



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of April 19 – April 25, 2021

Pastor's Word



As we hear of so much in the news that highlights the challenges of our communities and nation, I was reminded of the powerful prophetic words of National Youth Lauriet Amanda Gorman, and commend these words to you today. May we all have the courage to see, and to be, the kin-dom of God in this world.

The Hill We Climb, Amanda Gorman

When day comes we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never-ending shade?
The loss we carry, a sea we must wade.
We've braved the belly of the beast,
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace, and the norms and notions of what just is I
isn't always just-ice.
And yet the dawn is ours before we knew it.
Somehow we do it.
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken,
but simply unfinished.
We the successors of a country and a time where a skinny Black girl
descended from slaves and raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president
only to find herself reciting for one. And yes we are far from polished.
Far from pristine. But that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect.
We are striving to forge a union with purpose,
to compose a country committed to all cultures, colors, characters and conditions of man.
And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us.
We close the divide because we know, to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside.
We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.
We seek harm to none and harmony for all.
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true, that even as we grieved, we grew,
that even as we hurt, we hoped, that even as we tired, we tried,
that we'll forever be tied together, victorious.
Not because we will never again know defeat, but because we will never again sow division.
Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree
and no one shall make them afraid.
If we're to live up to our own time, then victory won't lie in the blade.
But in all the bridges we've made, that is the promise to glade, the hill we climb.
If only we dare.
It's because being American is more than a pride we inherit, it's the past we step into
and how we repair it.
We've seen a force that would shatter our nation rather than share it.
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.
And this effort very nearly succeeded.
But while democracy can be periodically delayed, it can never be permanently defeated.
In this truth, in this faith we trust.
For while we have our eyes on the future, history has its eyes on us.
This is the era of just redemption we feared at its inception.
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power to author a new chapter.
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves.
So while once we asked, how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?

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Now we assert, How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?
We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall be.
A country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold, fierce and free.
We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation,
because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation.
Our blunders become their burdens.
But one thing is certain,
If we merge mercy with might, and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy, and change our children's birthright.
So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with.
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest, we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.
We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west.
We will rise from the windswept northeast, where our forefathers first realized revolution.
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the midwestern states.
We will rise from the sunbaked south. We will rebuild, reconcile and recover.
And every known nook of our nation and every corner called our country,
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge, battered and beautiful.
When day comes we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid, the new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.



Youth Zoom Hangout, May 2 at 12:30 PM

If you have been confirmed and are interested in connecting with other youth, join us for discussion during our normal time on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 12:30 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/924665200?pwd=OWYvT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09>

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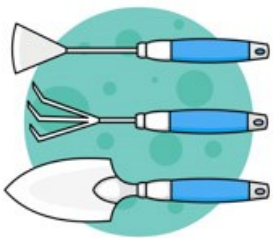
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April 25 Creation Care—Alena Horn and rest of the Christ Lutheran Creation Care Team will bring us up to date on ways we can preserve the planet—even as we remain separated as a community.



Invasives Workday April 25th 2-4pm

This Sunday, April 25th, from 2 to 4 pm, Christ Lutheran members are invited to enjoy the beautiful weather and have fellowship as they pull invasive plants from our church grounds. Some extra tools and gloves will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own.

Community Assistance

This spring we are holding several parking lot collections to support Webster - Rock Hill Ministries. Our next collection of donations will be on **Sunday, April 25th, 2:00 – 3:00 pm in the church parking lot.** WRHM is in particular need of canned vegetables and cereal, although any donation of non-perishable food and toiletries/household items is appreciated. If you are not able to make the collection for this month, we will be holding another one in late May. Thank you for your generosity! Any questions please contact Erin Eftink at erineftink@sbcglobal.net.

Stewardship & Offerings

We continue to worship and reach out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. Staff and members are reaching out proactively to make sure everyone in our congregation is cared for, and connected, as much as possible. We are re-imagining ministry! Now more than ever, it takes all of us to make that happen.



We can continue to fund our church and the important work we're doing with a few easy clicks:

1. Visit [our donation website](#) directly or go to www.christwg.org and scroll down to the 'Give Now' button.
2. You may make a one time or recurring gift. There are NO FEES to withdraw directly from your bank account. Fees do apply for debit/credit card transactions.
3. Optional: set up a profile to be able to change your recurring gifts at any time or view your giving history.
4. Want to walk through the steps with someone? Contact Kate Hoerchler, 314-805-1751, katehoerchler@gmail.com

If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.

Joan O'Brien and Lynnae Ruff, Stewardship Chairs

CLC Suggestion Box

Have an idea for how Christ Lutheran Church can make your experience better? Submit an anonymous note at <http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh> and we will do our best to help! You



WORSHIP

Sunday, April 25, 9:30 am — Zoom Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Follow the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

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CLASS OF 2021

Do you know a CLC member graduating from High School or College? Please send their name and school information to office@christwg.org and we will recognize their accomplishment during worship.

Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday April 20th, 10:00 am

“David was a man after God’s own heart.”

What does it mean to be someone “after God’s own heart”? David, Old Testament shepherd, king and psalmist, offers an answer in the shape of his own life.

The Tuesday morning Bible study group is using a study guide by Charles R. Swindoll, “David: A Man of Passion & Destiny.” We meet at 10 am via Zoom each Tuesday. The long-time participants in this group have each received a copy of the book, and if others would like to join us for this discussion, please let us know so that additional books can be ordered. All are welcome to join us!

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643945421?pwd=V3dxdWY0YkZsRFptWkE2dDBCM3VLUT09>

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Upcoming Fellowship Events

Mark your calendars for the future 2021 Fellowship events!

- Saturday, May 22 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Saturday, August 28 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Friday, October 1 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Saturday, October 30 - Trunk or Treat!



Fellowship

We will focus on virtual game nights at this time, but (maybe, hopefully) we can look into other types of Fellowship options for the later dates. Hoping to give us all something to look forward to!

Weekly Altar Arrangements

The schedule for the next few months, following Easter, is below. If you would like to contribute for a particular Sunday listed, please let the office or Nancy Lissant know which Sunday and the occasion for the flowers. The cost per Sunday is \$40. Until we meet in person at Christ, the flowers will be delivered to members who are ill, recovering, or homebound.



Date	Name	Reason
April 11, 2021	<u>Lilies</u>	
April 18, 2021		
April 25, 2021		
May 2, 2021		
May 9, 2021		
May 16, 2021		
May 23, 2021		
May 30, 2021		
June 6, 2021	<u>Flo Saeger</u>	<u>Memorial for Vic</u>
June 13, 2021		
June 20, 2021		
June 27, 2021		
July 4, 2021		
July 11, 2021		
July 18, 2021		
July 25, 2021		

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE APRIL ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you!

ANNIVERSARIES:

04/13	Scott & Kirsten Glascock
04/14	Carolyn & Bob Crowe
04/16	Kevin & Diane Drollinger
04/21	Faith & Wayne Moore
04/23	John & Sue Zempel
04/27	Sarah & Matthew Ely

BIRTHDAYS:

04/01	Anne Marie Kettler
04/01	Bradley Kuziel
04/02	Angela Bratcher
04/02	Bill Griffith
04/02	Chris Zempel
04/03	Linda Griffith
04/03	Daniel Gunther
04/04	Kaia Askew-Sunkara
04/04	Phillip Hoerchler
04/04	Noah Hornbeck
04/05	Suzie Benedum
04/05	Woody Erickson
04/05	Joan O'Brien
04/06	Joe Zempel
04/07	Mattis Horn
04/08	Adrienne Christner
04/09	Katie Ciorba
04/10	David Fey
04/10	Lena Helton
04/11	Steve Mitchler
04/13	Emmy & Luke Bender
04/13	Szu-Ching Fu
04/13	Kaylee Glascock
04/13	Sherri Swanson

04/14	Barbara Rose Hughes
04/14	John Zempel
04/15	Kim Donermeyer
04/16	Anne Marie Wischmeyer
04/17	Judy Wessler
04/19	Alex Cramer
04/20	Richard Mudd
04/21	Rachel Bruns
04/22	Erica Donermeyer
04/22	Garth Stole
04/23	Ben Drollinger
04/23	Tom Hopper
04/26	David Hill
04/27	Tim Donermeyer
04/27	Paige Lauer
04/28	Melissa Allen
04/28	Ella Knapp
04/29	Seannah McCarty
04/30	Paul Lenhart

Our apologies if we missed anybody! Please let us know if we did.



Women's Group

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our virtual meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month. We will catch up with each other and jump into some Bible study. Hope to see you there!

Zoom meeting information:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86806779211?pwd=UTBDZG1EcjJtL3NUTmxBa1Z1ZG9ydz09>

Meeting ID: 868 0677 9211

Passcode: 989376



Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include the following people in your prayer life during this week.

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Those who are suffering from chronic pain & diseases, Linda Armstrong, Gege Brightman, Christine Austin, Kate and Brian Bates (John Hoffmann's sister and brother-in-law), Edith Cooper, Michael Cooper (Edith Cooper's grandson), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, Mae Hoerchler, Elsie Johnson, Gerri Mac (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Edward Ruebeck (Roocks' grand-nephew), Ken Ruppert (friend of Mark Roock), Flo Saeger, Mary Lou Sakonyi (Dianne Deck's mother), Sherri Swanson, Shirley Wolf, Mary Stough (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), and Richard Yeast and Debra Schroeder (Leslie Bennett's father and sister).

IN BLESSED MEMORY: For all of those who have died, especially Mertha Bishop (Gale Nunn's mom), Helen Hedderig, Gwen Hickman, Dolly Hoyer, Susan Hunt, Irene Kalnins, Ed Mansour, David Notley, Sr. (Roger Rose's brother-in-law), Gloria Richardson, Vic Saeger, Alex Sakonyi (Dianne Deck's uncle), Cletus Romay and all of those who grieve at a distance in this time.

IN MILITARY SERVICE: Josh Duncan, Chris Hudson, Jesse Proctor, Scott Warr.



Featuring live and pre-recorded content throughout May, leading up to the full Breakfast with Friends event, premiering **Thursday, May 27 at 7:30 a.m.** on YouTube.



This year, the Breakfast is our kick-off to celebrating our 10th Anniversary, so you won't want to miss it!



MARTIN KILCOYNE

Master of Ceremonies
Sports Director at FOX 2



MICHAEL MCDONALD

Featured Speaker
Award-Winning Filmmaker



NICK HERD

Featured Speaker
Actor, Comedian, Interviewer

Hello church family

Our neighbors at the Mead Center, L'Arche, are gearing up for one of their big fund-raising activities of the year: Breakfast with Friends. Like everything else, this year's program will be virtual. It runs at several different times during the morning and then again in the evening on May 27th. The breakfast is a really nice program that gives an overview of who L'Arche is and what they have been up to the last year. Because of our connection with church, I would like to formally invite our Christ Lutheran family to attend. All you need is a computer or smartphone, and an internet connection. A donation is not required to register or watch the program! Please follow this link <http://larchestlouis.org/breakfast> to register. Of course, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me (jesse.helton@slu.edu).

Mothering the Earth

PEACE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SOCIAL JUSTICE

SYMPOSIUM

IN MEMORY OF MARILYN STAVENGER

Co-sponsored by Eden Seminary

Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:00AM-12:00PM

Virtual by Zoom

S P E A K E R S

Rev. Jim Antal - "Responding Faithfully to the Climate Emergency." Rev. Antal is Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister & President of the United Church of Christ and author of Climate Church, Climate World

Rev Dr. Cassandra Gould - "Environmental Racism." Rev. Dr. Gould is the Executive Director of Missouri Faith Voices.

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson - "They Shall Inherit the Earth: Justice for Marilyn's Children." Rev. Dr. Wilson is the President & CEO, of the Children's Defense Fund

There is no charge to participate in this virtual Symposium. Please register for the Symposium by going to tinyurl.com/peace-symposium-registration. In addition to the talks by the three speakers, there will be a break-out session with each of the speakers. These break-out sessions will be held simultaneously, so you will be asked to prioritize your interest in the break-outs.

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**ZOOM WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN
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HOURS: MON-THUR 8:30-4:30
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT**

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Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

**Deepening people's connection to Christ,
Bringing meaning to daily life, and
Making a difference in our community.**