

# CyberServant

Christ the Servant  
Lutheran Church

Week of April 19, 2020



## Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God for that good news - and thanks to those who participated in our Easter Sunday morning “drive by distribution” of Holy Communion. In total, 52 adults received the Sacrament and 12 children were happy to receive an Easter blessing and special gift. It was wonderful to see you all!

Special THANKS to Craig Tribuzi for making it possible to broadcast our brief consecration service on an FM radio station, Diane Tribuzi for providing the pictures shown below and Sue Illausky for yet again “volunteering” for her assistance on Sunday morning.

You might also be interested to know that as we were preparing to pick things up a couple with two young children from the neighborhood who observed what we were doing pulled in and asked if they could receive the Sacrament. My answer? “Absolutely!”, and they drove away as had our members: forgiven, fed, nourished and blessed.

Pastor Illausky





P. S. As CTSLC council members continue to make phone calls to our members each week, please be aware that an incoming call may show on your phone an area code with which you may not be familiar. Rest assured we are not soliciting anything; we are only checking in with each family and wish you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.



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.

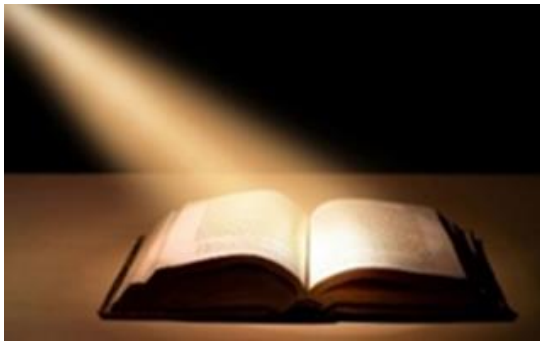


**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**See our service on Facebook!**

**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.



## **Our Service for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 19<sup>th</sup> after 9:15 am on Facebook. Service starts at 9:30 am.***



### **Church Council News:**

Results of the election -- Kathy Fritz, Ryan Akkerman & Steve Secora were each elected to a three year term on CTSLC's church council.



## AMA Shopping List

Needs this month 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 19 – Team Hundtofte

April 26 – Team Reidmiller

May 3 – Team Federle



## 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



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.

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## Don't have a Facebook Account?

- 1 - Go to [Christtheservant.com](http://Christtheservant.com)
- 2 -- Click on the Facebook icon in the lower right corner
- 3 -- Click on video
- 4 -- Click on the red LIVE button; you are in!

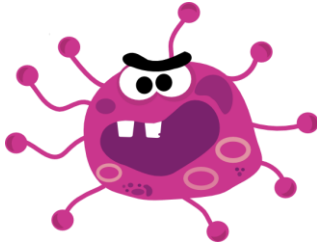


### **Effective Until Further Notice**

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church will suspend ALL ON-SITE 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*



**“How the Virus Stole Easter:  
With a nod to Dr. Seuss”,  
by Kristi Bothur, Columbia, S. Carolina**

’Twas late in ‘19 when the virus began  
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.  
People were sick, hospitals full,  
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.  
As winter gave way to the promise of spring,  
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.  
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.  
Where they YouTubed and Zoomed, social-  
distanced, and cleaned.  
April approached and churches were closed.  
“There won’t be an Easter,” the world supposed.  
“There won’t be church services, and egg hunts are  
out.  
No reason for new dresses when we can’t go about.”  
Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.  
The world was focused on masks and on tests.  
“Easter can’t happen this year,” it proclaimed.  
“Online and at home, it just won’t be the same.”  
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and  
went.  
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.  
The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.  
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.  
“Pooh pooh to the saints,” the world was grumbling.  
“They’re finding out now that no Easter is coming.  
“They’re just waking up! We know just what they’ll  
do!  
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,  
And then all the saints will cry boo-hoo.  
“That noise,” said the world, “will be something to  
hear.”  
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.  
And it did hear a sound coming through all the  
skies.  
It started down low, then it started to rise.  
But the sound wasn’t depressed.  
Why, this sound was triumphant!  
It couldn’t be so! And it grew with abundance!

The world stared around, popping its eyes.  
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!  
Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,  
Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!  
It hadn’t stopped Easter from coming! It came!  
Somehow or other, it came just the same!  
And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine  
Stood puzzling and puzzling.  
“Just how can it be?”  
“It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,  
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money.”  
Then the world thought of something it hadn’t  
before.  
“Maybe Easter,” it thought, “doesn’t come from a  
store.  
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more.”  
And what happened then?  
Well....the story’s not done.  
What will YOU do?  
Will you share with that one  
Or two or more people needing hope in this night?  
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?  
The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,  
And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.  
So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,  
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.  
May the world see hope when it looks at God’s  
people.  
May the world see the church is not a building or  
steeple.  
May the world find Faith in Jesus’ death and  
resurrection,  
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.  
May 2020 be known as the year of survival,  
But not only that - Let it start a revival.





## Prayer List

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

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JULY 20, 2020 – JULY 24, 2020**  
**6:00PM – 8:30PM**



Register at [Christtheservant.com](http://Christtheservant.com)



# *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*



'I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope'

Psalm 130:5 NSRV

CTSLC Broadcast Service  
Second Sunday of Easter  
**April 19, 2020**

9:15-9:30 Members begin to tune in to broadcast  
Phone help available for those with difficulty tuning in

Prelude "The Risen Christ" arr. Alex Kirton

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

We begin in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" ELW #385

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

ELW Setting 3 Pages 138-140

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 3 Pages 140-141

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

2 Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **Refrain**

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Hymn of Day

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

ELW# 449

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!

2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows,  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!

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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

Prayers of the Church (Congregational response: “**hear our prayer.**”)

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (A brief silence.)

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm’s way. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in. Through the example of Christ’s resurrection, free us from the fear of death and enable us to embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Jesus Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray:

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.

Announcements & Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

**Refrain**

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! **Refrain**

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **Refrain**

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

**Dismissal**

**P** Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes”

arr. Alex Kirton

**Thank you to those who donated lilies  
to decorate the church on Easter Sunday:**

Pastor Gordon & Sue Illausky

*in loving memory of loved ones*

Shirley Sprague

*in loving memory of Steve*

Brad & Judy Sprague

*in loving memory of Eileen Comiskey and Steve Sprague*

Steve and Sally Terrell