

BECAUSE, IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT
JESUS IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD
RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.

ROMANS 10:9



ROMANS: The Theology of the Gospel

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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As We Gather

Please take time to fill out the fellowship pad located near the center aisle in your pew. If you have any prayer requests, feel free to use a prayer request card from the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate after the sermon. (For those joining us online, please contact the church office.) We will include these requests in our prayers during worship and share them with our prayer chain (if desired).

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.



Welcome and Opening Prayer

523 O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 523



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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Stand



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✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

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

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

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

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

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.

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 - shipped 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Table of Peace

Choir

(Due to copyright restrictions, we cannot livestream this song.)

Epistle

Romans 10

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 10.

¹Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

¹⁸But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

"Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world."

¹⁹But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

"I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;
with a foolish nation I will make you angry."

²⁰Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

“I have been found by those who did not seek me;
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

²¹But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

205



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

Verse

John 20:31 LSB 205



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia

205



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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

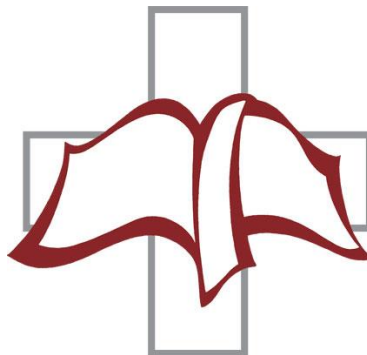
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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.

**☩ 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.

831 "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

LSB 831



1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard
 2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place,
 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
 4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire im - part
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved - and came;
 Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,
 Con - stant in prayer, through toil - and pain,
 To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;
 Spir - it of truth, in pow'r come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,
 Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;
 Tell - ing of One who died for all,
 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
 So shall they hear and find and prove



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?
 Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.
 To bring a lost world home a - gain?
 And make a world for Christ my goal.
 Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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Sermon

Offering

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



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

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Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

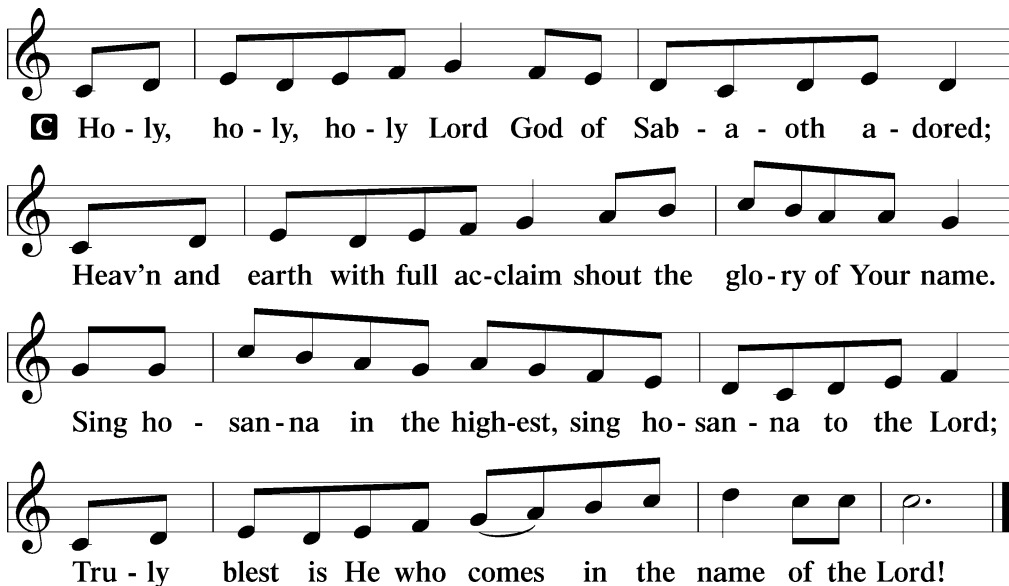
- P** The Lord be with you.
 - C** **And also with you.**
 - P** Lift up your hearts.
 - C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
 - P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 - C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in 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

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



C 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!

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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

Pax Domini

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 210

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



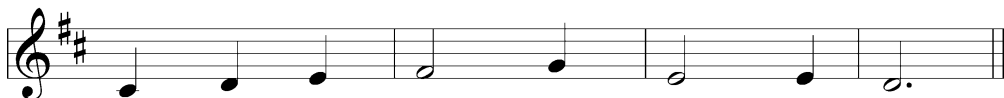
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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

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.

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

(continued on next page)

- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd name we hallow.

587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

LSB 587



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 426



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



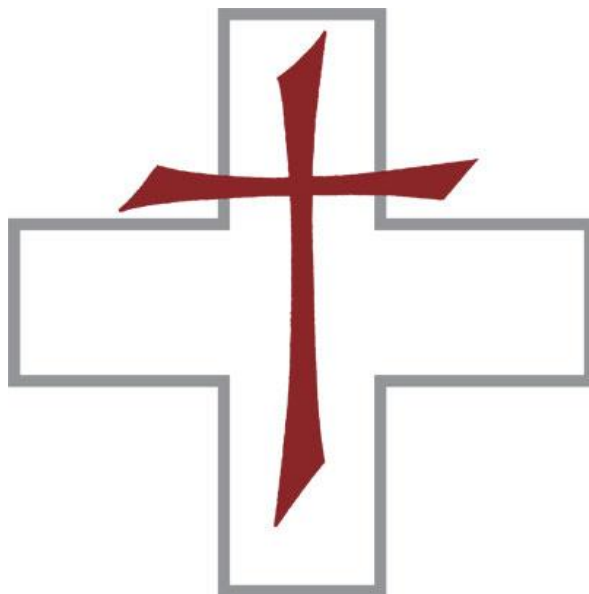
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Stand



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.


Nunc Dimittis
SONG OF SIMEON

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

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.

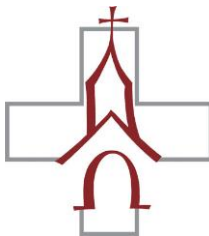
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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



409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

LSB 409



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our
 2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your
 3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your
 sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -
 of - f'rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,
 ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,
 Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry
 See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in
 Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.
 for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.
 bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

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SEPTEMBER IS MISSIONS MONTH!

*Our mission is to share the love of Christ in all that we do.
We are proud to support missions in our own congregation,
throughout the city of Topeka and the state of Kansas,
across the country and around the world.*

*With numerous organizations and countless ways to serve,
we are spotlighting just a few of the organizations that we are able to help.*



Lifeline Pregnancy Center serves individuals in Northeast Kansas who are experiencing pregnancy. They are a non-profit organization supported by the local community. There is no charge for their services; insurance is not required. Lifeline provides free pregnancy testing, free obstetric ultrasound, and free counseling for pregnancy options. Nationally, Lifeline Children's Services' vast ministry impact can be summed up in five central areas: adoption, education and counseling, foster care, global orphan care, and pregnancy counseling. Lifeline strives to bring gospel hope to vulnerable children and families.

*Please keep Lifeline and the children (born and unborn) they serve
in your prayers.*

*To offer financial assistance to Lifeline,
visit lifelinepregnancycenter.com or christlcms.org/giving ("Local Missions")*

-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday September 17	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)
Monday September 18		
Tuesday September 19	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday September 20	4:00 pm 5:15 pm 5:55 pm 6:05 pm 7:00 pm	Midweek -- Confirmation Midweek – Meal (Taco Salad) Midweek – Worship Midweek – Classes Midweek – Choir
Thursday September 21	2:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm	Chair Aerobics Stewardship Meeting Lutherans for Life (at Calvary)
Friday September 22		
Saturday September 23	9:00 am 10:00 am	Christ Women's Retreat Day (at Jolene's home) Men's Zoom Bible Study
Sunday September 24	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:15 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults) Jr. Youth (4 th -6 th grades) Youth Group (7 th -12 th grades) College/Young Adult Group (ages 18-25)

Celebrating

Birthdays: Erin S. (17th); Janet M. (18th); Mara G., Nicholas H., Tagen K. (19th); Jaymee H., Micah J., Tevan W. (20th); Annette H., Conrad J., Jerry M., Kayli M., Charles P. (21st); Ginger C., Melissa F., Shane H. (22nd); Kimberly S. (23rd); Camden C., Jana C., Melissa L. (24th)

Baptism Birthdays: Morgan C., Janet M. (18th); Damion B. (19th); Beau H. (20th); Addelynn M., Charles P., LaJean R. (21st); Harper D., Conrad J., Aaron W. (23rd); Jana C., Mara G., Kalyn S. (24th)

Anniversaries: Jason & Megan K. (21st); Luis & Tracie C. (23rd)

-- Announcements --

Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Romans (with Pastor Ben) – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym)
God's Word for Today: 1, 2, & 3 John (Small Group) – Basement Meeting Room
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)

4:00 pm – Confirmation (6th, 7th, 8th grades)
5:15 pm – Meal (Free!)
5:55 pm – Worship (Brief service including prayer and a Bible reading)
6:05 pm – Classes (Christian education for all ages)
7:00 pm – Choir

Saturday Bible Studies

9:30 am monthly – Women's Bible Study (contact LaJean Rinker or the church office)
10:00 am weekly – Men's Zoom Bible Study (contact Eric Turner or the church office)

Missions Month

September is Missions Month! Each week we will spotlight one of the many missions we support here at Christ.

Bible Reading Challenge

3rd Quarter prizes are now available in the coffee lobby! Those who are up to date on their Bible reading for the year will be able to pick up a coupon for a free cookie from Dialogue Coffee House (4009 SW 29th St). Or if you'd like a sweet treat without the sugar, we still have some sugar-free chocolates that you can take instead.

Children's Choir

Based on feedback from families here at Christ, our Children's Choir will no longer meet on Wednesday evenings after Midweek. (That's a long day for those kiddos!) Instead, we will incorporate Children's Choir into our Sunday School opening each Sunday morning at 9:15 AM.

-- Announcements --

Christ Women's Retreat Day

The LWML ladies are inviting all women at Christ Lutheran to join us for a Women's Retreat Day on Saturday Sept. 23rd. It is a day of fellowship, fun, games, laughter, Bible Study, visiting, and of course plenty of good food. We will begin around 9:00 am with a breakfast brunch, snack mid-day, and conclude late afternoon with a wiener roast. Hot dogs and buns will be provided. Bring a favorite dish to share. Come join us as you can that day. It will be held at Jolene Balch's home. If you need the address or directions, contact Jolene or the church office.

LWML Collection for Fall Zone Event

The ladies of LWML are collecting items for SOS (domestic violence victims) to bring to their Fall Zone Event in Vassar, KS. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please place them in the bin in the coffee lobby no later than Sunday, October 1st. Thank you.

Items for SOS: Body Wash, Body Lotion, Feminine Products, Toothpaste, Wash Cloths, Towels, Deodorant, Hand Soap, Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Combs, Hair Brushes

Gary's Berries

Save the date! We will be having our annual fellowship night at Gary's Berries on Friday, October 13th. Come and go at your own pace – Gary's Berries will be open from 5-10 PM that day. Advance tickets will be \$13 each and will include a campfire dinner (hot dogs, s'mores, and more) at our group's site. Please bring a chair if you can – seating at our site will be limited. (You may leave your chairs at our campfire site while you enjoy other activities.) Pay through Vanco on our website (select the "Gary's Berries Tickets" fund), or bring cash/check to the church office.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Friday, October 20th. We will not be providing a meal this time, but will definitely have some homemade goodies and treats for our volunteers and donors! To make your life-saving appointment call 800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: TopekaCLC).

Magazines Wanted

SLI is looking for old/used magazines for their residents to use for art projects. If you have any that you would like to donate instead of throwing them in the recycling bin, please leave them in the box in the coffee lobby. Thank you!

-- Announcements --

Lutherans for Life

Lutherans for Life of Greater Topeka will be meeting on Thursday, September 21st at Calvary Lutheran Church (4211 NW Topeka Blvd.) at 6:30 PM. You are invited to join them for a presentation by Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life.

Sanctuary Renovations Fund

We are still raising funds for our sanctuary renovation. These updates will provide easier access to the altar rail for communion (without steps), as well as provide a designated area for our musicians.

Construction will not begin until all funds have been collected. We have currently raised around \$35,000 of our \$50,000 goal. Thank you to all who have already donated!

For those prayerfully considering a gift, you may designate "Renovations" on your check or offering envelope, or choose the "Building Construction & Renovation" fund when giving online through Vanco (christlcms.org/giving).

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., Evelyn (mother of Sandy S.), Ted M., Garry N., Mark (Carol J.'s friend), Wayne B., David (Sondra K.'s son), Kim (friend of the Micheels), Dick H., Betty H., Dorothy (Wayne K.'s sister-in-law), Nick (Hannah M.'s cousin), Sharon H., Lila N., Darleen C., Brandon B., Dennis L., Marsha S., James (father-in-law of Norlinda C.), Craig R., Craig R. II, Natalie O., Doris T., Donna B., Lee M., Julie J., Colleen B., Greg (friend of the Tolberts), Rick (Colleen B.'s son-in-law), Carlie G., 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.



Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “*mercy on your fellow servant*” and “*forgive your brother from your heart*” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “*are the Lord’s*” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “*stand before the judgment seat of God,*” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “*will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand*” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “*to bring it about that many people should be kept alive*” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “*I will provide for you and your little ones*” (Gen. 50:21).

Worship Attendance – Sunday, September 10th

8:00 AM – 78

10:30 AM – 88

Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,945
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 9/10</i>	\$ 8,272
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Aug 2023)</i>	\$ 313,075
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Aug 2023)</i>	\$ 278,355
<i>Building Fund Offerings Received – Week of 9/10</i>	\$ 0

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.”
We just don’t belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.