

The Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 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



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.

TODAY'S HYMNS

- 605 Father Welcomes
- 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite
- 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord
- 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise
- 482 This Joyful Eastertide
- 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus
- 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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.

InvocationMatthew 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.
- 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 LSB 151

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

Absolution [John 20:19–23] LSB 151

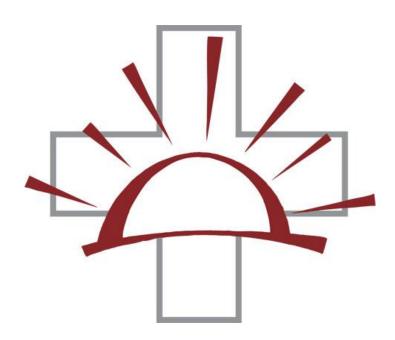
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

- **P** In your presence there is fullness of joy;
- at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- P I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
- and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
- and you have healed me.
- P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
- you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
- and give thanks to his holy name.
- **P** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
- Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 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** In your presence there is fullness of joy;
- at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



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.



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



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



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



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



P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

"Salutation" is a word from Latin meaning, "to greet." "Collect" (KAH-lekt), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also "collects" the message of the day's Gospel reading.

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit



First Reading Acts 3:11–21

A The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 3.

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

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

Epistle 1 John 3:1–7

The Epistle is from 1 John, chapter 3.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 1:9–13

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



⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Apostles' Creed

Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds (short statement of belief) agreed upon by the ancient church.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sit

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.





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Sermon



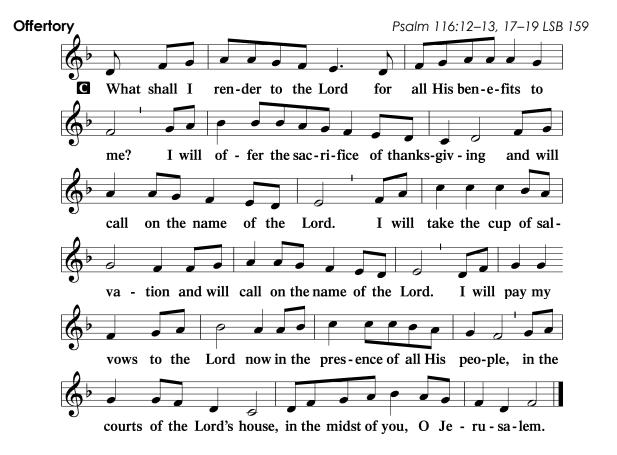
Offering

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).

Stand



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

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

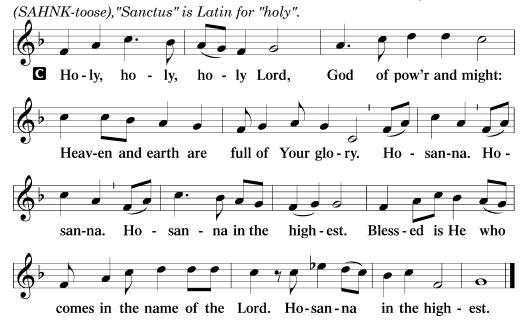


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

C Amen.



- 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).

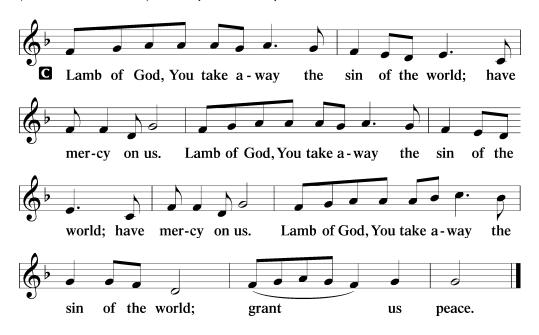
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Agnus Dei John 1:29 LSB 163

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

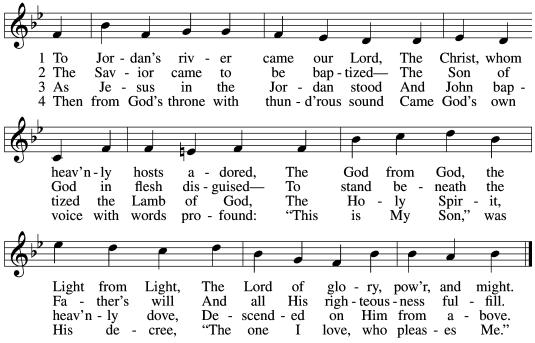


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Distribution

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.





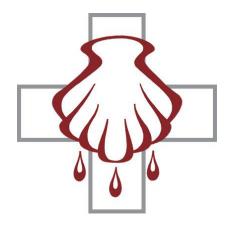
5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.

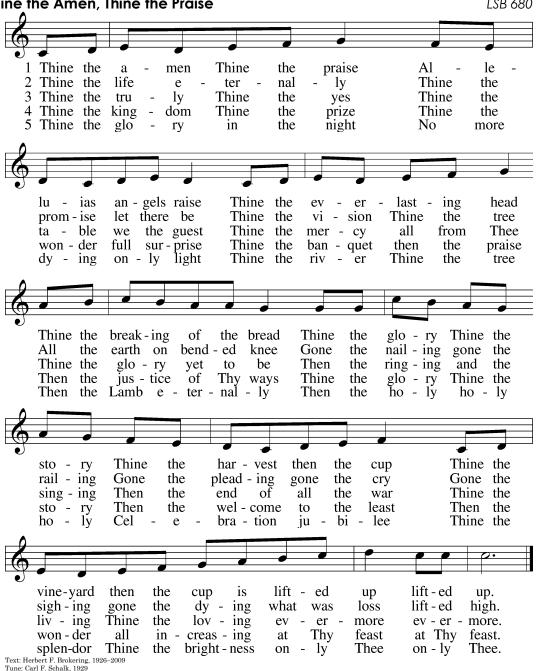
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6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute! He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.





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[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



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





Luther's Morning Prayer

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

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26 166

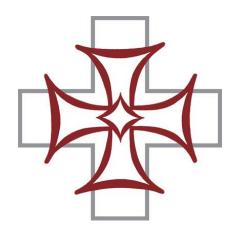
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

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

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Sit





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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday April 14	9:00 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Muffins for Missions Bake Sale (Faith at Work) Sunday School (children & adults)	
Monday April 15	11:00 am	Leola Passow Funeral Service	
Tuesday April 16			
Wednesday April 17	5:15 pm 5:55 pm	Midweek – Confirmation Midweek – Meal Midweek – Worship Classes/Bible Study Focus Group	
Thursday April 18	2:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	
Friday April 19	6:00 pm	Focus Group	
Saturday April 20		Women's Monthly Bible Study (at Lois' home) Men's Zoom Bible Study Focus Group	
Sunday April 21	9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Faith at Work Service Projects	

Celebrating

Birthdays: Chelsea M., Larry R. (14th); Frank S., Carter W. (17th); Jamie H., Emagene M. (19th); Sharon L. (21st)

Baptism Birthdays: Larry R. (14th); Nick J. (15th); Brooklyn B., Sharon H., Cassidy K., Sara P. (16th); Lester L., Anthony W., Kari Ann W. (17th); John A. (18th); Kaelyn B., Bobby B., Jacelyn G., Collette R. (21st)

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

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)

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)



Funeral Service for Leola Passow

Leola Passow passed away in early April at the age of 102. Her funeral service will be here at Christ on Monday, April 15th. Visitation will be at 10 AM, and the funeral service will be at 11 AM, with lunch to follow. Internment will be at 1 PM at Memorial Park. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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 (christlcms.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 scottdyg@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

Faith at Work T-Shirts

If you signed up for our Faith at Work events prior to this morning, your t-shirt is ready for you to pick up in the coffee lobby! If you haven't signed up yet, please go ahead and do so — we still have plenty of shirts (except no more size XL) and will have one waiting for you next week.

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!

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 scottdyg@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve our members and guests.

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.

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.

Crop 'Til You Drop!

Ann-Marie Bevel is hosting a Crop event for card-making and scrapbooking on Saturday, May 4th (9 AM to 5 PM) in the gym here at Christ. Cost is \$20, with 100% of fees benefitting the Schaefer Scholarship fund. Contact Ann-Marie with any questions -- RSVP and pay to reserve your seat!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Mark your calendar – our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Thursday, May $23^{\rm rd}$. To make your life-saving appointment call 800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: TopekaCLC).

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!!

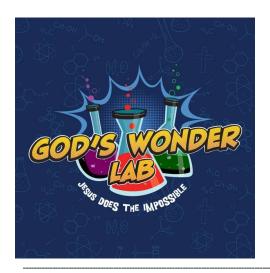


Summer Ministries at Christ

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).



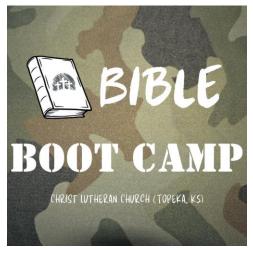
Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 10-14, 2024

9 AM to Noon

Kindergarten thru 5th Grade
FREE OF CHARGE!

Register now! www.christlcms.org



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LCMS Summer Camp

At Christ Lutheran Church, Christian education happens in many ways. One way we support our K-12 grade youth is through helping with funding to attend LCMS summer camp. The Christ Lutheran Youth Account will cover up 1/3 of the cost of camp, with a maximum of \$250. Students who need further financial assistance are welcome to apply for the Margaret Schaefer Scholarship which can also cover up to 1/3 of the cost. Families are expected to cover the last 1/3 of the cost. If this is a financial hardship, further assistance from the congregation is available. Talk to Amanda or Pastor. We don't want anyone to miss out on attending LCMS summer camp for financial reasons.

Criteria for being considered for church support and scholarships:

- Student applicants shall be baptized and active members of Christ Lutheran Church. They shall be regular worship attenders (minimum 50% attendance in Sunday School and Church).
- Students need to assist with at least 3 service or fundraising opportunities.
- Student applicants who are in kindergarten through 12th grade will be considered as recipients of this scholarship.

For more information and application for the Schaefer Scholarship, please visit christlems.org/Schaefer

Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) – June 2-7, 2024

High school students currently in grades 8-12 are invited to participate in LVR. Registration opens March 1, 2024. Cost is \$675 per student, with a \$100 deposit due at pre-registration. Final payment and registration are due on May 1.

Heit's Point Lutheran Camp – July 21-26, 2024

July 21st through 26th is Water Week at Heit's Point, with one day spent at Big Surf Water Park! Enjoy Bible study, songs, games, swimming in the lake, crafts, outside fun, and making new friends who love Jesus! Cost is \$540 per student. Students in 2nd through 8th grades welcome.

Amanda will be serving as DCE of the Week for that particular week and will be available as a familiar face in case any issues arise. We already have several students from our congregation attending during this time period, and would love for your child to join us!



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., Bruce (Pastor Ben's father), Patty (John H.'s mother), Tom H., Chelsea (Tom & Sharon H.'s daughter), Steve (friend of the Tolberts), Margaret Ann (friend of Carol J.), Donna (Wayne K.'s sister). John (son-in-law of Carol J.), Jill (Ginger C.'s extended family), 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.





DISTRICT-WIDE SERVICE EVENT — APRIL 2024

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. Each spring, we would like to encourage every person, young and old, to serve friends and neighbors in their communities in the name of Jesus.

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 fleece blankets for those in need in our community.

All participants will receive a free "Faith at Work" t-shirt.

Sign up to donate baked goods, assemble bags/blankets, or both —

be sure to note your shirt size on the sign up to reserve yours!

(T-shirts were pre-ordered. We will do our best to get your requested size!)

Join the Topeka & Lawrence LCMS Churches!

Circuit 6 Picnic

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







Midweek at Christ

Join us on Wednesdays for Midweek at Christ!

4:00 pm - Confirmation

5:15 pm - Meal

5:55 pm - Worship

6:05 pm - Classes

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples "that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead" and "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations" (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that "God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets" (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they "delivered over and denied" this Lord Jesus and "killed the Author of life." Yet God "glorified his servant Jesus" and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their "sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that "we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even "as he is pure," because "he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin" (1 John 3:3, 5).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, April 7th

8:00 AM - 6210:30 AM - 71

Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs: Offerings Received – Week of 4/7	\$ \$	8,269 5.584
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Mar 2024) Offerings Received (Jan-Mar 2024)	\$	115,766 111,700

1 John 3:2 – "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.