

CyberServant

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Week of May 3, 2020



Where Flowers Bloom, So Does Hope

I like flowers. I always have and always will because of their beauty. As May 1st draws near I recall making two paper “May Baskets” in art class as an elementary student. One was for each child’s mother, the other as a gift to be given someone in another home in our neighborhood.

Seeing CTSLC’s flower garden caused me to remember how much fun it was to fill our baskets with wild flowers from the school yard and other flowers our way home. After enjoying that beautiful, blossoming carpet of color I thought: “...there’s a message to share in those flowers” and took the picture shown above. As I entered the building it was impossible for me not to see the beautiful large clusters of daisies in the prayer garden which had grown so large in a day or two. “Stir, mix and repeat” those flowers also warranted a picture because they too had a “message to share”. In retrospect, so also the bench outside CTSLC’s front door. What then are those messages?



First, the lovely flowers represent the smile of God’s goodness. A Divine goodness who watches over and cares about you and me. A message that just as God provides for the smallest, weakest, most delicate of flowers, so also does He provide for us and our needs as a gardener tends to flowers in a garden. Why? Because God loves us no matter how weak or strong we think or may be.

In spite of the beauty of all flowers which must remain rooted in earthly dirt in order to live, God in Christ enables us to deal with and rise above earthy “dirty” situations. To not remain rooted in our problems, trials and situations in life - - even should it seem like God is nowhere in sight through the love He has shown to and showered upon us through Jesus Christ.

Second, the message of the empty bench by CTSLC’s front door is this. For the sake of good order, reason, safety and health - although the seats in and around our building are presently empty - CTSLC is and remains to be our collective church “home”.

The day will soon arrive when current conditions no longer require us to remain apart. A joyful day when we will once again gather to worship, sing, pray, praise, share the Sacraments, study God’s word, enjoy a cup of coffee, “holy donut” or meal - and thank God for His presence in our lives. Soon. Very soon.

Do not despair or lose hope. A seat with your name “on it” remains and is waiting for you to occupy.

Pastor Illausky



Food for Thought

Bill Henke sent the message shown below he received from a friend which I would like to share with you. Thanks, Bill.



“My dad sent me something he wanted to share with me and other people which he felt was awesome. Consider a basketball. If you put it in my hands it’s worth about 15 bucks. If you put that basketball in the hands of LeBron James it’s worth \$30-\$40 million dollars.

If you put a football in my hands it’s worth about 10 to 11 dollars. If you put it in the hands of Peyton Manning, it’s worth 50-60 million dollars. It depends on whose hands it’s in.

If you put a golf club in my hands it may be worth 50 bucks. If you put it in the hands of Tiger Woods its worth \$80 million dollars. It depends on whose hands it’s in.

If you put a stick or rod in my hands I might be able to beat away a wild animal or something else trying to come after me. But if you put it in the hands of Moses it parts the Red Sea.

If you put a sling shot in my hands it becomes a child’s toy. But if you put it in the hands of King David he was able to slay a giant with it. It depends on whose hands it’s in.

Two fishes and five loaves of bread would be enough to feed me with a little left over. Put them in the hands of Jesus and it fed thousands. It depends on whose hands they are in.

If you put a couple nails in my hands I might be able to use them to build a birdhouse if you’re lucky. But if you put those same nails in Jesus’ hands they lead to salvation and eternal life for folks who love and trust Him. It depends on whose hands they are in.

If you take all of your worries, your cares and the things you’re stressed about at the present time and leave them in your hands, that’s all they are ever going to be. But if you put those same worries, cares, concerns and problems in the hands of Christ He’s going to see you through them and take care of every need we have. Give everything you’ve got to God and He will take care of it.

Take care. Have a blessed day and remember – it all depends on whose hands everything is in.”



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!

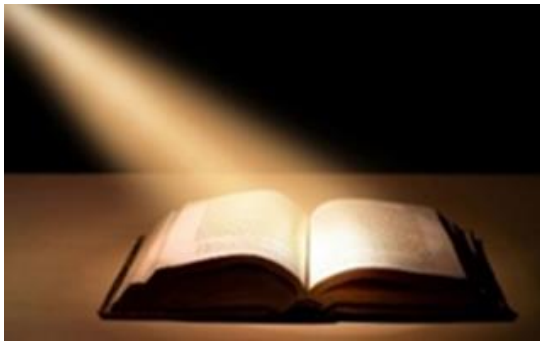
Owing to the financial realities created by the Coronavirus, the need of the continued, generous financial support of CTSLC's members continues to grow and will be very much appreciated in the days ahead.

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; click "Donate", and follow the prompts on that secure web site. (Please contact CTSLC Financial Secretary Patty Voga 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, May 3rd

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, May 3rd after 9:15 am on Facebook. Service starts at 9:30 am.



From Ginny Grundei,
469-222-9359, ggrundei51@gmail.com

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



Fourth 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), Member Care Committee Chairperson.



AMA Shopping List

Needs this month are:

Canned fruit
Soda crackers
Cereal
Individual sized fruits, cereal, juice drinks
Canned ravioli
Individual size Macaroni and Cheese

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
You are greatly appreciated!



Lawn Mowing Teams

May 3 – Team Federle

May 10 – Team Dick

May 17 – 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

June 7	Larry Lutz
June 14	Tim McCord
June 21	Steve Secora
June 28	Doug Egner
July 5	Linda Federle
July 12	Kathy Fritz



Join Us Sunday!

9:30 am -- Join us online for service.

After service – Hop in your car. Please bring:

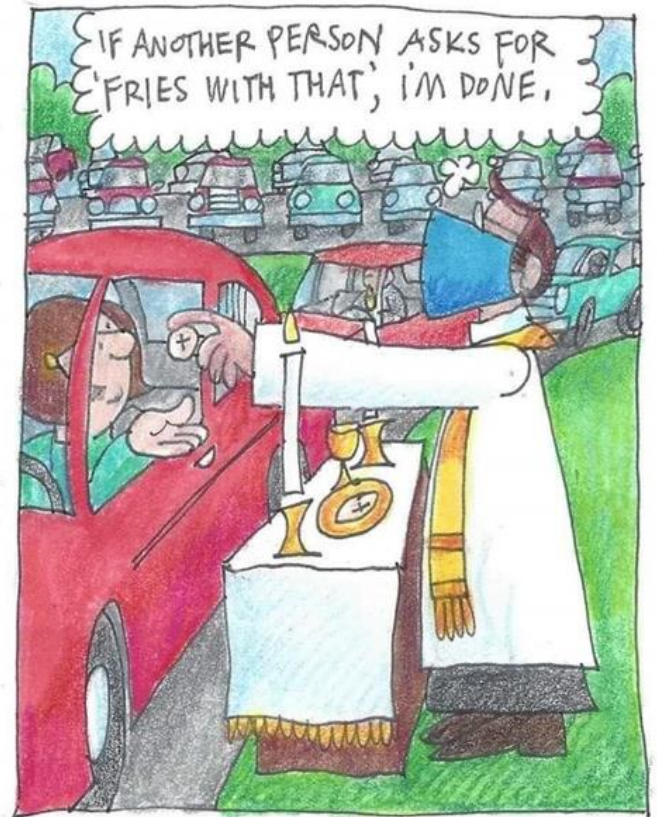
Envelopes for our Ministries (AMA Food Pantry, Samaritan Inn, Family Promise)

Canned goods for AMA Food Pantry
Come hungry to be fed spiritually and physically!

11:00 am -- Join us for “drive by” communion here in our parking lot. Drop off your donations, receive communion and as you are on your way out, receive carefully packaged donuts for Holy Donut Sunday!

11:30 am – Join us for Sunday school online! Questions?

Contact Ceci Gunderson at church.sec@christtheservant.com.



Sunday is Ministry Support Sunday.

Approximately \$450 is needed monthly for buyers to purchase food towards two meals for the Samaritan Inn. Other ministries we support are AMA Food Pantry and Family Promise. This Sunday we will collect donations for these charities. Just place your donation in a plain envelope, indicating on the envelope how you wish the donation to be distributed.

Thank you!



Lou and Linda Federle and Jim Crouse delivered from our AMA Food Pantry's abundance (likely over 1000 lbs), mostly green beans and gently expired foods to Frances Byrd Food Pantry housed at Mt Olive Lutheran Church in downtown Dallas! They were elated to get it!

Photo above taken by Linda.



Mutual Ministry met recently and thought it might be a good idea to remind the people of our congregation that this committee was formed for anyone in the congregation, members or employees to bring concerns to any one of us. If you would like to reach out to someone in the congregation with concerns or comments, the members of the Mutual Ministry committee are out there and will be happy to talk to you either by email or phone.

The committee members are:
Rob Andrews- robandrews74@gmail.com
Cheryl Lindberg-drcheryl12@yahoo.com
Sandy Dick-skddad9400@att.net
Lynette Bohls-lbohls.lb@gmail.com
Susan Henke-susan.henke1021@gmail.com

BLOOD DRIVE

This Sunday, May 3rd, was the day when CTSLC had originally scheduled a blood drive with Carter Blood. The blood drives at the church have been canceled/postponed until things get back to a little normal. However Ann Reidmiller, our contact with Carter Blood Care, encourages members of the congregation to go to a donor station on their own. There is a site in west Allen on Main Street. (See the information below.) Carter Blood Care is seeing an increase in demand from our hospitals in light of them now allowing elective surgeries and certain other procedures being scheduled at hospitals again. Extra precautions are being taken to make this a safe experience for all involved. You can log onto carterbloodcare.org to find a location open to donate.

ALLEN DONOR CENTER

1328 West McDermott Dr.
Suite 250
Allen, TX 75013
(214) 509-0550

Monday 8:00am-5:00pm

Tuesday 8:00am-5:00pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday Closed

Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Saturday 8:00am-2:00pm

Sunday 8:00am-2:00pm



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



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.



Don't have a Facebook Account?

- 1 - Go to 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
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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



It depends on whose hands it's in.

CTSLC Broadcast Worship Service

May 3, 2020

Fourth 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

“Psalm 23”

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

“Blessing, Honor and Glory”

ELW #854

- 1 Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!
- 2 Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.
- 3 Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise--
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
dying in weakness and rising to reign;
dying in weakness and rising to reign!
Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, 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 138-139

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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

Sermon

Hymn of Day

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

ELW #778

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

- 2 My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

- 4 My table thou hast richly spread in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
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- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling-place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Musical Offering

“Savior, Like a Shepard Lead Us”

Alex Kirton

Installation of Newly Elected Church Council Members

Ryan Akkerman, Kathy Fritz, Steve Secora

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.**”)

Prayers of Intercession

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.) Shepherding God, we thank you for the educational ministries of your church. Enrich the work of teachers, professors, mentors,

advisors, and faculty at colleges, seminaries, and learning sites (local colleges and seminaries may be named).
Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we praise you for those who maintain and operate farm equipment, for those who plant and harvest crops, for local farmers' markets, and for those involved in agriculture of any kind. Strengthen their hands as they feed the world. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Guiding God, no one should be in want. Bid the nations to return to your paths of righteousness and inspire our leaders to walk in your ways, so that all may have the opportunity to live abundantly and sustainably. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, you carry us tenderly. We pray for those who walk through dark valleys overshadowed by anxiety and overwhelmed with suffering (especially). Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you desire justice for the hungry. Bless advocacy work, food pantries, and feeding ministries in our congregations. May none of our neighbors lack for basic needs. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, your beloved have heard your voice; you have called them by name and guided them to your side in death. We thank you for their lives of faithful witness. 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 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

“I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

ELW #860

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Text: African American spiritual

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

“Now Behold the Lamb”

Alex Kirton