

CyberServant

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Week of May 17, 2020

From Pastor Illausky

As I indicated in last week's Cyberservant, waiting is and can be something difficult for us to do. As one television commercial puts it: "I WANT IT NOW!: this minute, this morning, this afternoon, tonight - today - not tomorrow - sooner than later - before I completely lose whatever sanity I've managed to maintain because of what's going on in the world that's pushing me closer to point of no return with each and every passing minute." [Oh...I'm glad I got all that off my chest and feel so much better now!] As we patiently (?) wait for the restrictions related to the COVID19 pandemic to improve and the day arrive when we can - and will - hold our worship service inside our building - here's some news you can use about what's been planned for

Pentecost Sunday May 31st

when CTS LC will hold a 9:30 a.m. outdoor worship service
in, around and on the pavilion, lawn and parking lot
which will include your favorite hymns, a special sermon, communion,
recognition of CTS LC's 2020 high school graduates – and, oh yes –
your choice of a box lunch from Jason's deli.

The "Rules of Engagement" for this Service Will Be as Follows:

- #1 - If you are not feeling well (and for as much as we'd like to see you) - **please stay home.**
- #2 - Participants are welcome to wear masks (we'll still know who you are) and gloves.
- #3 - Absolutely **NO** hugging or handshaking will be permitted - waving at someone will be fine.
- #4 - Bring your own chairs to sit on and set them up 6 feet away from your neighbor.
If you would like to set up a portable umbrella that will be fine.
It will also be OK for you to remain in your car during the service should you chose to do so.
- #5 - Communion will be served using individually sealed wafers and cups.

Additional easy-to-follow instructions will be provided during the service.

Individual box lunches cost \$7.50 each and must be ordered
no later than **3:00 p.m. on May 28th** by contacting Ceci Gunderson at:

972-727-3191 or church.sec@christtheservant.com

Available lunch choices

Turkey, ham, chicken salad, vegetarian wrap including chips,
pickle, cookie, your choice of bread and soft drink.
(Payment by cash or check made payable to CTS LC.)

NOTE:

A SPECIAL CYBERSERVANT MESSAGE WILL BE SENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 30TH
STATING THAT THIS OUTDOOR SERVICE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 7TH
SHOULD THERE BE A BAD WEATHER FORECAST



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 17th

The last seven 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 17th after 9:15 am on Facebook.
Service starts at 9:30 am.***



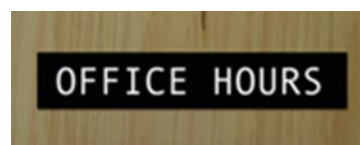
May 17th is Last Day of Sunday School!

To celebrate we are sharing our talents for a virtual talent show! This is a no-stress event; talents can be ANYTHING the kids love that they want to showcase for the group (ie dance, sing, share lego builds, magic tricks, soccer moves, favorite toy/pokemon cards, artwork). Sharing talents is encouraged but not required to join our end of year celebration!



Sixth Sunday of Easter

See our service on Facebook!



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:

Jars of apple sauce
Boxes of cereal
Shampoo
Dishwashing soap

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 17 – Team Hundtofte

May 24 – Team Akkerman

May 31 – Team Reidmiller



Rehearsals:

Christ's Kids Choir,
Temporarily suspended.

Spirit Bells (beginning),
Temporarily suspended.

Chancel Choir,
Temporarily suspended.

Lutherings (intermed/adv),
Temporarily suspended.



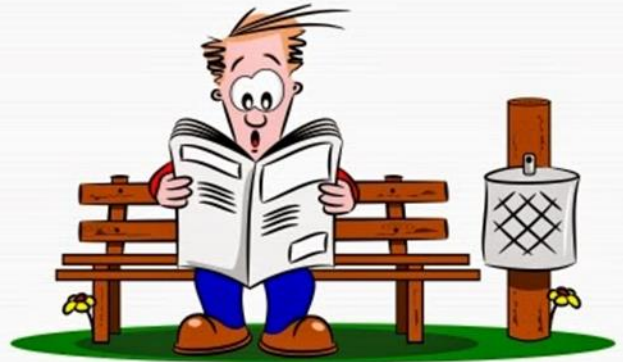
Assisting Ministers

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



Tuesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

More information to come. Contact Robin Sedlacek for more details at sedsintx@sbcglobal.net.



Will you be in grades 8-12 starting in the fall?

If so, the next page has important information that applies to 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- drcheryl2@yahoo.com

Sandy Dick- skddad9400@att.net

Lynette Bohls- lbohls.lb@gmail.com

Susan Henke- susan.henke1021@gmail.com



News from Troop 79

Troop 79 leadership would like to send out an acknowledgment and congratulations to Troop 79's newest Eagle Scout! Cooper Christianson had his virtual Eagle Board of Review this past Wednesday evening, May 13th, and has become Troop 79's 66th Eagle Scout.

(Troop 79 is chartered by CTS LC.)

2021 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING

boundless

GOD BEYOND MEASURE

JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2021 | MINNEAPOLIS, MN

CALLING ALL YOUTH (8th-12th Grade) Fall 2020

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Registration — \$350

Estimated cost per child (after registration) — \$850
(Cost includes housing, travel, food, misc. expenses)

A \$150 nonrefundable, per-person deposit is due by Sunday, August 16, 2020. Remaining \$200 is due by Sunday, September 20, 2020.

Financial assistance is available for the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering through the NTNL Synod via the process outlined below:

- Applications open May 18, 2020 – July 1, 2020, and close when all funds have been disbursed.
- Financial assistance is available to youth participants only in the form of registration-fee credits.
- Assistance is offered based on the financial need of youth participants and their families.
- Up to \$300 per youth participant may be provided to cover registration fees.
- Youth participants must be registered within 30 days of receiving financial assistance.
- Contact the church office 972-727-3191 if you want to submit application for financial assistance.

Youth & Family Ministry plans to subsidize expenses to reduce cost per child through budgeted funds and future fundraisers.

Please contact Lennie Gunderson at 214-505-2760 or lennie.gunderson@gmail.com to find out more information immediately.

Parents of eligible youth should expect to receive an email and phone call from Lennie Gunderson over the next week to inquire about interest in attending the Gathering.

I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured.
Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.

EPHESIANS 3:19 CEV

[fb.com/youthgathering](https://www.facebook.com/youthgathering) [instagram](https://www.instagram.com/youthgathering) [tiktok](https://www.tiktok.com/@youthgathering) [youtube](https://www.youtube.com/youthgathering) www.elca.org/gathering

#ELCAYG2021

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



Find us on:
facebook®

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



Sheltering in place!

CTSLC Broadcast Worship Service

May 17, 2020

Sixth 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.

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Prelude

"Jesus Loves Me"

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.

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

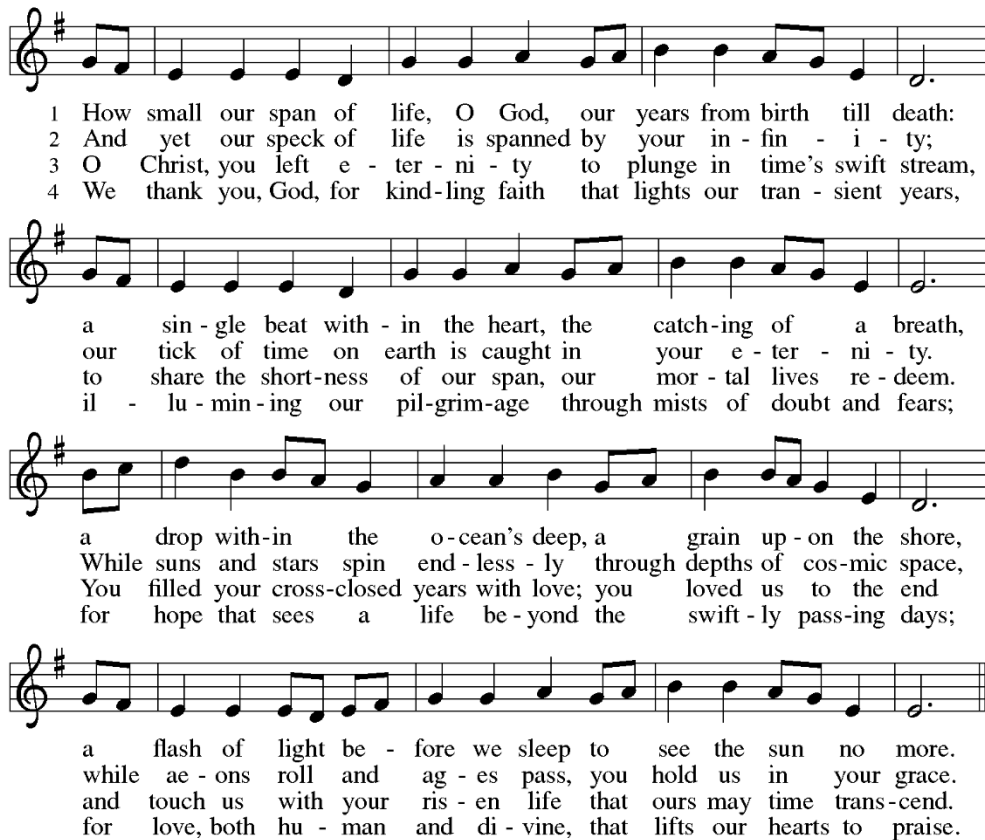
Gospel

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

Sermon

How Small Our Span of Life



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
 3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
 4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,
 a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath,
 our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
 to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
 il - lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;
 a drop with-in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
 While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos-mic space,
 You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
 for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass-ing days;
 a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
 while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
 and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans-cend.
 for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional
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Musical Offering

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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: Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way, *especially those we name on our lips and in our hearts*. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **C: “hear our prayer.”**

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. 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.

O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

c - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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Dismissal

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

Cong: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

"This Is My Commandment"

arr. Alex Kirton