

**WATCH THEREFORE,  
FOR YOU KNOW NEITHER  
THE DAY NOR THE HOUR.**

**MATTHEW 25:13**



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
November 8th, 2020  
8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, & 10:30 AM



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## Welcome and Opening Prayer

TLS Sunday Speaker (10:30 am)

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## 802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - mighty, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

*Stand*

## **Divine Service Setting Four, page 203**

### **✠ 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**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Exhortation**

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13 203*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### **Confession of Sins**

*LSB 203*

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

### **Absolution**

*[John 20:19–23] LSB 203*

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

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

- P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
**C** **at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**
- P** How lovely is your dwelling place,  
**C** **O LORD of hosts!**
- P** Behold our shield, O God;  
**C** **look on the face of your anointed!**
- P** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell  
in the tents of wickedness.**
- P** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
**C** **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**
- P** O LORD of hosts,  
**C** **blessèd is the one who trusts in you! 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** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
**C** **at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

  
*Kyrie Eleison*  

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**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18–24

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 5.

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why would you have the day of the LORD?  
It is darkness, and not light,  
<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,  
and a bear met him,  
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
and a serpent bit him.  
<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?  
<sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
I will not look upon them.  
<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

**A** The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4.

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

#### Alleluia

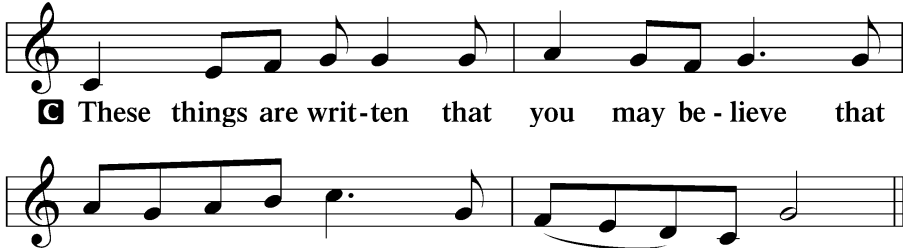
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#### Verse

John 20:31 LSB 205



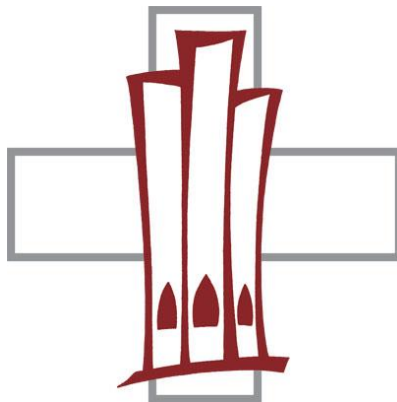
These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

#### Alleluia

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## Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

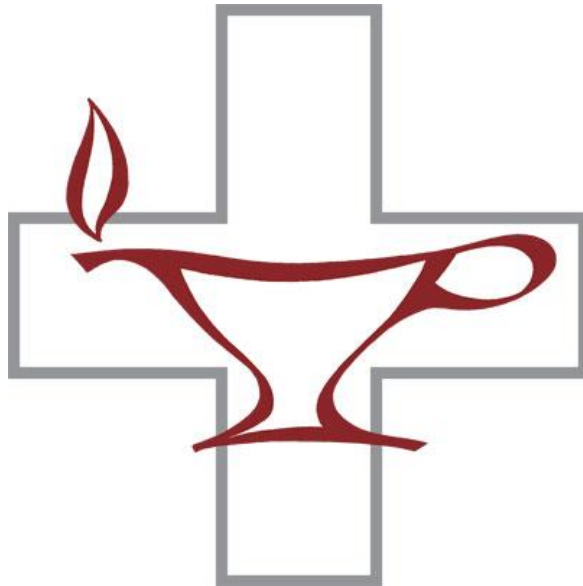
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**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.**

# 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

## Sermon

## Offering

*For those gathered with us in-person, an offering plate will be at the back of the room for a contactless drop-off for your gifts, tithes, and offerings as you leave today's service.*

*For those still joining us remotely, we have multiple options for giving. You can text **CHRISTLCMS** to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at [pushpay.com/pay/christlcms](https://pushpay.com/pay/christlcms) for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the "My Church by PushPay" app, with keyword **CHRISTLCMS**. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611). Direct links with more information are available on the church website ([christlcms.org/giving](https://christlcms.org/giving)).*

*If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office ([office@christlcms.org](mailto:office@christlcms.org)) or call the office at (785) 266-6263. We will include them in next week's service, and also share them with our prayer chain if desired.*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

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

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 208*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

### Lord's Prayer

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

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

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 210

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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*Communion is reserved for those who are members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or members of a church body in fellowship with the LCMS unless special arrangements have been made with the pastor. 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 front of the sanctuary due to physical ailments. Following that the ushers will dismiss the people from their pews to proceed to the front. All are invited up to receive a blessing.*





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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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## 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth  
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
 peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -





Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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**508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

*LSB 508, sts 1-5, 7*



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -  
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
 And for my sin was smitten;  
 Within the Book of Life I know  
 My name has now been written.  
 I will not doubt, for I am free,  
 And Satan cannot threaten me;  
 There is no condemnation!

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7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
 But hasten our salvation;  
 We often tremble on our way  
 In fear and tribulation.  
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
 From death and ev'ry evil.

Stand

Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 211

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



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

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

**C** Amen.

## Luther's Morning Prayer

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

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1 LSB 212*

*(beh-neh-dih-KAH-moose), Latin for "bless we [the Lord]." We give thanks to God for everything He has done for us in Jesus Christ.*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.*

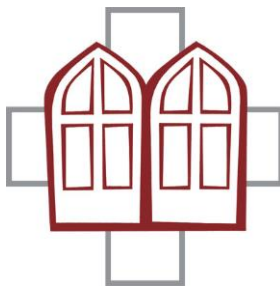
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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** Amen.

*Sit*



# 801 How Great Thou Art

LSB 801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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**TLS Sunday Speaker (8:00 am, 9:15 am)**

*Chris Francik*

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## -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday November 8	<b>8:00, 9:15, &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am     3:00 pm 5:00 pm	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Children's Sunday School (gym) Youth Sunday School (youth room) God's Abiding Word Class (basement) Walk Through the Bible Class (office) Jr. Youth (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grades) Youth Group (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades)
Monday November 9		
Tuesday November 10	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Elders Meeting LWML Meeting
Wednesday November 11	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation New Member Class Pastor's Bible Class
Thursday November 12		
Friday November 13		
Saturday November 14	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday November 15	<b>8:00, 9:15, &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Children's Sunday School (gym) Youth Sunday School (youth room) God's Abiding Word Class (basement) Walk Through the Bible Class (office)

# -- Announcements --

## Celebrating

**Birthdays:** Brad H. (8<sup>th</sup>); Brad G., Matt L. (9<sup>th</sup>); Eric C. (10<sup>th</sup>); Kadie C., Brett H. (11<sup>th</sup>); Bev C. (12<sup>th</sup>); Melodi B., Thad C., Holden T. (13<sup>th</sup>); Mary C. (14<sup>th</sup>), Benjamin A., Kim M., Justin M. (15<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Beth E. (8<sup>th</sup>); Cassie L (9<sup>th</sup>); Bryson B., Cori F., Abigail H., Taryn L. (10<sup>th</sup>); Sam R., Angela W. (15<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Bob & Judy C. (8<sup>th</sup>); Greg & Michele K. (11<sup>th</sup>); Derek & Courtney C., Denny & Liz J. (12<sup>th</sup>)

## Worship Service Updates

*We now have three worship service times: Sunday mornings at 8 am, 9:15 am, and 10:30 am. These services are now capped at 45-50 people each. (Please note that there is no longer a service on Saturday evenings.)* Please continue to sign up through the church website. If the church website is down, please sign up directly through Sign-Up Genius (<http://bit.ly/ChristWorshipServices>). Thank you for your patience as we navigate this ever-changing situation!

## Children/Youth Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is on Sundays at 9:15 am. It is a parent/guardian led setup with several stations in the gym as we focus on one Bible story each week. We ask that you wear masks and use the hand sanitizer available. There will be instructions at each station and a volunteer to help if you have questions. You can sign up to attend on the church website. The weekly lessons will also be available online each week through the "Members" section of our website. Contact the church office if you need the password.

Amanda is also leading the 7th-12th grade Sunday School class at 9:15 am with a weekly Bible study in the youth room. We will have room to spread out - plan to wear your mask! Please sign up through the church website.

## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes

For those who were participating in small group Bible studies on Sunday mornings prior to the March shutdown, those classes have now resumed.

***God's Abiding Word: Luke*** – Sundays at 9:15 am in the church basement

***Walk Through the Bible (women's study)*** – Sundays at 9:15 am in Pastor's office

## Pastor's Bible Class

Pastor Ben's Bible Class is still meeting every Wednesday night at 7 pm! This class takes a closer look at the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. Sign up through our website to attend in person, or e-mail the office to join via Zoom!

## -- Announcements --

### LWML Quarterly Mission

We are collecting gift items for the clients of SLI. These individuals are adults (at least 18 years old), all either mentally or physically handicapped. Many of them have no family to provide Christmas gifts and this may be the only present they receive. Many of them have only \$30 per month for food, clothes, and any other needs. Please leave donations in the bin in the coffee lobby.

The items we are collecting are: Hats, Gloves, Socks, Simple Puzzles (100 pieces), Word Search Books (large print), Coloring Books (both children's and adult), Pajamas (sizes L, XL, 2X), Gift Cards from Dillons or Walmart (for groceries).

### Bible Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 40 Day Gospel Challenge. We had over 35 members who completed the challenge, reading all four Gospels in 40 days. Watch for more reading challenges in the future, and continue your time spent in God's Word!

### TLS Sunday

Today, November 8th, the teaching staff and principal of Topeka Lutheran School will be worshiping with you. The TLS teaching staff is thankful for the opportunity to worship with you. The students, families, and staff of TLS are thankful for Christ Lutheran Church's ongoing prayer and financial support of Topeka Lutheran School.

### Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Betty C., Julie J., Don L., Brittian K. (Sondra K.'s grandson), Lance L., Jerry M., Bob T., Jean B. (sister Pauline C.'s sister), Judy P. (Lynne D.'s aunt), Mert B., Angela (Mary D.'s daughter), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Gary (Ruth S.'s son), Kathy (Brenda Z.'s sister-in-law), Martin E., Anna (Frank J.'s mother), Shirley (Frank J.'s grandmother), Melanie (Sharon L.'s daughter), Robert (Dave B.'s brother), Ella (Marsha S.'s granddaughter), Julie (Heather S.'s cousin), Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, our front line/essential workers, and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, the Schumachers and their ministry in Ghana, 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, Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of TLS and the Center for Young Children. 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.

## ***The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming***

The Day of the Lord is “*darkness, and not light*” (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their “*burnt offerings and grain offerings,*” nor will He look upon their “*peace offerings*” (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets “*justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream*” (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the “lamps” of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the “oil” of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us “*to the dealers*” (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus, we wait upon the Lord, and we “*encourage one another with these words*” (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes “*with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,*” and “*we will always be with the Lord*” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

### **Offerings**

We have multiple options for your gifts, tithes, and offerings. You can text CHRISTLCMS to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at [pushpay.com/pay/christlcms](http://pushpay.com/pay/christlcms) for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the “My Church by PushPay” app, with keyword CHRISTLCMS. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611). Direct links with more information are available on the church website ([christlcms.org/giving](http://christlcms.org/giving)).

## **Stewardship Corner**

<b><i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i></b>	<b>\$ 7,300</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received – Week of 11/1</i></b>	<b>\$ 8,785</b>
<b><i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Oct)</i></b>	<b>\$320,080</b>
<b><i>Offerings Received (Jan-Oct)</i></b>	<b>\$295,054</b>

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**Matthew 25:4** – “... but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the bridegroom’s words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?





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AT AJ'S PIZZERIA!**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 11AM-10PM**

**TLS Fundraiser**

Dine in or carry out from AJ's NY Pizzeria (1930 SW Westport Dr) on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. A portion of each order will go to TLS! Our dinner fundraisers this year are going towards our Parent Teacher League. Thanks to our PTL, we are able to support students, families, and teachers through fellowship and funding classroom and school needs as they arise. Be sure to mention you're there for the TLS fundraiser when you order. Thank you!



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## **Poinsettias**

It's time to order poinsettias! Use the form in the bulletin or download from our website. The poinsettias will be white (as they have been for the past several years). Include \$10 cash or check (made out to Altar Guild), or use the "Altar Guild – Poinsettias" option on PushPay. Deadline to order is Thanksgiving weekend. The Altar Guild thanks you for your support!

# ADVENT MEALS

You are invited to join us on Wednesday nights during Advent from 6 to 7pm for a meal. We will spread tables throughout the whole gym. Please wear your mask until you are seated and again if you need to get up. Meals will be delivered to the table.

Food will be prepared with minimal people and appropriate precautions to keep you safe!

Gluten-free options will be available each week.

### DEC. 2

Ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll,  
and fresh chocolate chip cookies

### DEC. 9

BBQ pulled pork sandwich, baked beans,  
corn, and fresh brownies

### DEC. 16

Chili, hot dogs, salad,  
and fresh cinnamon rolls

### DEC. 23

Pizza, salad,  
and cake



A free-will offering will be taken  
for Christ Youth.



# Advent Worship Services



Join us in worship as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

-- sign up at [christlcms.org](http://christlcms.org) --

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 9th - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 16th - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 23rd - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Meet in the gym in between services at 6:00 PM  
for a meal each week - a free will offering will be taken.



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# Thanksgiving Worship

Tuesday, Nov. 24th  
4 PM *and* 6 PM  
-- sign up at [christlcm.org](http://christlcm.org) --

"Oh give thanks unto  
the Lord, for he is  
good; for his mercy  
endures forever."

Psalm 136:1

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