

AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

ACTS 2:4

The Day of Pentecost Confirmation Sunday May 19, 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

- 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine
- 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
- 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
- 501 Come Down, O Love Divine
- 503 O Day Full of Grace
- 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
- 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



Welcome and Opening Prayer

496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine LSB 496 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine this heart of mine: up - on 2 Let me see my Say-ior's face. Let His me all beau - ties trace: 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - v heart of mine: 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad-dened heart of mine: 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, di - vine. Dwell this heart of mine: all with - in Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day. Show those glo-rious truths to Which are on - ly known to Thee. me From sin's bond-age set me free. Thy mer - cv pit - v me. grow and still in-crease. Yield sa-cred, set-tled peace, Let it

Stand

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+ Confession and Absolution +

Cast down ev - 'rv

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

i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

- 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?
- **©** 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

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

Absolution [John 20:19–23] LSB 203

- 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 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
- P O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
- c the earth is full of your creatures.
- **P** These all look to you,
- c to give them their food in due season.
- P When you give it to them, they gather it up;
- when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- **P** When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
- and you renew the face of the ground. 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 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Kyrie Mark 10:47 204

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



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



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.

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, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A The Old Testament Reading is from Ezekiel, chapter 37.

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

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

Second Reading Acts 2:1–21

A The Epistle is from Acts, chapter 2.

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams;

 $^{18}\mathrm{even}$ on my male servants and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

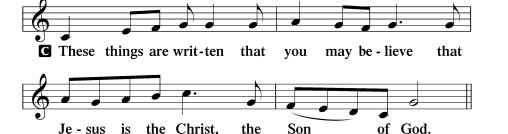
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Alleluia and Verse



Verse

John 20:31 ISB 205



Alleluia 205



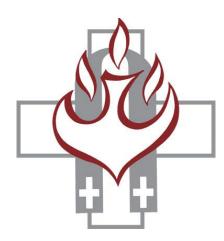
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

- **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.

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



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).

Confirmation (10:30 only)

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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."

- ...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

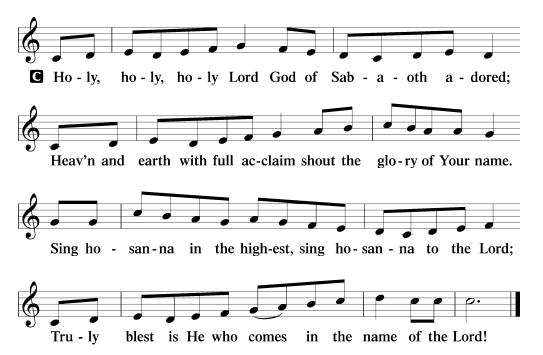
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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".



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 these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

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

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

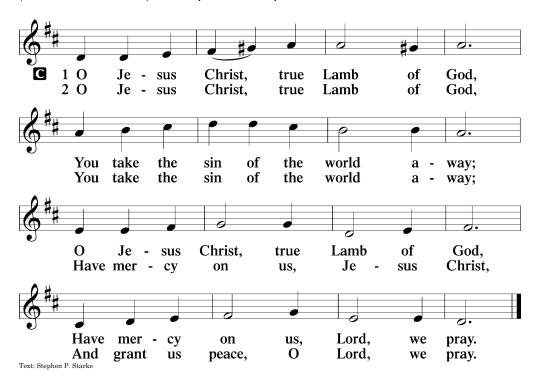
(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

- 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."

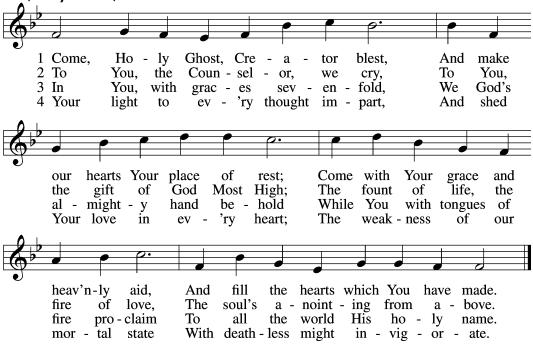


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Distribution

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





- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow; With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.

△7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 211

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

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

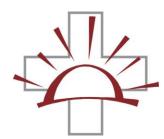
A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

- 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





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God's blessings to our confirmands!



-- Week at a Glance --

Sunday May 19		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)
		Confirmation Sunday
Monday May 20		
Tuesday May 21	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday May 22	5:15 pm	Midweek Pizza Party & Game Night
Thursday May 23		Red Cross Blood Drive Chair Aerobics
Friday May 24		
Saturday May 25	10:00 am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
Sunday May 26		Worship Service w/ Communion Sunday School (children & adults)

Celebrating

Birthdays: Mitch F., David P., Jzanasia S. (19th); Bryan B., Aurora C. (21st); Rachel F., Jackie G. (22nd); Dylan B., Cori F., Kensleigh G., Nicole W. (23rd): Alicia B., Heather N. (24th); Charles H., Marty K. (25th); Sharon L., Hannah N., Brian W. (26th)

Baptism Birthdays: Emagene M., David P. (19th); Amelia S. (20th); Sarah B. (22nd); Rachel F. (23rd); Jason K., Pastor Ben M. (24th); Allyson N. (25th)

Anniversaries: Pastor Ben & Rachel M. (19th); Gary & Donna S. (20th); Gary & Marsha S. (22nd); Jason & Amanda A. (25th)

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 - Wednesdays

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:15 PM for a pizza party and game night as our first year of Midweek comes to a close. Watch for summer fellowship nights in June and July!

Saturday Bible Studies

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

Women's Summer Bible Study

We are planning to schedule a weekly women's Bible study group this summer. Last year we met on Wednesday mornings, and childcare was provided. Let DCE Amanda know if this time works for you, or if there is another day/time that would be better.

Voters' Meeting

We will be holding a congregational voters' meeting on Sunday, June 2nd at 9:15 AM to vote on the following motions regarding the Lutheran School Association of Topeka:

- The LSAT requests the association congregations form a 6-member group, consisting of one pastor and their lay designee from each congregation of St. John's, Christ, and Faith to be formed to handle any future business items that may arise, for a period of up to three years after the LSAT dissolution date, with the Pastor of St. John's being the primary contact of the group.
- The LSAT requests the association congregation vote to formally dissolve the LSAT, effective June 30, 2024.

New Testament Bible Reading Challenge

Bible Reading Challenge Prizes are available NOW! Once you have finished reading the New Testament, please bring your completion slip (found on the last page of your reading calendar) to the coffee lobby and pick up not one but TWO prizes in recognition of your outstanding efforts! Enjoy both a Bible verse pen and humorous sticky notes.

Christ Kids Summer Bible Reading Challenge

Children and students can pick up a summer reading log in our coffee lobby. For the months of June and July, write down the titles of all Bible story books and/or chapters of the Bible that you read (or have read to you). The books can be from our church library or ones that you have at home. On the last Sundays in June and July, bring your reading log for that month to church with you and receive a prize!

Summer Fellowship Night

Midweek will be over for the summer, but you can still join us for some Wednesday evening fun! Join us in the gym on Wednesday, June 5th at 5:30 PM. We'll provide a meal for dinner, and then you can enjoy your choice of games, some pressed flower craft projects, or both! All ages are invited. This event is free of charge -- friends and guests are welcome!

In Search of Glass Jars

We are looking for glass jars for a project at our upcoming Summer Fellowship Night (June 5th). Glass jars (no plastic) must have smooth sides (no raised logo or decorative texture). Sizes can range from baby food up to canning/mason jars. Lids are not required. Clean jars with no labels/adhesive stuck to them can be (carefully) left in the container in the coffee lobby. Thank you for your help!

Kansas City Monarchs Baseball Game – Ticket Deadline Soon!

Christ members! Enjoy a fun evening of fellowship at the Kansas City Monarchs baseball game on Friday, June 7, 2024. Gates open at 6 PM, and game starts at 6:35 PM.

Tickets for Christ members: \$20 each - your cost

(Christ will cover the other half of the ticket cost for our members)

Children ages 2 & under are free.

Non-member tickets are full price: \$40 each

Tickets may be purchased online thru Vanco (christlcms.org/giving – scroll all the way to the bottom of the listed funds and select "Monarchs Baseball Game"), or via cash/check at the church office. (Please make checks out to Christ Lutheran Church, with "Monarchs Baseball" in the memo.) *Ticket deadline is Sunday, May 26th.*

We will have access to the "backyard" area of the stadium, which includes a ballpark buffet of burgers, hot dogs, etc. as well as water and soda -- all included with your ticket. Parking is free!

Please note that Legends Field is cashless, and enforces a clear bag policy. For more information, please visit their website (http://monarchsbaseball.com/legends-field).

Graduates

Christ members! If you would like your high school/college/tech school grad listed in our June newsletter, please send the student's name and the school they are graduating from to the church office (office@christlcms.org).

Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Work Day at SENT

SENT is nearing completion on some upgrades at their facility that will enable them to serve even more members of our community. They will be holding a work day on Saturday, June 1st to set up classrooms in Building 2. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Kirstie Appelhanz (kappelhanz@senttopeka.com).

Saints Alive After 55

The 2024 Retreat for Saints Alive After 55 will be held July 21-22 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina, KS. This year's theme is "What's Love Got to Do with It," based on Matthew 22:36-39. Registration is now open on the Kansas District LCMS website (kslcms.org).

The 10th Annual Luke Savage Memorial Golf Tournament

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

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

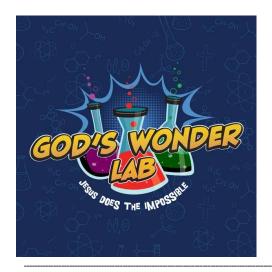
Please come join us and "Play With All Your Heart" in memory of Luke and to help raise funds for children/families experiencing health issues and hardships!!

Summer Ministries at Christ

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

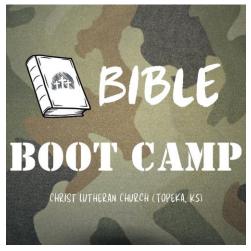
VBS – June 10-14, 9 AM to noon, Kindergarten thru 5th grade, FREE! Registration now open! (www.christlcms.org).

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



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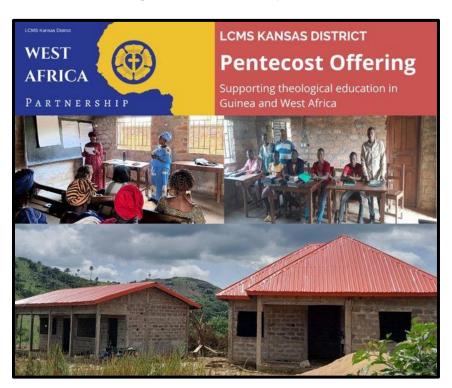
Kansas District LCMS Pentecost Offering

Pentecost Sunday will be May 19th. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Kansas District LCMS for their annual Pentecost Offering.

For 27 years, LCMS Kansas District congregations have supported the growth of God's kingdom in Guinea and West Africa. Through the 2023 Pentecost Offering and designated funds, a total of \$50,000 was sent by the Kansas District in support of the West Africa partnership!

An abundance of mission work is taking place in Guinea and West Africa, and there is still much to be done! Please consider participating in this year's Pentecost Offering, and supporting the great work being accomplished. The offering will be used to continue supporting the Guinea seminary, as well as the provision of Lutheran education and resources to the people of Guinea and West Africa.

To learn more or make an online gift, visit the West Africa/Guinea page on the District website, https://kslcms.org/guinea-westafrica. If you would rather donate by mail, you can send a check with "Pentecost Offering" in the memo line to the LCMS Kansas District (1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604-1104).



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), Avari (great-niece of Heather S.), Isaac (Ginger C.'s grandson), Bobby B., Josie H., Emily (great niece of Brenda Z.), Jessica (Jamie H.'s daughter), 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.), Charles H., Jerry (Kay A.'s brother), Daria H., 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.





Christ Kids Summer 2024 Bible Reading Challenge

Children and students can pick up a summer reading log in our coffee lobby. For the months of June and July, write down the titles of all Bible story books and/or chapters of the Bible that you read (or have read to you). The books can be from our church library or ones that you have at home. On the last Sundays in June and July, bring your reading log for that month to church with you and receive a prize!



The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends "the Helper" to His Church, that is, "the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father." The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says "Amen" to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by "this sound," that is, by the preaching of "the mighty works of God" in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son "on all flesh" (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

Worship Attendance - Sunday, May 12th

8:00 AM - 72 10:30 AM - 66

Stewardship Corner

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,269
Offerings Received – Week of 5/12	\$ 4,023
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Apr 2024)	\$ 148,842
Offerings Received (Jan-Apr 2024)	\$ 149,265
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Acts 2:1 – "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament, Pentecost takes on the meaning of a new harvest, directing us to the ripe fields of the nations and the task of bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.