

# CyberServant

## Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Week of April 5, 2020



Earlier this week I read an article about a baby girl born in Houston, Texas whose parents wanted to give her a special name. So - after a “great?” deal of thought - the mother of the little girl gave her a name which is 1,023 letters long! An amalgamation of 100 short first names, which includes hyphens which is recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records because of its length (obviously too long to print here.) The article stated that registering her name in the registrar’s office in Houston, Texas proved to be quite a challenging process which required the use of seven certificates glued and stapled together. It was such a laborious process that the registrar’s office in Houston now prohibits the use of names that will not fit on two typewritten lines in the 5 1/8” space of a birth certificate.

While preparing for this week’s 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday service (which will be broadcast on Facebook), I thought about the name God gave to His Son. A five-letter name which is the greatest name above all and any other name, “Jesus”. Our Savior, who’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem we and millions of other Christians will celebrate this Sunday - regardless - and in spite of being “confined to our living quarters” - or - at a socially safe distance from each other because of the Coronavirus which unlike Jesus’ love for us will never cease to be.

“Jesus.” What’s in a name? What’s so special in and about that name? Comfort. Peace. Security. Safety. Healing. Caring. Calm. Love. Grace. Forgiveness. Hope for today, tomorrow and all of eternity. A name above and beyond any name in this life. A name at the sound of which every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and every tongue confess to be Savior of the world - who knows each and all of our names: long, short, or anywhere in between.

Tune in to this week’s worship service - and invite your family and friends to celebrate His arrival into Jerusalem - in preparation for our salvation.

Pastor Illausky



1 - Logon to FaceBook beginning at 9:15 am on Sunday morning.

2 - In the Search bar, type the following:

*Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Allen*

There may be more than one search result. If so, look for the search result with our address, 821 South Greenville Avenue, and click on that entry.

This will connect you to our page.

3 - On our page, look for the 'Live' button in the top white tool bar and click on it. You should see a live feed of the altar area.

4 - If you have trouble, call the church at 972-727-3191 after 9:15 am and someone will be there to help you.

5 - Invite your friends and click on the red 'Watch Party' button on the Christ the Servant Facebook Page!

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Owing to the financial realities created by the Coronavirus, the need of the continued, generous financial support of CTSLC's members continues to grow and will be very much appreciated in the days ahead.

THANK YOU to those who have mailed their weekly contribution to the church office. (821 S. Greenville Ave., Allen, Tx. 75002)

To make an on-line contribution to CTSLC by using your checking or savings account or credit/debit card please visit [christtheservant.com](http://christtheservant.com); click "Donate", and follow the prompts on that secure web site. (Please contact CTSLC Financial Secretary Patty Voga [fin.sec@christtheservant.com](mailto:fin.sec@christtheservant.com) or (214) 766-1635 for help with any questions of a confidential basis.)

All CTSLC meetings and activities are cancelled as are those of all other groups using our building (excluding Amazing Grace Day Care).

Pastor Illausky and Ceci Gunderson are available for contact via email, text and telephone.



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is observing current recommendations and the building is closed until further notice. See details below.



### Holy Week

#### Holy Week Services:

*Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>*

*7 pm – broadcast on live  
Facebook*

*Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>*

*9:30 am – broadcast live on  
Facebook*



### Palm Sunday

**See our service on Facebook!**

**See instructions above.**

### OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Call 972-727-3191 if you have any questions. If there is not an answer, leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.



**Parents of children who normally attend children's sermon at services, please be sure they are watching the service broadcast on Facebook this Sunday. Pastor will have a special message for them!**



## AMA Shopping List

Needs this week are:

- 1-2 lb bags rice
- 1-2 lb bags dried pinto beans
- Canned carrots, potatoes, spinach
- Corn muffin mix
- Soda crackers
- Cereal
- Canned Meat, Tuna
- Canned Fruit, no cranberries or pumpkin

Please take food directly to the outside donation box at Pantry at back of St Jude's property. In addition, monetary donations can be made online at [allenfoodpantry.org](http://allenfoodpantry.org)  
You are greatly appreciated!



## Lawn Mowing Teams

April 5 - Team Dick

April 12 - Team Akkerman

April 19 - Team Hundtofte



## Rehearsals:

Christ's Kids Choir,  
Temporarily suspended.

Spirit Bells (beginning),  
Temporarily suspended.

Chancel Choir,  
Temporarily suspended.

Lutherings (intermed/adv),  
Temporarily suspended.

## Assisting Ministers

May 3	Doug Egner
May 10	Linda Federle
May 17	Kathy Fritz
May 24	Bill Henke
May 31	Cheryl Lindberg
June 7	Larry Lutz



### A Note from CTSLC Member Care:

During this time of “social distancing,” if you are unable to get to the store or pharmacy to get items you need, especially if you are part of the “at risk” population, please contact the Member Care Committee, and we will do what we can to assist. Please contact Pam Grosze (918-978-4046, [pgrosze@tx.rr.com](mailto:pgrosze@tx.rr.com)) for any assistance needed.



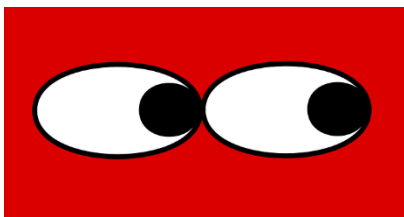
### **Effective Until Further Notice**

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church will suspend ALL WORSHIP SERVICES, ACTIVITIES and MEETINGS

All other groups which use our building (excluding Amazing Grace Day Care) are requested to suspend their activities as well.

Pastor Illausky and Ceci Gunderson will remain available for contact via email, text and telephone.

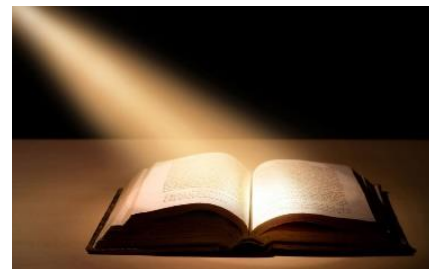
Please join us online Sundays at 9:30 am for a live service on Facebook at  
*Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Allen*



## Youth and Families!

Keep an eye on your emails!

Important information will be sent to you soon about Sunday school!



## Our Service for Sunday, April 5

The last four pages of this CyberServant contain the materials you need to follow along with the broadcast of Sunday's service.

*Please join us Sunday morning, April 5<sup>th</sup> after 9:15 am on Facebook. Service starts at 9:30 am.*



See the instructions above just after the Pastor's message.

Alternately, if you wish to use Fire Stick:

- Install the Facebook Watch App. (Only once)
- Start it up. Logging in to your Facebook account does help the search for the church's website but it's not required.
- Search for 'Christ the Servant Lutheran Church'. Look for the icon below.



- Once there, the videos we have posted will show, as will the live broadcast after it's started.

If you have trouble, call the church at 972-727-3191 after 9:15 am and someone will be there to help you.



## Troop 79/1079 Mulch Sale

*All mulch sales and mulch delivery have been canceled for this year.* Due to the concerns with the virus, delivery and sales are obviously very hard to do, so the decision was made by the Troop committee to cancel the sales for this year. If you have already put in an order, your form and check will be returned to you. Thank you so very much for your support and please know that the troops will be back at it again next year. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Ceci Gunderson at church.sec@christtheservant.com.



## A Message from the ACO

**Food Donations will continue to be accepted at 801 E. Main Street.** There is a **BIG BLUE AND PURPLE DROP BOX** where you can leave your donations. We check it hourly. Call us if you have refrigerated or frozen items and we will take them from the curb. A list of needs is constantly updated on our website: <https://www.acocares.org/get-involved/food-pantry/>

Household goods of used clothing and housewares donations are **on hold** for the time being at our drop off center. Please hold on to your used donations for us, we will need them! Financial gifts may be made online at [www.ACOCARES.ORG](http://www.ACOCARES.ORG), or mailed to ACO, 801 E. Main Street, Allen TX 75002.



## Prayer List

Chris Armstrong	Vicky Mansfield
Steve Brevig	Jennifer O'Neill
The Claycomb Family	Mary Reisig
Jeremey Egner	Joyce Ryder
Terry Gunderson	June Saleika
Theodore Hopkins	Lorraine Sandvig
June Kio	Jan Vogelsang
Roland Kio	Tom Whannell
Kim Lewis	Wanda Sue Wilcox
Chad Lindberg	

*Please keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers during this coming week.*

## **WELCA at Christ the Servant Calendar**



Used Book Sale

May 2

Church Narthex



Book Club

May 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00

Grundeis Home\*

*Becoming* by Michelle Obama



Book Club

June 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00

Grundeis Home\*

*The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West* by David McCullough

***Due to current events, dates above are subject to change.***

More information such as dates, times and locations for some events will be posted as decisions are made. Other questions can be answered by Ginny Grundeis at [ggrundeis51@gmail.com](mailto:ggrundeis51@gmail.com).

\*Grundeis home is at 827 Rockefeller Lane (2 blocks west of Allen Heights south of Bethany.)

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 20, 2020 – JULY 24, 2020

6:00PM – 8:30PM



Join Christ the Servant Lutheran Church for this great week of faith, fun, and friendship! To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them!



*Scan me*

**Registration is now open!**

<https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/Christtheservant>

Or just scan the code to the left to go directly to our registration!

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

821 S Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002 P: 972.727.3191



# *Let's Get Involved!*

## CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMITTEES

### Committee

*Children, Youth and Family Ministry*  
*Da' Guys*  
*Empty Nesters*  
*Evangelism and Outreach*  
*Family Promise*  
*Finance Committee*  
*Health Cabinet*  
*Mini Parish*  
*Member Care*  
*Music Ministry*  
*Mutual Ministry Committee*  
*Property Committee*  
*Senior Servants*  
*Social Ministry Committee*  
*Stephen Ministry*  
*Technology Committee*  
*WELCA*  
*Worship and Music*

### Contact

*Kim Andrews*  
*Lennie Gunderson*  
*Bob Peeler*  
*Alan Reidmiller*  
*Bob Peeler*  
*Lou Federle*  
*Laura Kibby*  
*Christina Osmer*  
*Pam Grosze*  
*Marilyn Lutz*  
*Rob Andrews*  
*Lou Federle*  
*Bob Peeler*  
*Bill and Susan Henke*  
*Bob Peeler*  
*Richard Eyo*  
*Pam Grosze, Ginny Grundei*  
*Marilyn Lutz*



May you find comfort in the warmth and light of God.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church  
Facebook Worship Service  
April 5, 2020  
Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Prelude

Were You There

arr. Alex Kirton

Welcome

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ glorified as king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox. Like Peter, we desire to follow Christ but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst - and follow with trepidation as His path leads to death on the cross and His broken body buried in a grave from which He was raised by God on the third day. This morning, we stand at the beginning of a week which is at the center of the church year, looking forward in anticipation toward the completion of God's astounding work.

Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God in three persons who is present, gives life and calls into existence all things for our benefit. **C:** Amen.

Pastor: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is grace and forgiveness for which reason we confess:

Cong: Gracious God have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Pastor: Receive good news! God turns to you in love saying; "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live. All your sins are forgiven through and in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the personification of God's free and abounding gift of grace and love for you. Amen

Reading of Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Sue Illausky

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you and you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them', and he will send them immediately". This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed and they brought the donkey and the colt, put their cloaks on them and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Jesus and those that followed Him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem the whole city was in turmoil asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Pastor: Today churches everywhere remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem where he would be betrayed and die six days later on a Friday we call "good". As such, today's service is simultaneously mixed with joy and distress over that which Christ endured for us and for all people. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the

world through Jesus Christ who entered the holy city in triumph where he was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way: "HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!"

Congregational Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW #344

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*
- 4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear and I was not rebellious. I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced, therefore I have set my face like flint and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Congregational Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW #324

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

### Second Reading                      Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Children's Message and Palm Sunday Meditation

#### Musical Offering

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Alex Kirton

Gospel                      Matthew 27:11-54    Read by Pastor Illausky, Sue Illausky, Alex Kirton, Ceci Gunderson

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Service ends in silence