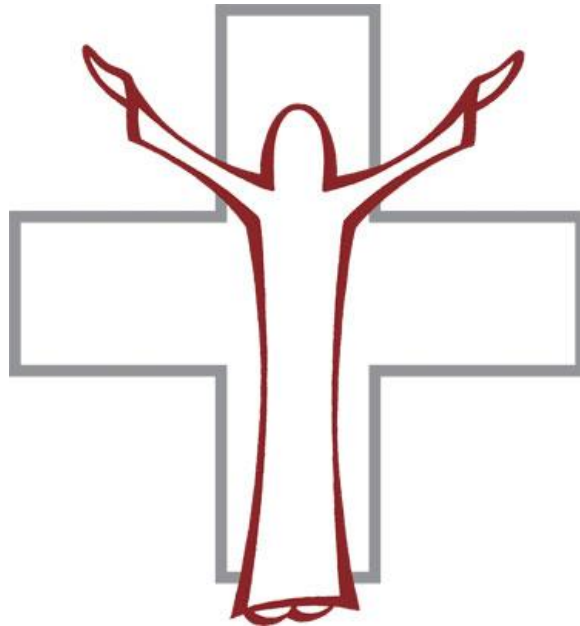
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b

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



Kyrie

Mark 10:47 152

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

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9 LSB 155



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

“Salutation” is a word from Latin meaning, “to greet.” “Collect” (KAH-lect), 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 al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 25.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G 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 I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

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

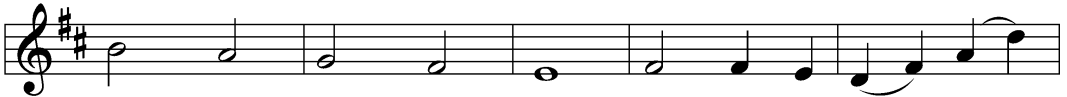
Children are invited to join Amanda Adams, our Director of Christian Education, at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Message.

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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| <p>5 He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |

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Sermon

Offering

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



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

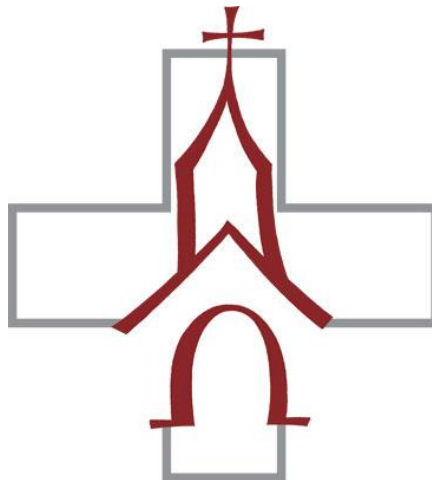
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Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

- 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 160

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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.

Proper Preface (Full)

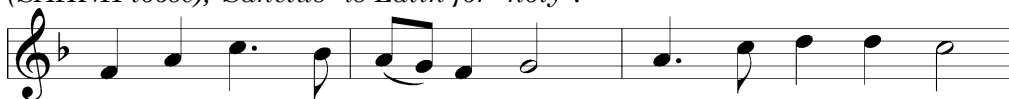
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed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



Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 161

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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

C Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19 163

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

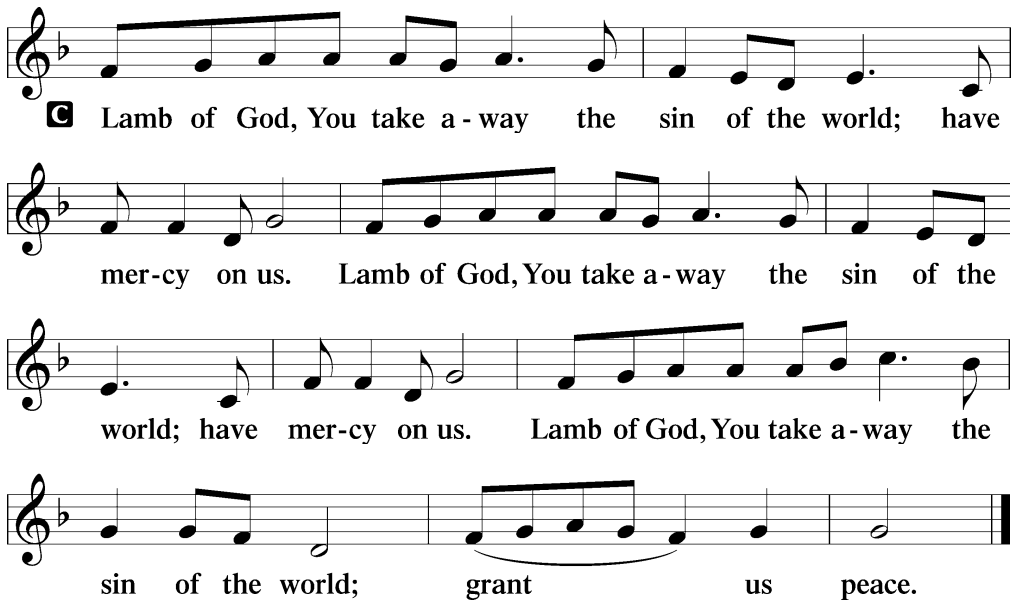
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 163

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



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

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

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



463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

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1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

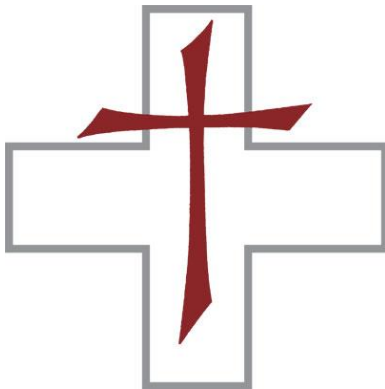


At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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480 He's Risen, He's Risen

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1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 △ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



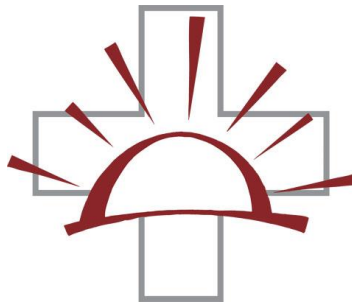
And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - jice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

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Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;
 Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
 Foll'wing our exalted Head.
 Made like Him, like Him we rise;
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 Δ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
 See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



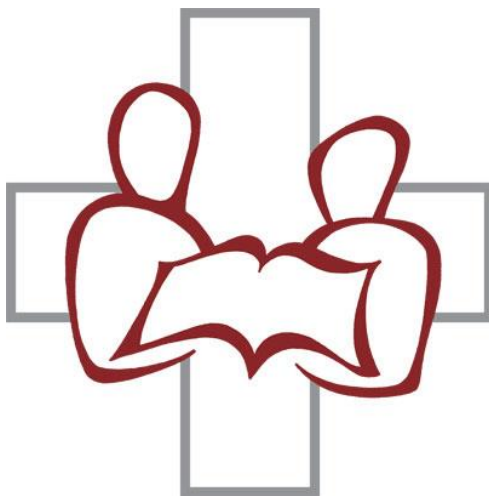
Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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Stand

Dismissal

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10] LSB 164



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



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



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



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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 A - men.



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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 166

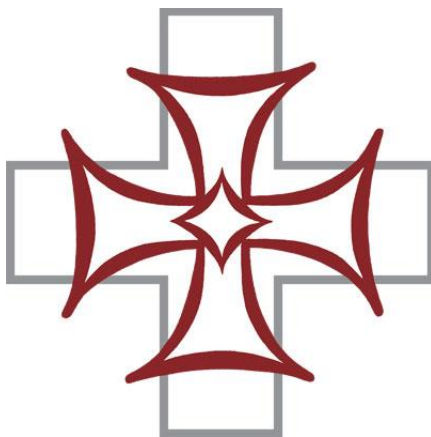
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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 A - men.

Sit



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465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Easter Lilies



CRISTY BALCH – IN MEMORY OF JUDY VANVLECK

PHIL & JOLENE BALCH – IN MEMORY OF HERB & ENOLA MEYERHOFF, GLEN & MILDRED BALCH

ANN-MARIE BEVEL – IN HONOR OF ALL VETERANS

WAYNE & LINDA BRADLEY – IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS,

WAYNE'S SISTER, LINDA'S BROTHER, AND THEIR GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER

PATRICK & NORLINDA CAMPBELL – IN MEMORY OF VILLAMOR, NESTOR, NOLAN NUCUP, AND ZACHARY CAMPBELL

GINGER CHANG – IN HONOR OF ISAAC REYNOLDS

BOB & JUDY CRITES – IN HONOR OF ALL OUR FAMILY

LYNNE DRYER & CHASE FORD – IN MEMORY OF LURA LEE DRYER

JOHN & DARIA HART – IN MEMORY OF DIMITRIY FOMCHENKOV, LORRAINE MARTIN,

NIKOLAI FOMCHENKOV, AND ANNA SHARNINA

THE HOLMERS – IN MEMORY OF TERRY HOLMER

WAYNE KELLNER & FAMILY – IN MEMORY OF BARBARA KELLNER

MATT & MEL LANG – IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES GONE BEFORE US

SHARON LIGHTWINE – IN MEMORY OF MY PARENTS – HOMER & DOROTHY GOODELL

WALT & KENDRA MALONE – IN MEMORY OF WALT & WILMA BRANDES, HARVEY SUTTON,

GERALDINE ROSS, AND DEWITT MALONE

NICOLE MALONE, JZANASIA SWEET, & KORY SUTTON – IN MEMORY OF HARVEY SUTTON

ROBERT PARKER – IN MEMORY OF MARJEAN PARKER

KIMBERLY SAXTON-SCRUGGS – IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. W. H. SAXTON

MICHELE SKINNER – IN MEMORY OF LEILA BECKER

MIKE & SANDY SWYGERT – IN HONOR OF FAMILY

The Altar Guild thanks you for your support!

-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday March 31	6:30 am 8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Easter Sunrise Worship Service Easter Sunday Worship Service w/ Communion Easter Breakfast & Children's Easter Egg Hunt <i>Easter Sunday</i>
Monday April 1		
Tuesday April 2		
Wednesday April 3	4:00 pm 5:15 pm 5:55 pm 6:05 pm	Midweek – Confirmation Midweek – Meal Midweek – Worship Classes/Bible Study
Thursday April 4	2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Chair Aerobics Christian Skate Night @ Sk8away
Friday April 5		
Saturday April 6	10:00 am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
Sunday April 7	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:15 pm 6:30 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)

Celebrating

Birthdays: Brandon B., Heather B., Kash H. (1st); Martin E. (2nd); John A., Maelyn G., Cassandra H. (3rd); Kendra M. (4th); Kent B. (5th); Collette R. (6th); Trevor B., Darleen C. (7th)

Baptism Birthdays: Brandon B., Bev C., David E., Daria H., Jamie H. (1st); Barbrynn A.; Amelia B. (3rd); Carley B., Jordan B. (4th); Cody K. (5th); Mya H., Natalie R. (6th); Darleen C. (7th)

Anniversaries: Duane & Deanna S. (7th)

-- Announcements --

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am) – RESUMES NEXT WEEK

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) – RESUMES NEXT WEEK

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

Midweek at Christ (Wednesday) – RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, April 3rd, we will resume our pre-Lent schedule for Midweek.

4:00 PM – Confirmation
5:15 PM – Meal
5:55 PM – Worship Service
6:05 PM – Classes

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)



Midweek Meals - April 2024

April 3 - Chili

April 10 - Lasagna

April 17 - Baked Potato Bar

April 24 - Baked Chicken

WEDNESDAY

Midweek at Christ

*Join us on Wednesdays at 5:15 pm for a free meal,
followed by worship and classes for all ages.*

The graphic features a white wooden background with a set of silverware (knife and fork) in a white napkin, decorated with yellow and green floral accents. A yellow butterfly is positioned above the silverware. A small calendar icon for Wednesday is placed near the bottom left.

-- Announcements --

Easter Breakfast & Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Join us in the gym at 9:15 AM for our annual Easter breakfast! The ladies of LWML will be cooking up casseroles, muffins, and other tasty dishes!

Our Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be this morning between worship services (approximately 9:15 AM).

Focus Groups

The church council reviewed the results of the church survey taken last year, and would like to learn more about your view of our church, so we are going to host focus groups around a general theme of "Christ Lutheran Church in 2030." (Survey results are available for you to read in the binders in our coffee lobby/entry way areas, if you would like to see them prior to your focus group meeting.)

We are planning to host five sessions in April. Three will be on Wednesday evenings (April 10th, April 17th, and April 24th), with a Friday evening session on April 19th, and a Saturday morning session on April 20th. Pastor provided copies of the book "Autopsy of a Deceased Church - 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive" to the Elders and Church Council. We discussed the book during our March meeting and the Church Council approved the purchase of 35 copies which will be made available to members. We encourage you to read the book as part of your preparation to attend a focus group.

Everyone is invited, but you will need to sign up for the session you want to attend because group sizes will be limited at each session. Please use the online sign-up link on our website (christlems.org) or visit the page directly (<https://bit.ly/ChristFocus>). If all available dates fill up, we will add more sessions.

Questions about signing up? Please contact the church office. Questions about the focus groups? Please contact Scott Van Genderen (785-608-6157 or scottdivg@gmail.com).

Circuit 6 Picnic

Join the other LCMS congregations from Topeka and Lawrence for a picnic at Lake Shawnee on Sunday, April 28th from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. We will be at Shelter #1. Bring a lawn chair, as well as a dish to share (see list below). Drinks and paper products will be provided. Enjoy fellowship and lawn games – food begins at 4:30 PM.

Please bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your last name:

A-E: Salad

F-L: Side Dish

M-R: Main Dish

S-Z: Dessert

-- Announcements --

Greeters

We have resumed having greeters prior to the first service, Sunday School and second service. Please contact Scott Van Genderen at 785-608-6157 or scottdvg@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve our members and guests.

Kansas District “Faith at Work” Service Event

At Christ, we will be joining the Kansas District LCMS for “Faith at Work.”

“Faith at Work” is an annual District-wide service event where groups of all ages and skill sets find needs within their local communities to serve throughout the month of April. Our event will have two chances to participate:

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH — MUFFINS FOR MISSIONS

We will hold our annual “Muffins for Missions” bake sale.

All donations will pay for supplies for our project the following week.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST — BLESSING BAGS & FLEECE TIE BLANKETS

Join us in the gym at 11:45 AM for a light lunch. Help us assemble blessing bags and tie blankets for those in need in our community.

All participants will receive a free “Faith at Work” t-shirt. Sign up (across from the kitchen) to donate baked goods, assemble bags/blankets, or both — be sure to note your shirt size on the sign up sheet in the coffee lobby to reserve yours!

The 10th Annual Luke Savage Memorial Golf Tournament

This golf tournament has become such a fun and memorable event! This year all proceeds will go to the newly established **The Luke Squad Foundation**. The Foundation’s Mission Statement is: *Provide faith-filled hope and encouragement for families with children with health concerns (travel, meals, and gifts for extended hospital stays or during Christmas) and to provide support for all children to live life to the fullest (developmental support needs).*

The tournament will be held Saturday, June 8th, at Shawnee Country Club at 913 SE 29th. Registration will begin at 8 am with a shotgun start to follow at 9 am. This event will be a four-person scramble. Entry fee per person is \$80.00 or \$320.00 per team. A light breakfast along with a boxed lunch will be provided to all participants. Both raffle and various other prizes will be awarded. Hole Sponsorships will continue to be \$100.00 and any raffle prizes or donations will be gladly accepted. To sign up, contact The Luke Squad Foundation at dkmsavage@yahoo.com or contact Kim Savage at 785-640-0092.

Please come join us and “Play With All Your Heart” in memory of Luke and to help raise funds for children/families experiencing health issues and hardships!!

-- Announcements --

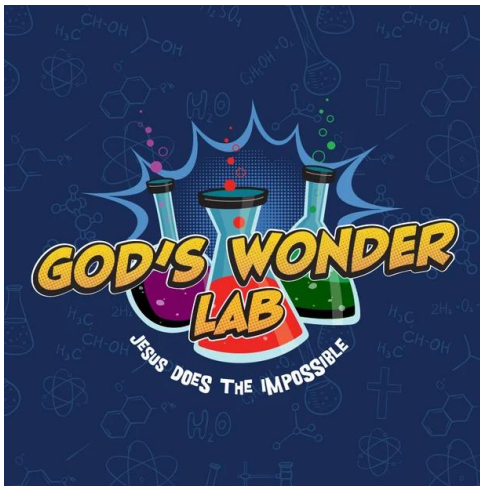
Summer Ministries at Christ

Even when school is out for the summer, Christian education can continue!
Contact DCE Amanda for more information on these summer opportunities for students!

VBS – June 10-14, 9 AM to noon, Kindergarten thru 5th grade, FREE!
Registration now open! (www.christlcms.org).

Bible Boot Camp – July 8-12, 9 AM to 5 PM, 6th thru 9th grade, \$50 (includes lunch)
Registration now open! (www.christlcms.org).

LCMS Summer Camp – Church assistance and scholarships available!



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 10-14, 2024

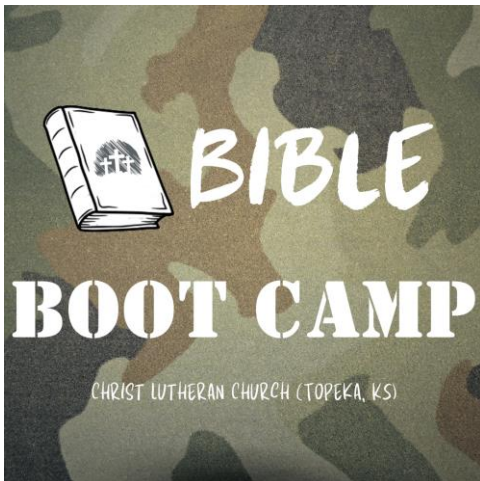
9 AM to Noon

Kindergarten thru 5th Grade

FREE OF CHARGE!

Register now!

www.christlcms.org



Bible Boot Camp

July 8-12, 2024

9 AM to 5 PM

6th grade thru 9th grade

\$50 per student (includes lunch)

Register now!

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-- Announcements --

Christ Cookbook – DEADLINE THIS TUESDAY!

Please note that the submission deadline is April 2nd, which will hopefully allow cookbooks to arrive in time for Mother's Day!

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!

We currently have 196 recipes submitted, but would still welcome more!

No More Postage Stamps

LWML will no longer be collecting canceled postage stamps. The buyer who used to purchase them nationally (to fund LWML missions) is no longer in that business. Thank you to all who have contributed over the years.

Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging

The Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging (JAAA) will soon begin hosting their Care 4 All Respite Program twice a week here at Christ. This daytime program offers physical and mental stimulation as well as socialization for adults with a dementia diagnosis, while giving caregivers some much needed respite. JAAA is looking for volunteers to assist their staff – you would be mixing and mingling with an awesome group of seniors who just happen to have memory issues. If you are interested or would like more information (about the program, volunteering, or both), please contact Michele Dillon at mdillon@jhawkaaa.org or (785) 235-1367.

-- Announcements --

State of the Church Luncheon – SAVE THE DATE!

Join us after church (around 11:45 AM) on Sunday, May 5th for lunch in the gym and presentations from the church council. Since it happens to fall on Cinco de Mayo, tacos will be provided for lunch! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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., 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), 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), Jon J., Leola P., Bruce (Pastor Ben's father), Patty (John H.'s mother), Tom H., Chelsea (Tom & Sharon H.'s daughter), Ralph (friend of the Pufahls), Steve (friend of the Tolberts), Margaret Ann (friend of Carol J.), Donna (friend of Wayne K.), 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.

Pray WITHOUT
CEASING



DISTRICT-WIDE SERVICE EVENT — APRIL 2024

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Join the Topeka &
Lawrence LCMS Churches!

Circuit 6 Picnic

Sunday, April 28
3:30pm - 6:30pm
Lake Shawnee Shelter #1

Potluck Style

(by Last Name)

A-E: Salad

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M-R: Main Dish

S-Z: Dessert

Paper products provided.

Lawn games
provided! Bring a
lawn chair,
fellowship, food
begins at
4:30pm!



The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!

The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud *“that is spread over all nations”* and *“cast over all peoples”* (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to *“be glad and rejoice in his salvation”* (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast *“of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined”* (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, *“dressed in a white robe”* of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received *“by the grace of God”* is also *“delivered to you”* by the preaching of Christ, *“in which you stand, and by which you are being saved”* (1 Cor. 15:1–11).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, March 24th

8:00 AM – 66

10:30 AM – 70

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,269
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 3/24</i>	\$ 4,327
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Feb 2024)</i>	\$ 74,421
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Feb 2024)</i>	\$ 71,206

John 20:1 – **“Now on the first day of the week ...”** All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord’s grace. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!