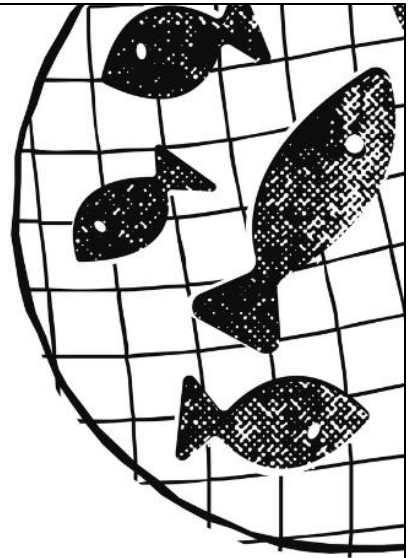


*And Jesus said to them,
"Follow me,
and I will make you
become fishers of men."*

Mark 1:17



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MARK

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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.

TODAY'S HYMNS

- 682 God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons**
- 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**
- 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve**
- 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**
- 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**
- 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**
- 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**



Welcome and Opening Prayer

682 God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons

LSB 682



1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,
4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - als of Your cross;



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
To - be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
For par - don and for love and hope and peace,
A - noint them with the Spir - it of Your Son.
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may
Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;
In - spired by You, may they count all but loss



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.
And stand at last with joy be - fore Your face.

Text: Denis Wortman, 1835-1922, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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Stand



Divine Service Setting One, page 151

✠ 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

LSB 151

- 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

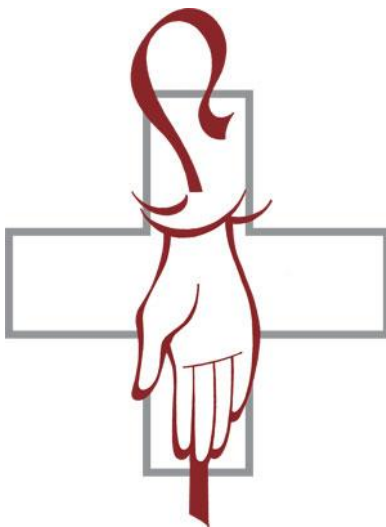
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

- P** I am the good shepherd.
C **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**
- P** The LORD is my shepherd;
C **I shall not want.**
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.
C **He leads me beside still waters.**
- P** He restores my soul.
C **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
C **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
C **you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
C **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**
- 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 am the good shepherd.
C **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**



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-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 al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

A The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 4.

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all

the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

A The Epistle is from 1 John, chapter 3.

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

Holy Gospel

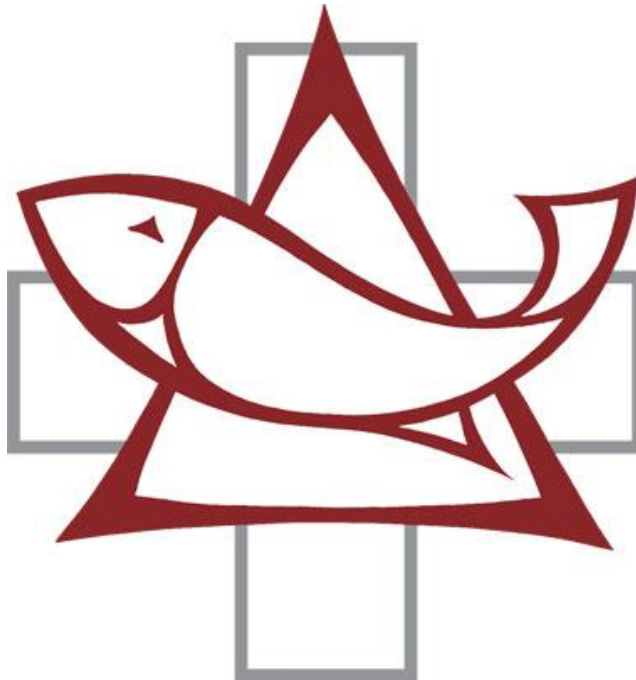
Mark 1:14–20

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

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



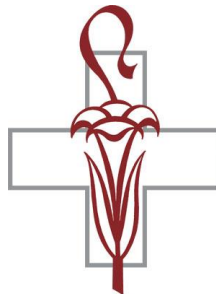
I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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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

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19 LSB 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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.

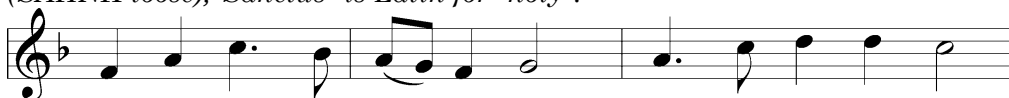
Proper Preface (Full)

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).

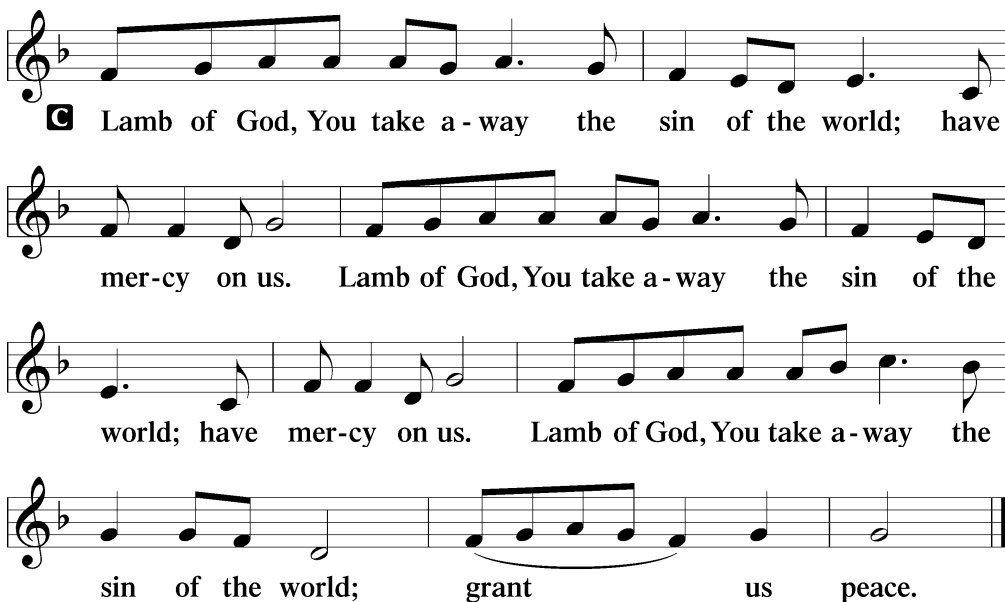
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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.



856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

LSB 856



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
 5 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



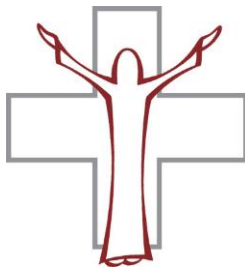
bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

LSB 710



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh
 Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853
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740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
 Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig
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549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 549



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all.
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Stand

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

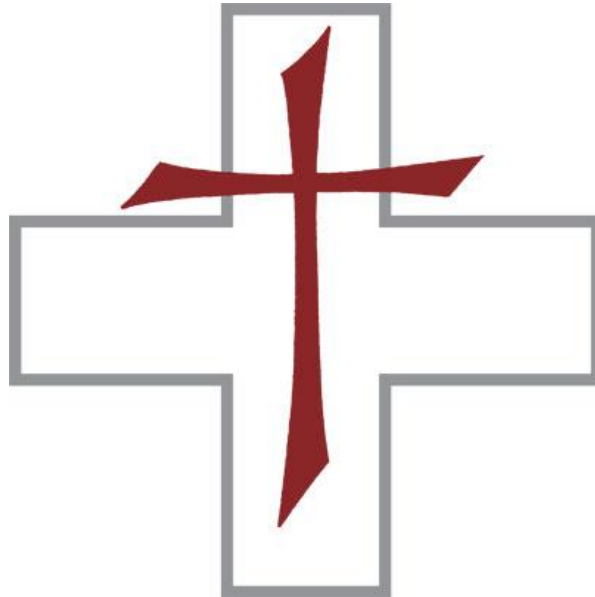
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- 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





1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday April 21	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 11:45 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Faith at Work Service Projects
Monday April 22		
Tuesday April 23	9:00 am	LWML Work Day
Wednesday April 24	4:00 pm 5:15 pm 5:55 pm 6:05 pm	Midweek – Confirmation Midweek – Meal Midweek – Worship Classes/Bible Study Focus Group
Thursday April 25	2:00 pm	Chair Aerobics
Friday April 26		
Saturday April 27	10:00 am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
Sunday April 28	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 3:30 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Circuit 6 Picnic at Lake Shawnee

Celebrating

Birthdays: Sharon L. (21st); Amber H., Ashley H. (22nd); Connie D., Tara S. (23rd); Jennifer H. (24th); Danica H. (25th); Barbara B., Allyson N., Taylor S., Brenda Z. (27th); Brooklyn W. (28th)

Baptism Birthdays: Kaelyn B., Bobby B., Jacelyn G., Collette R. (21st); Ann-Marie B., Pam B. (22nd); Kora K. (23rd); David C., DelRay C., Lillian C., Maelyn G., Ciara S., KeyShawn S., Amya T. (25th); Kendra M. (27th)

Anniversaries: Casey & Robyn F. (28th)

-- 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 6th grade) – Upstairs Education Wing
Youth (7th-12th 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)



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 shows Wednesday.

-- Announcements --

Faith at Work – Lunch and Service Projects TODAY!

Join us after late service today (around 11:45 AM) for a light lunch and several choices for service projects to benefit our community. (Even if you didn't sign up in advance – we would love to have you come!) We will be making fleece tie blankets for Ronald McDonald House, miniature cuddle blankets for Successful Connections, birthday boxes for Doorstep, and blessing bags for the unhoused. These were all funded by your generous donations from last Sunday's Muffins for Missions bake sale, which totaled \$600! Thank you for your generosity and support!

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 scottdvg@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	M-R: Main Dish
F-L: Side Dish	S-Z: Dessert

-- Announcements --

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!

Graduates' Sunday

High school and college students who are graduating this May (or graduated at semester in December) will be recognized with a gift during worship services on Sunday, May 5th. You may also submit your graduate's name to the church office (office@christlclms.org) to be included in our June newsletter. Please include first and last name and the school they will be graduating from.

State of the Church Luncheon

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

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

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



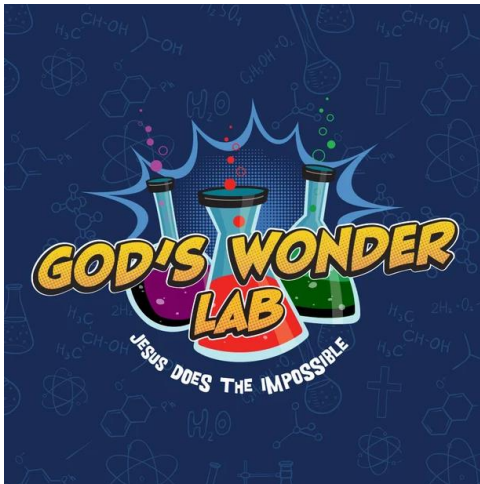
-- Announcements --

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!

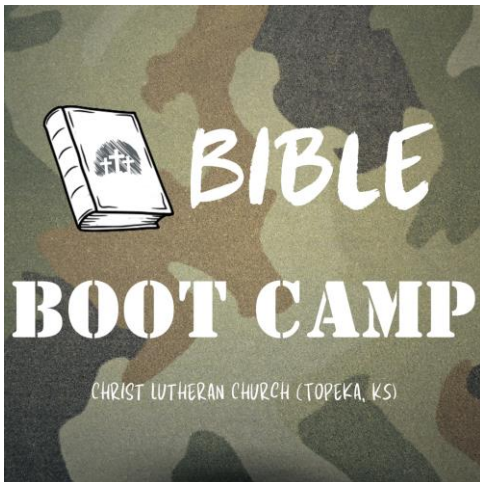
VBS – June 10-14, 9 AM to noon, Kindergarten thru 5th grade, FREE!
Registration now open! (www.christlcms.org).

Bible Boot Camp – July 8-12, 9 AM to 5 PM, 6th thru 9th grade, \$50 (includes lunch)
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FREE OF CHARGE!

Register now!
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-- Announcements --

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 christlcms.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!



-- Announcements --

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!!

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.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is “*the good shepherd*” who “*lays down his life for the sheep*” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “*authority to lay it down*” and the “*authority to take it up again*” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “*one flock, one shepherd*” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “*were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*” (Acts 4:2). Since “*there is salvation in no one else,*” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “*love one another*” and “*to lay down our lives for the brothers,*” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, April 14th

8:00 AM – 77

10:30 AM – 81

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,269
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 4/14</i>	\$ 2,826
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Mar 2024)</i>	\$ 115,766
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Mar 2024)</i>	\$ 111,700

John 10:14 – “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.”
What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.