

# CyberServant

## Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Week of April 26, 2020



### Easter's Message Continues to Blossom and Grow!

All the preparation materials related to organizing the always large - and ever-present - number of "things" which need to be done before a worship service takes place state that our April 26<sup>th</sup> service will take place on the Third Sunday of Easter. Note well - it's the "Third Sunday **OF**" - not after Easter. In fact, our celebration of Christ's resurrection from the tomb is not confined to one Sunday - but each and every one of our Sunday worship services throughout the year! Why? Because God didn't breathe a very big sigh of relief after resurrecting Jesus and say: "Whew! Glad that's over and done with until next year!" Rather as John 3:16ff reminds us, God gave His Son to the world to save it - us - from ourselves - and whatever else may (and will) happen to come our way - including, flood, fire, famine and everything else not to exclude viruses old and new.

God's intent, purpose and message revealed to the world on that first day of the week and to us each Sunday when we celebrate the reality that God raised Christ from the dead - does not fade, wither or fall away like blossoms and leaves on a flower. Rather God's love, care and concern of and for us exponentially increases each days of our lives beyond our ability to understand.

Do you have some spare time on your hands these days? Here's a homework assignment from me to you to consider: Take a few minutes to find your bible. (If you can't find your own, ask your kids if you can borrow the one they received as a wonderful gift from CTSLC last year). Then read, consider and reflect on the contents of Romans 8:1-31. Once you've done that for a little while - go back and read verses 38 & 39 again - then say a word of thanks (many words would also do) to God in Christ and the Holy Spirit for being involved in your life.

Should your bible be safely tucked away where it can't be found, here's a cliff note version about my homework assignment: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Christ Jesus who died and was raised to life is at the right hand of God and in intercedes for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, life, angels, demons, things at present or in the future - powers, heights, depths, nor anything else in all creation - nothing - will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Illausky

## Here's An Extra Added Attraction Which Provides Some "Food For Thought"

CTSLC member **Kim Lenzi** recently sent me what's shown below she received from a friend. Thanks for sending them to me Kim! I enjoyed reading and thinking about them and decided to share with everyone as we continue to "shelter in place". Take a break from being busy wondering, thinking and worrying about a million other things (a good number of which are out of our control), read what follows and ponder what is said.

The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty".

So what does the Bible say about 40?

The flood lasted 40 days.

40 years - Moses fled Egypt in search of a new land. An exodus which lasted 40 years.

40 days - Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments.

Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days.

Lent is 40 days long.

Scripture suggests a woman should rest 40 days after giving birth.

A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change".

A time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change.

Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray.

Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".

Please know during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.

So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together.

Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home. Christ promises us that everything works together for the good for those who love God: Romans 8:28!

Remember we are in the year 2020 and  $20 + 20 = 40$ .

That 2020 is the year of the United States Census - Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census.

Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision.

May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us - knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.

May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation and our world.

The best is yet to come.

Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!



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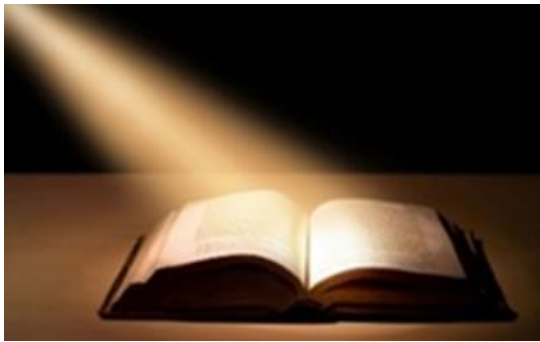
Owing to the financial realities created by the Coronavirus, the need of the continued, generous financial support of CTSLC's members continues to grow and will be very much appreciated in the days ahead.

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.



## Our Service for Sunday, April 26<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.***



From Ginny Grundei,  
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Do you have a sewing machine and a desire to help with the Covid-19 pandemic? Below is a link to information from Lutheran World Relief with instructions on how to make facemasks for some of the world's most vulnerable people. If you are interested in helping, please let me know.

[https://lwr.org/masks?utm\\_source=activecampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=75k\\_maskchallenge&utm\\_content=enews](https://lwr.org/masks?utm_source=activecampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=75k_maskchallenge&utm_content=enews)



## Third 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.



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)), Member Care Committee Chairperson.



## 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 26 – Team Reidmiller

May 3 – Team Federle

May 10 – Team Dick



## 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*



## Mark Your Calendars!

Rain or shine!

On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will again hold a “Drive By” Eucharist event in which after our broadcasted Sunday service, Holy Communion will be available outside the church at 11:00 am.



*Always keep your head up, because if it's down you won't be able to see the blessings that have been placed in your life.*

[www.livelifehappy.com](http://www.livelifehappy.com)



Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
We will be holding another “Drive By” Eucharist event with a little extra – a special celebration in the parking lot to congratulate our graduates!

***Stay tuned for details!***



## Prayer List



Chris Armstrong	Vicky Mansfield
Steve Brevig	Jennifer O'Neill
The Claycomb Family	Marty Plies
Terry Gunderson	Mary Reisig
Theodore Hopkins	Joyce Ryder
June Kio	June Saleika
Roland Kio	Lorraine Sandvig
Kim Lewis	Eleanor Soto & Family
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*



'Answer my prayers and use your powerful arm to give us victory.'

Psalm 108:6 NSRV

**CTSLC Broadcast Worship Service**

**April 26, 2020**

Third Sunday of Easter

Broadcast begins: 9:15 a.m.  
Please call 972-727-3191 for help tuning in.  
Pre-service announcements displayed.  
Worship service begins: 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

“Alleluia”

arr. Alex Kirton

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor 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.

**Cong: 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.**

Pastor 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

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

ELW #384

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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

ELW Setting 3, pages 138-140

- 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.  
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

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they were strangers in a strange land. Christians in this age no longer focus on things such as silver or gold but on our faith, hope and trust in God.*

## Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

## Sermon

- 1 This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

**Refrain**

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

- 2 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. **Refrain**

- 3 Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. **Refrain**

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934

Musical Offering

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

arr. Alex Kirton

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.)

For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

For the diverse natural world: for jungles, prairies, forests, valleys, mountains, and for all the wild and endangered animals who call these spaces home, that they are nurtured and protected. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

With confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your care through Christ our Lord who 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 and 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

“We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus”

ELW #451

1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

2 In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

3 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen

Text: John C. Ylvisaker Text 8 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

arr. Alex Kirton