



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of April 26 – May 2, 2021

Pastor's Word



This spring feels quite different from last spring. Have you felt it? Last year this time, we were at the beginning of an out-of-control pandemic that we barely understood. We were wiping down groceries, changing clothing after being in public spaces, forgoing haircuts and medical appointments, car and home repair, washing our hands after touching the mail. We chose not to distribute palms because of concern that the virus might be passed that way, and I presided at Worship from home for several months. Families went without seeing one another, trips were cancelled, graduations moved quickly online. Work and school from home became the new norm for many, causing families to rearrange their homes and technology to accommodate multiple desk spaces. And others continued working in person throughout this last year, doing what they could to mitigate the risks and challenges for themselves and family members.

This spring, as our garden is blooming, access to vaccines and a decrease in cases has changed things dramatically. Schools are resuming in-person classes, and families are reuniting with great joy and jubilation. Continued mask-wearing has replaced wiping down groceries and supplies. I resumed presiding in the sanctuary some months ago, and have been happily visiting people in homes and outdoor coffee shops in recent weeks. We celebrated Palm Sunday online, but WITH palms this year, about 20 of us gathered for a procession on Lockwood to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and another 20 of us gathered in the church yard on Holy Saturday to tell Old Testament stories of God's promise joined by another 5 who participated on Zoom. Things are changing!

And in just a month, on Pentecost Sunday, we will gather in our church yard to have our first in-person Worship service since March 15, 2020. Our technology team is working hard to set up a new system in our sanctuary that will allow us to easily invite people into the sanctuary for Worship while still remaining completely accessible online. Our next steps forward are yet to be decided, but it is clear, things are changing! We are moving into a new way of being church that is still forming, unfolding before us.

And through it all, God in Christ has been with us, bringing us hope and new life as surely as the vine brings hope and life to the branches. It has not always felt that way, has it? And yet, God has been at work, leading us steadily forward on unknown paths.

As we begin to slowly navigate these transitions, we can expect that it will not always feel comfortable or smooth. All of us will have different feelings, reactions, and choices to make in the months to come. The most important thing to keep in mind: a hallmark value of our return to in-person gathering will be mutual respect for the choices, vulnerabilities, and concerns of the community and its members. If it is right for you and your household to join us in person, we are thrilled to have you! There are many reasons why joining us in person may not be comfortable, wise, or possible, and for that reason we will always have an option for you to join us on Zoom. AND we are thrilled to have you!

As disconnected as we may have felt this last year, Christ the vine has been feeding us. Pentecost is coming, and the Spirit is alive! She is inspiring and guiding us, as she has all along the way.

How have you seen God at work in this last year? What losses are your grieving? (There have been so many, haven't there?) And, what gifts do you notice emerging out of this time?



Pentecost Sunday Worship, May 23, 2021

After thoughtful conversation in the Worship Team and Covid Team, in hope and joy we invite all who wish to join us for Worship in-person in the church yard! This will be our first in-person Sunday Worship since last March 15, so we want to provide some information well ahead of time.



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If you choose to join us on Zoom, here is the Zoom information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09>

Dial From Any Phone

312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Passcode: 971744

Registration will be required for in-person Worship, so that we know you are coming and can plan a space for you in the church yard. Follow this link to register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C45AEA828AAF58-pentecost>

- Spaces for households will be clearly designated, allowing for different size households, and for space between each household for social distancing.
- Masks are required, except when reading for the service.
- Please arrive by 9:15 if at all possible, to allow for time to find a space and settle in.
- Please bring a blanket or towel or chairs to sit on, and if that is a challenge, please just let an usher know when you arrive that you need a chair and they can provide one for you.
- We will celebrate communion! Each person/household is invited to bring their own communion for the service, but if you arrive without just let an usher know and they can provide bread and wine for you.
- We will have music, of course, and invite you to sing loudly and boldly in your heart and spirit, but refrain from singing aloud.
- Bathrooms will be available as single-use spaces, and ushers will help you know when there is a bathroom available for you and your household.

Reflect in these days leading up to Pentecost on how you have seen God at work in the last year, the losses you are grieving, and the gifts you see emerging from this time of exile. The Spirit has been with us all through the journey, and we celebrate her presence especially on Pentecost!

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, May 2, 9:30 am — Zoom Worship

Access Online Bulletin

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

OR

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



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.



Christ Lutheran will be observing PRIDE month by participating in the Care A Van on Sunday June 6th. We will be decorating a vehicle and driving through The Grove neighborhood from approximately noon to 3:00pm. Please reach out to Steve or Sherry Mitchler if you would like to be part of the planning, decorating or ride along for this event. Church members are also welcome to attend the parade to demonstrate support for the LGBTQA+ community!

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday April 27th, 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 will meet at 10 a.m. in the **church's parish hall next Tuesday, May 4**. Face masks will be required for the participants, and those who are unable to meet in person will be able to join us via the Zoom connection that is posted at the church's website.

All are welcome to join us!

Join Zoom Meeting

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

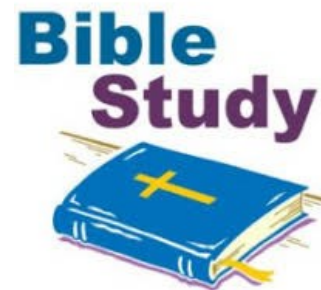
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Youth Zoom Hangout, May 2 at 12:30 PM

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>

Meeting ID: 924 665 200

Password: 271433

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Dial by your location

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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!

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!



Fellowship

Adult Forum

May 16 L'Arche—representatives of L'Arche, a community of people with and without intellectual disabilities, will tell us about the organization. L'Arche leases space in the Mead Center.

May 23 Me & White Supremacy—The racism study group will share its most recent work and lead a discussion.

June 6 Webster-Rock Hill Ministries—New interim director, Derek Bastian, will bring us up to date on the organization's mission and programs.

On April 25, the *Creation Care Team*, in recognition of Earth Day last week, explained its mission. The team, lead by Alena Horn, is beginning again after the COVID hiatus. Alena explained five functions:

- Property—remove invasive species, install native plants and landscape for water conservation
- Building—advocate for energy saving features as we renovate
- Resources—provide information and help for recycling
- Culture—move to reuse more
- Education—provide "green tips".

Most of the questions and discussion were about recycling and the message was clear: recycling is necessary and good; reuse is better. The team recommended the Missouri Botanical Garden Website as the best guide to what can be recycled.

Joan O'Brien pointed out that we are recycling the "Beignet Done That" styrofoam cups. In 2004 a truck load of the cups, destined for the landfill was donated to us instead. Since styrofoam food containers can not be recycled, our use of them before they are thrown away is the responsible thing.

Besides Alena, members of the Creation Care Team are Sherry Mitchler, Carolyn Crowe, and Ellen Mead.



Jim Schoemehl Run for ALS

In-Person May 1st || Virtual April 24th - Friday May 7th

Saint Louis, MO 63119 US  [Directions](#)

#20YEARSRUNNING!

On Saturday May 1st, at 7:30AM, Webster Groves High School will be putting on the Jim Schoemehl Run, benefiting ALS. The race course, however, does include the street the Church sits on and will therefore be blocked from 5:00AM until 11:30AM at the conclusion of the race. Unfortunately; the race will also be blocking the Christ Lutheran Church parking lot, therefore the Webster Groves School District Foundation parking lot will be reserved for Christ Lutheran Church residents from 5:30 PM on April 30th until 11:30 AM on May 1st. If you would like to view the race course or register to participate in the race, you can visit our website @<https://jims5k.org>.

The Senior Fellowship group will meet for lunch in the Bistro at Laclede Groves at noon on Monday, May 3, after which they will gather in a conference room for conversation and sharing. Face masks will be required for the participants.

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 Hoerschler, 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 (Leslie Bennett's father).

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), Debra Schroeder (Leslie Bennett's sister), 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.

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
May 2, 2021	Lilies	
May 9, 2021		
May 16, 2021		
May 23, 2021		
May 30, 2021		
June 6, 2021		
June 13, 2021		
June 20, 2021		
June 27, 2021	Flowers	Memory Vic Saeger
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:

05/04	Becca & Peter Jordan
05/07	Jessica & Dan Gunther
05/08	Harriet & Bill Scholle
05/22	Kim & Jack Joern
05/26	Angela & Greg Bratcher
05/27	Sandra & Mike Hoyer
05/29	Jess & Rachel Helton

BIRTHDAYS:

05/03	Anna McIntyre
05/05	Sarah Ringkor
05/05	Bradley Kuziel
05/05	Mark Smith
05/05	Robert Swanson
05/05	Claudia Trautmann
05/08	Mae Hoerchler
05/11	John Hoffmann
05/12	Barrett Chelgreen
05/13	Elsie Johnson
05/15	Matthew Ely
05/16	Colleen Wagner
05/18	Daniel Hopper
05/20	Jacob Swanson
05/21	Betty Erickson
05/22	Frederick Lenhart
05/22	Tom Palazzolo
05/23	Andrew Bennett
05/23	Harriet Scholle
05/23	Violet McMullen
05/23	Susan Emrich
05/24	Jessica Gunther
05/24	Jessica Hopper

05/26	Curtis Borden
05/27	Kelley Truss
05/28	Lisl Clerk
05/31	Anna Deck

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





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).



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

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE
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.**