

CyberServant

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Week of May 10, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

PART I

It was once again exciting for me after last week's Facebook worship service to watch as car after car turned into CTSLC's parking lot to participate in our second Drive-by Communion event. Craig Tribuzi once again applied his technological "know-how" to broadcast out parking lot proceedings on an FM radio station and helped to welcome nearly 60 adults and children who communed or received a blessing that morning.

In response to our request that families donate canned goods to the AMA Food Pantry, Cheryl Lindberg and Steve Secora were very busy accepting enough items to fill the trunk of Cheryl's car! "Thank you" to Steve and Cheryl for helping receive those items. Cheryl was also grateful for several monetary gifts she received for the Food Pantry to purchase additional food.

Looking very "cool" in his shorts and sunglasses, Alan Reidmiller collected gifts earmarked to the Food Pantry, Samaritan Inn, Family Promise and CTSLC as cars continued to roll up to the front door. Sue Illausky ably assisted in distributing communion and before each car left the parking lot everyone in it received an individual bag of donut holes on "Holy Donut Sunday" thanks to Dave & Sandy Dick, Ginnie Grundei and Ann Reidmiller.

Scripture tells us that Moses and the Israelites spent 40 years wandering around in the wilderness looking for the promised land. Historians tell us if Moses had access to a GPS device his adventure to the promised land would have lasted only 40 days. Scripture also informs us that there was plenty of mumbling and grumbling from those following Moses on a daily basis.

Here's some food for thought. Please read the following poem entitled "Moses in the Wilderness" by Larry Norman with a Rap beat in mind.

Moses was tending sheep in the fields one day
when he thought he heard a burning scrub-brush say
Gotta free your people from the Pharaoh's hand
Gotta take 'em all to the promised land

Moses knew God was talking to him
So he set off to Egypt with a vigor and vim
And Moses bugged the Pharaoh - he bugged him
and he bugged him till he got his people free
and he used real bugs, yes indeed.
Yes indeed He got his people freed

Moses on banks of the wide red sea
Stuck out a stick and one two three
The water rolled back and the people walked down
Everybody knew they wouldn't drown

Pharaoh told his army to bring em all back
And here come the chariots clickety clack
Moses took his stick and closed up the water
and the Egyptians all took a bath - What a laugh
Grab my foot, take my hand
Lead me on to the promised land
Milk and honey, milk and honey
keep on sending manna
From the atmosphere
After forty long years in the wilderness
Moses and his people
finally saw their potential metropolis

They all gave thanks and they all praised the lord
Even though it took some time God kept his word
He grabbed their feet and He took their hand
And he brung 'em all over to the promised land

Metaphorically speaking, not unlike Moses and friends who arrived at a place filled with an abundance of flowing milk and honey, we too have been "on a trip" in recent weeks and as owners/inheritors/occupants stayed at home in our slice of the "promised land". In fact, other than an occasional quick trip to the pharmacy, grocery store, take-out window of a fast-food restaurant or participating in a drive-by communion service, we've been (sensibly and responsibly) wandering around our homes waiting, wondering, feeling and becoming restless, somewhat anxious, needing and wanting to know - just when all this COVID19 "stuff " is going to end.

With pinpoint accuracy I wish I, with you, could peer into some sort of crystal ball which would provide us all with the precise day, date and time in response to all our questions. Waiting, wondering, feeling, being restless, anxious, needing and wanting to know - to be in control - exist in all of us and to varying degrees contribute to who we are.

What also exists in each of us and contributes to who we are in large measure is our ability to trust and believe in someone greater than ourselves. Ah! You knew who that was all along - good for you! God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

Perhaps you could add the following paraphrased words from Psalm 31 to your store of knowledge and let them remain in your hearts and minds as we all wait - not perfectly - but patiently - for better days to come which I am convinced will be soon!

We seek refuge in you, O Lord;
don't ever let us be put to shame;
in your righteousness incline your ear to us,
deliver us and speedily rescue us.
Be for each and all of us a rock of refuge and strong fortress.
Lead us, guide us, take us away from whatever troubles us
You who are and forever remain to be our refuge
into whose hands we commit our spirits.

Pastor Gordon

P.S.

Please take note of **Part II** of my article this week

From the Pastor's Desk – PART II

WHEN?

Here's an answer for those who have asked:
"When will we hold worship services in our sanctuary again?"
Soon.

"How soon is soon?"

When the decline of new diagnosed COVID19 cases in Collin County with a particular emphasis on the communities where CTSLC's members reside. As the three ELCA Bishops in Texas stated in their joint communication to the Lutheran pastors in their Synods:

"Just because we can – doesn't mean we will".

"Well...., what do we do until then?"

Please continue to tune in to our weekly worship service on Facebook at 9:30 a.m.

Continue to pray – individually and collectively and remain connected with your family members and friends by phone, email, text messages and other means that the end of the pandemic and a method to prevent a reoccurrence will be discovered – soon!



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

Confidently looking forward

to "something" which will resemble a worship service in our sanctuary:

Circle May 31st on your calendars

and plan to join us (at an acceptable distance) in CTSLC's parking lot, back lawn and pavilion for a special **outdoor** Pentecost Service which will include your favorite hymns, Holy communion, a special sermon, prayers and recognition of CTSLC's 2020 high school graduates – and oh yes –

your choice of a box lunch ham, turkey or chicken salad sandwich from Jason's deli.

More information will be provided in next week's Cyberservant about what we hope will be a very special day.



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!

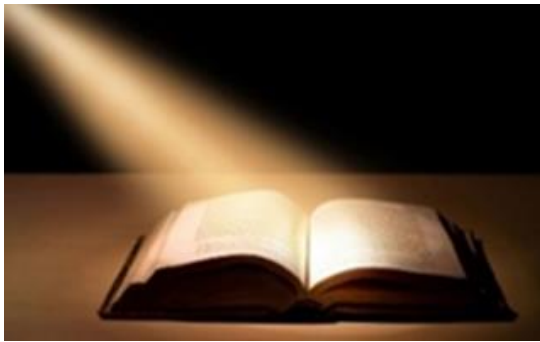
Owing to the financial realities created by the Coronavirus, the need of the continued, generous financial support of CTSLC's members continues to grow and will be very much appreciated in the days ahead.

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 10th

The last five 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 10th 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? A challenge has been issued to make 75,000 masks! 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



Fifth 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 10 – Team Dick

May 17 – Team Hundtofte

May 24 – Team Akkerman



Handbell Choir



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



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. *For this Sunday, 3 categories have been added to the GivePlus link* on our website Christtheservant.com – AMA Food Pantry, Family Promise and Samaritan Inn. Epayments can be directed to these charities from the GivePlus link through Tuesday, May 12th. Thank you!



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



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
Reid Edwards	Mary Reisig
Terry Gunderson	Joyce Ryder
Theodore Hopkins	June Saleika
June Kio	Lorraine Sandvig
Roland Kio	Eleanor Soto & Family
Kim Lewis	Wanda Sue Wilcox
Chad Lindberg	

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
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Allen

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



Happy Mother's Day!

CTSLC Broadcast Worship Service

May 10, 2020

Fifth 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.

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise to the disciples that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions and calls us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the One who is our way, our truth and life.

Prelude

"Come Thou Fount"

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

"Alleluia! Jesus Lives"

ELW # 377

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word. Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Sermon

Hymn of Day

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

WOV #671

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. Refrain
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.
- 3 We have been crucified with with Christ; now we shal live for ever. Refrain.
- 4 God has proclaimed tghe just reward; life for all people, al-le-lu-ia! Refrain.
- 5 Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain.

Musical Offering

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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.”**

Pastor: 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.

Assistant: Build us up as living stones united in your spiritual house O God. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

Humble us, as part of your creation God. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

Align our ways to your love, O God as we continue to pray for leaders and citizens in every country as we struggle to survive, deal with and recover from the pandemic which grips our world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down with trouble of any kind. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress and carry their burdens. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

Nurturing God, we give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

Generous God, you have called into your nearer presence and brilliant light, and we pray that your comfort will be upon the families of Byron Nielsen and Greg Meals. Give them and us faith to hold your promise of your eternal life in our lives as did Adeline and Madeleine. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

Pastor: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for these things and whatever else you see that we need through your Son, 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. **C: 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

“I Know That My Redeemer lives!”

ELW #619

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

3 He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
4 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.
5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

“Give Thanks”

arr. Alex Kirton