



-- Mark 1:35 --

*And rising very early  
in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
he departed and went out  
to a desolate place,  
and there he prayed.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
MARK**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 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**

- 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ
- 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
- 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
- 469 Christ the Lord is Risen Today
- 543 What Wondrous Love Is This
- 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
- 686 Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing



## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

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1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-ered pain;  
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



*Refrain*  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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## **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 ✠ 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.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
**C** **and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**  
**P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
**C** **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**  
**P** Bless our God, O peoples;  
**C** **let the sound of his praise be heard,**  
**P** who has kept our soul among the living  
**C** **and has not let our feet slip.**  
**P** Blessed be God,  
**C** **because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! 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 and hear, all you who fear God,  
**C** **and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

### 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.

  
*Kyrie Eleison*  

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**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

# Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



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;

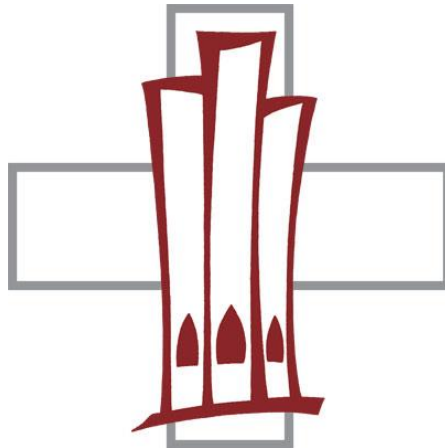


We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



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.

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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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*

## First Reading

*Acts 10:34–48*

**A** The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 10.

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these

people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 John 5:1–8*

**A** The Epistle is from 1 John, chapter 5.

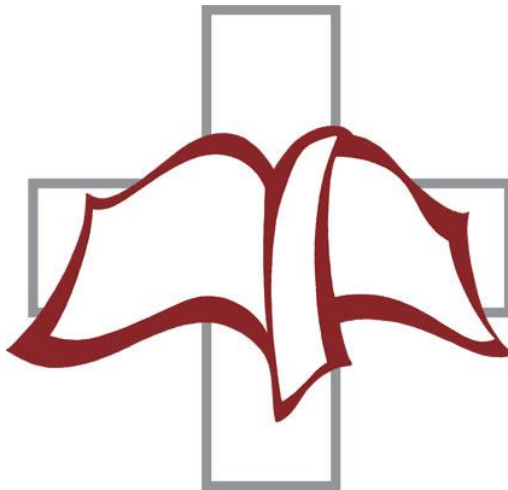
<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*





## Alleluia and Verse

### Alleluia


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**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

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

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:35–39*

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

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## Children's Message

Matthew 19:14; Mark 13:13-15; Luke 18:16

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

### 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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## Blessing of the Pulpit

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ preached and taught repentance and the forgiveness of sins, and after His resurrection sent His disciples out, saying: “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.”

**P** Let us pray.  
O Lord God, Your Son stepped into Simon Peter’s boat and from it taught the crowds, thus making it a pulpit. Bless this pulpit that from it Your saving and merciful Word may be proclaimed and many may be brought to eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this pulpit.

**C** Amen.

## 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](https://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](https://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).*



## Blessing and Sending of Graduates

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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

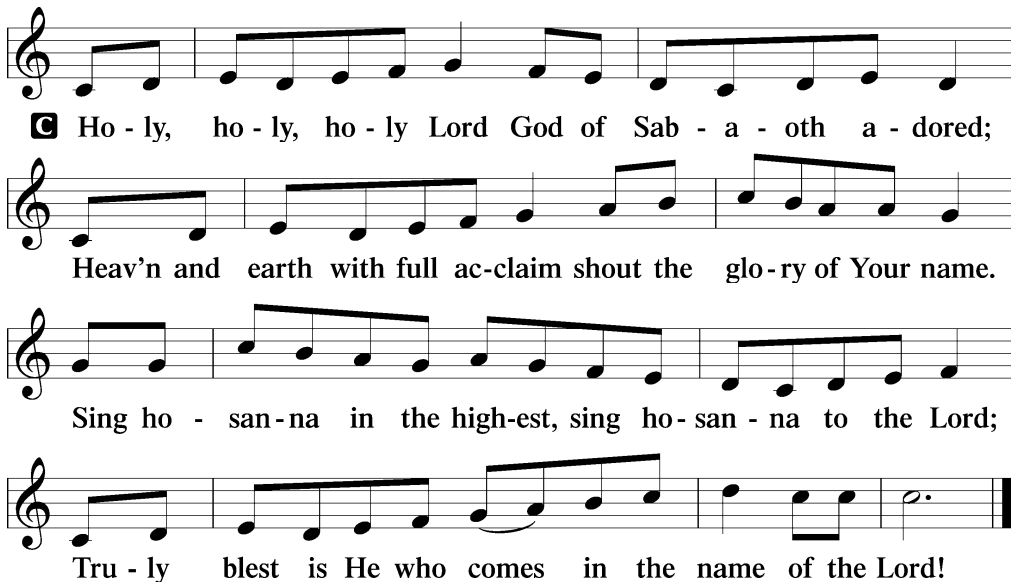
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- 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!

## 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.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

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."



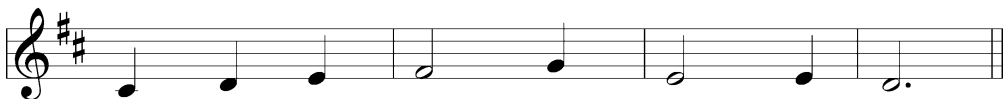
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*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.*

## 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly  
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it  
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



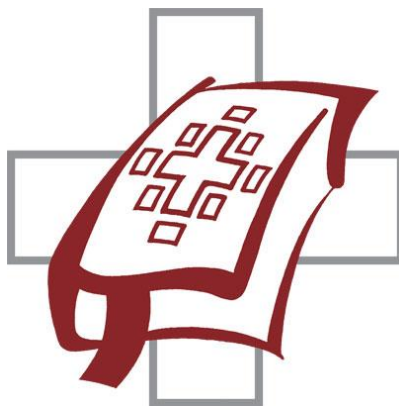
spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all  
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
 moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left  
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

*(continued on next page)*



5 God said to His beloved Son:  
“It’s time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever.”

6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow’r disguised He bore;  
A servant’s form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

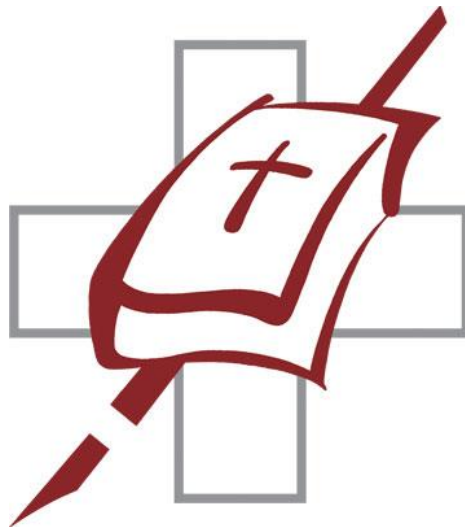
7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.

8 “Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict’ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav’n ascending,  
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

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## 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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# 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

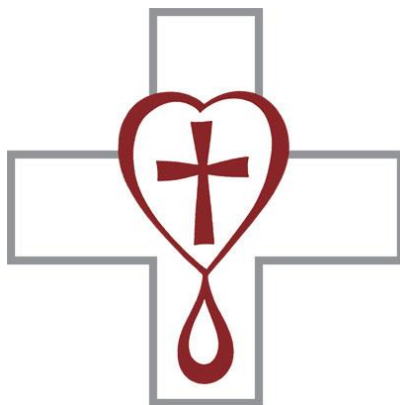


caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt.  
 Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven  
 Text and tune: Public domain



# 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a

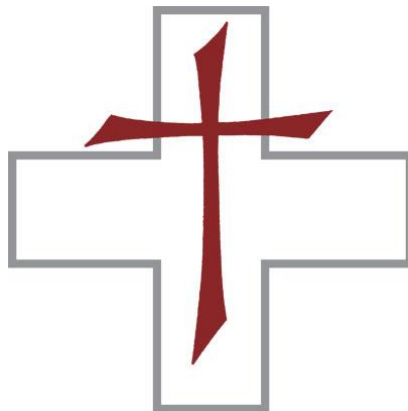


these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise  
 To claim my mansion in the skies,  
 This then shall be my only plea:  
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.  
 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93  
 Text and tune: Public domain



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



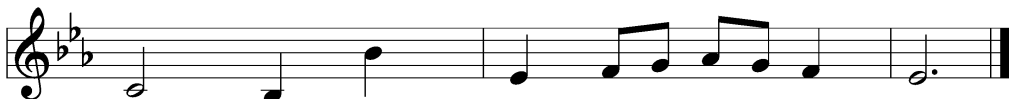
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



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.

## 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.*

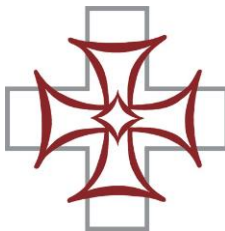
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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*



# 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-90, alt.  
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## -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday May 5	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am 11:45 am	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Sunday School (children & adults) State of the Church Luncheon  <i>Graduates' Sunday</i>
Monday May 6		
Tuesday May 7		
Wednesday May 8	4:00 pm 5:15 pm <b>5:55 pm</b> 6:05 pm	Midweek – Confirmation Midweek – Meal <b>Midweek – Worship</b> Classes/Bible Study
Thursday May 9	2:00 pm	Chair Aerobics
Friday May 10		
Saturday May 11	9:30 am 10:00 am	Women's Monthly Bible Study (at LaJean's) Men's Zoom Bible Study
Sunday May 12	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Sunday School (children & adults)  <i>Mother's Day</i>

### **Celebrating**

**Birthdays:** Haley C. (5<sup>th</sup>); Jon B., Kody H. (6<sup>th</sup>); Maelyn F., Jerry S. (9<sup>th</sup>); Yancy A., Emily C., Myrick F. (10<sup>th</sup>); Nola J., Bob T. (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Tava K. (6<sup>th</sup>); Blakely B. (7<sup>th</sup>); Jerry M., Isaac R. (8<sup>th</sup>); Dick H. (9<sup>th</sup>); Denny J. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Bob & Doris T. (5<sup>th</sup>); Lewis & Jennifer B. (8<sup>th</sup>)



# -- Announcements --

## Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Mark (with Pastor Ben) – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym)  
A Walk Through the Bible (Women’s Group) – Meeting Room near Gym

## Children/Youth Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)

Children (Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Upstairs Education Wing  
Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Basement Youth Room

## Midweek at Christ (Wednesday)

4:00 PM – Confirmation  
5:15 PM – Meal  
5:55 PM – Worship Service  
6:05 PM – Classes

## Saturday Bible Studies

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



*Midweek Meals :*  
*May 2024*

*May 1st :*  
*Burgers & Hot Dogs*

*May 8th :*  
*Ham*

*May 15th :*  
*Pulled Pork*

*May 22nd :*  
*Pizza Party*

*Free meal on Wednesdays at 5:15 pm,  
followed by worship and classes*

WEDNESDAY  
Midweek at Christ

The graphic features a white plate held by two hands against a dark background. The text is written in a blue, cursive font. In the top right corner, there is a small calendar icon for Wednesday with the church logo and the text 'Midweek at Christ'.

# -- Announcements --

## **Graduates' Sunday – TODAY!**

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

## **State of the Church Luncheon – TODAY!**

Join us after church (around 11:45 AM) on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for lunch in the gym and presentations from the church council. Since it happens to fall on Cinco de Mayo, tacos will be provided for lunch! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

## **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.

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

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

## **Assistance Needed for Funeral Lunches**

The ladies of LWML always offer to serve a meal for the family of the deceased after a funeral that is held here at Christ. Would you be willing to prepare a casserole, salad, or dessert next time we have a funeral service here? This small act is a huge comfort for these families during a difficult time. Please contact LaJean Rinker for more info ([lajeain.rinker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lajeain.rinker@sbcglobal.net) or 785-250-4481).

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> to set up classrooms in Building 2. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Kirstie Appelhanz ([kappelhanz@sentopeka.com](mailto:kappelhanz@sentopeka.com)).

# -- Announcements --

## **Kansas City Monarchs Baseball Game**

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](http://christlcms.org/giving) – scroll all the way to the bottom of the listed funds and select “Monarchs Baseball”), 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>).

## **The 10<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, at Shawnee Country Club at 913 SE 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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!!

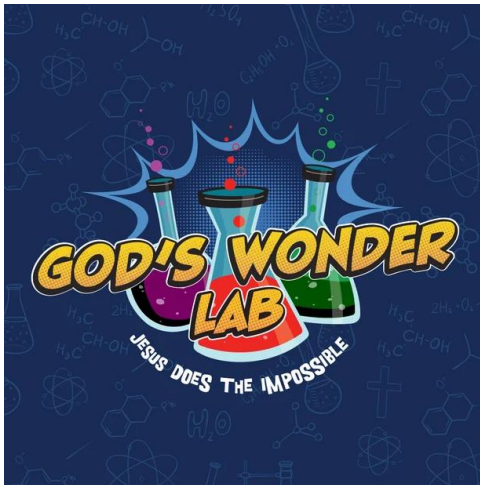
## -- Announcements --

### Summer Ministries at Christ

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

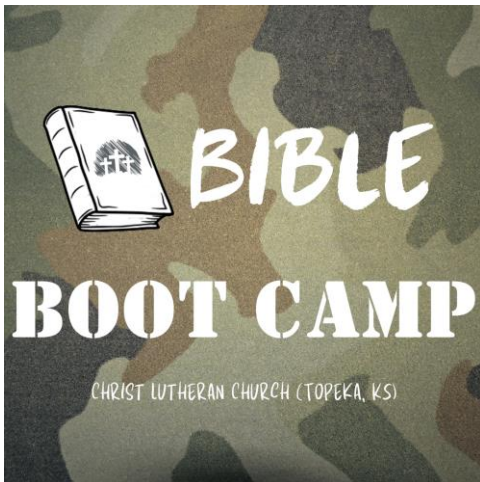
**VBS** – June 10-14, 9 AM to noon, Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, FREE!  
Registration now open! ([www.christlcms.org](http://www.christlcms.org)).

**Bible Boot Camp** – July 8-12, 9 AM to 5 PM, 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade, \$50 (includes lunch)  
Registration now open! ([www.christlcms.org](http://www.christlcms.org)).



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**Kindergarten thru 5th Grade**  
**FREE OF CHARGE!**

**Register now!**  
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**6th grade thru 9th grade**  
**\$50 per student (includes lunch)**

**Register now!**  
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# -- Announcements --

## 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!

## LCMS Summer Camp

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

Criteria for being considered for church support and scholarships:

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

*For more information and application for the Schaefer Scholarship, please visit [christlcms.org/Schaefer](http://christlcms.org/Schaefer)*

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

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

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



# -- Announcements --

## **Kansas District LCMS Pentecost Offering**

Pentecost Sunday will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. 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).

## **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](http://kslcms.org)).

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## 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), Averil (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., 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.



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The poster features a light blue background with a green grass strip at the bottom. In the center, there are several smiling yellow sunflowers of various sizes, some with red hearts floating around them. The text is arranged in a clean, sans-serif font, with the title in large green letters at the top. The event details and contact information are in red and black text.

## *The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel*

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “*are witnesses of all that he did.*” He was anointed by God “*with the Holy Spirit and with power,*” and “*he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,*” and so He was with those whom He sent “*to preach to the people*” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “*baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,*” so that “*everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name*” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “*the water and the blood*” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “*joy may be full.*” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “*go and bear fruit*” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

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### Worship Attendance – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM – 65

10:30 AM – 61

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## **Stewardship Corner**

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,269
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 4/28</i>	\$ 14,562
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Mar 2024)</i>	\$ 115,766
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Mar 2024)</i>	\$ 111,700

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**1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”** God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.