

# CyberServant

## Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Week of May 24, 2020

### From Pastor Illausky

As announced last week

### **CTSLC's May 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

will be held outdoors in and around the pavilion, lawn and parking lot  
which will include your favorite hymns, a special sermon,  
communion and recognition of CTSLC's 2020 high school graduates  
– and, oh yes – don't forget -  
your choice of a box lunch from Jason's deli.

(Instructions on how to order your lunch are elsewhere in this Cyberservant)

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

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- #3 - Absolutely **NO** hugging or handshaking will be permitted - waving at someone will be fine.
- #4 - Bring your own chairs and set them up 6 feet away from your neighbor (there's plenty of room). If you have a portable umbrella or tent to bring and set up 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 – we're working on the sound.
- #5 - Communion will be celebrated using individually sealed wafers and cups served by Pastor and an assistant who will wear gloves and a mask.

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Although the date on which CTSLC will resume holding in-sanctuary worship services has not yet been determined, the following guidelines have been established in advance of that date for your information and education.

### **CTSLC Post COVID19 Health & Safety Guidelines**

#### **Before The Service**

- Service times will be published in the Cyberservant, CTSLC's web-site & outdoor sign.
- There will be a few new practices in place concerning physical distancing and hygiene.
- **Individuals who are not feeling well should stay home** until their health improves.
- Participants who have masks are welcome to wear them.
- All public spaces will be disinfected before people arrive for each service.

## Worship Services will continue to be broadcast on Facebook

### Preparing for and serving Communion

#### Altar Guild and Communion Assistants must:

- think of what they do in terms of food service preparation
- wash hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds prior to preparing communion elements.
- individual communion cups will be used
- individual cups will be placed in every-other hole of each communion tray from which Communicants will take their cup without touching other cups
- all communion trays will be covered and placed on the altar as in the past
- Wafers will be emptied into the ciborium prior to the service without being touched
- The Pastor and communion assistants will wash their hands during the offering
- The Pastor will wear a mask and gloves, consecrate the elements without touching them and distribute wafers by “dropping” them into the hands of each communicant
- Communion assistant(s) will wear a mask and gloves, stand behind a table where communion trays are located and say to each communicant “the blood of Christ shed for you” as each person removes their cup from the communion tray
- a basket for communicants to place their used communion cup will be placed in a conspicuous place
- the Pastor and communion assistant(s) will commune last to make the congregation aware/confident that they are/have been attentive to hygiene practices

#### Greeters and Ushers:

- Greeters are to stand behind a table located at the front door, welcome and invite everyone entering the building (including children with help from their parents) to apply hand sanitizer from containers located on the table.
- Greeters and ushers should NOT hug or shake hands with anyone.
- Worship bulletins will be placed on individual chairs 2-3 days prior to the service.
- Offering plates will be placed on a table near the sanctuary entry/exit doors.
- Inside and outside doors, bathroom doors and sanctuary entry doors will remain open to avoid contact with doorknobs, handles or doorplates and provide for the circulation of air
- Passing of the Peace
  - everyone will be reminded to NOT shake hands or exchange hugs. A simple bow by all to the right or left will suffice
- End of service announcements will be made individually from the lectern
- Offering counters - will sit at a distance, wear gloves and sanitize their hands frequently while processing the offering.
- Pastor will greet people as they leave but WILL NOT shake hands or exchange hugs.
- Worship bulletins are to be taken home by those who used them or placed into a basket located by the sanctuary door.

#### Pre/Post Service Social Hour

- Those responsible for pre-and-post preparation and clean-up of social hour refreshments will wear masks and gloves
- Only individually wrapped food items may be offered for the immediate future
- Self-serve coffee or canned beverages may be offered for the immediate future
- Only disposable cups, plates, napkins will be used for the immediate future



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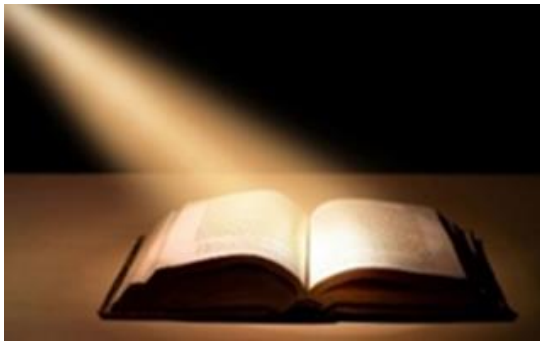
Owing to the financial realities created by the Coronavirus, the need of the continued, generous financial support of CTSLC's members continues to grow and will be very much appreciated in the days ahead.

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, May 24<sup>th</sup>

The last six 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 24<sup>th</sup> after 9:15 am on Facebook.  
Service starts at 9:30 am.***



Looking forward to the time when we can re-open, if you are interested in helping to clean and sanitize the church building prior to the resumption of in-house worship (which will take place based upon what the COVID-19 numbers will allow), please contact Pastor Illausky. The areas that would need to be addressed are the restrooms, the library, the kitchen, the Fellowship Hall, the narthex, the gathering area, the sanctuary and the sacristy. Contact Pastor by email at [gordono6712@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gordono6712@sbcglobal.net) or by call or text at 682-597-6790.



## Seventh 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:

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](http://allenfoodpantry.org)  
You are greatly appreciated!



## Lawn Mowing Teams

May 24 – Team Akkerman

May 31 – Team Reidmiller

June 7 – Team Federle



## Rehearsals:

Christ's Kids Choir,  
Temporarily suspended.

Spirit Bells (beginning),  
Temporarily suspended.

Chancel Choir,  
Temporarily suspended.

Lutherings (intermed/adv),  
Temporarily suspended.



## Assisting Ministers

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



**May 31st**

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## **After the service, please join us in a lunch box picnic!**

Individual box lunches cost \$7.50 each and must be **ordered no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 28<sup>th</sup>** by contacting Ceci Gunderson at:  
[church.sec@christtheservant.com](mailto:church.sec@christtheservant.com) or  
972-727-3191

### **Available lunch choices**

#### **Sandwich choices:**

- Turkey,
- Ham,
- Chicken salad,
- Spinach vegetarian wrap

#### **Bread choices:**

- White
- Wheat
- Organic grain
- Butter croissant

#### **Beverage choices:**

- Coke
- Diet Coke
- Dr. Pepper
- Diet Dr. Pepper
- Water

The sandwich comes with leafy lettuce, tomato, pickle, and chocolate chip cookie.

Payment by cash or check made payable to CTSLC.

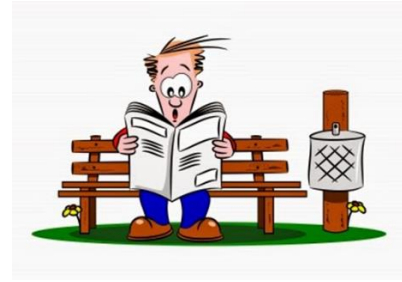




## Tuesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

More information to come.

Contact Robin Sedlacek for more details at [sedsintx@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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!



## Da' Guys Bible Study

What place does Jesus have in modern culture? Where is his place among the secular beliefs of Atheism, Scientism, Humanism, and Hedonism? How can we defend our Christian beliefs in a rising tide of Agnosticism?

This coming Saturday, we start our study on Jesus Among Secular Gods - a book by Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale. You don't need to read it to attend. You merely need to show up. We'll watch a video summary of the focused chapters of the book, then have a discussion. Contribute or just sit back and listen. If you can't come for the first session, don't worry! You can pick up at the next session.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**Saturday, May 23 – Chapter 1.**

8:30 am - 10:00 am via Zoom meeting

Reach out to Steve Secora for more information: [ssecora@gmail.com](mailto:ssecora@gmail.com)



First Presbyterian Church of Allen and CTSLC will be collecting food items for the week of June 28 to carry on the work of feeding schoolkids during the summer. Food items can either be brought to our church or the donation box at the outside of the Food Pantry at the back of St. Jude's Catholic Church property at 1515 North Greenville Ave in Allen. A volunteer is needed to gather items from the church and deliver them to the donation box at the Food Pantry.

Here are the items needed:

individual Mac and cheese

juice boxes

cereal, individual or cereal bars

cheese crackers (peanut butter or cheese for protein)

pudding cups

individual fruit cups

ravioli

ramen

**These all need to be individual sizes. 150 of each per week are needed.**

For information, contact Cheryl Lindberg:

Cell -- 972 489 0737

Email -- [drcheryl2@yahoo.com](mailto:drcheryl2@yahoo.com)

2021 ELCA  
YOUTH GATHERING

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GOD BEYOND MEASURE

JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2021 | MINNEAPOLIS, MN

## CALLING ALL YOUTH (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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://fb.com/youthgathering)



[elcagathering](https://www.elcagathering.org)

[www.elca.org/gathering](https://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.*



Please note:

VBS has been postponed until further notice.



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](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*

# *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*



Separation -- hard, but necessary

**CTSLC Broadcast Worship Service**

**May 24, 2020**

Seventh 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.

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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.

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.  
 Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

**Gospel**

John 17:1-11

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

**Sermon**

(Continue to the next page.)

### You Are Mine



1 “I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 “I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 “I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine.” *To stanzas 3 and 4*  
 4 “I

Text: David Haas, b. 1957  
 Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas  
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## 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he 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: O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy, **C: "hear our prayer."**  
Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding. Lord, in your mercy, **C: "hear our prayer."**  
Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons. Lord, in your mercy, **C: "hear our prayer."**  
Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care. Lord, in your mercy, **C: "hear our prayer."**  
Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord, in your mercy, **C: "hear our prayer."**  
Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: "hear our prayer."**
- Pastor: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all these things and whatever else you see that we need into your eternal care 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

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

ELW #656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

“Rejoice, Your Christ Is King”

arr. Alex Kirton