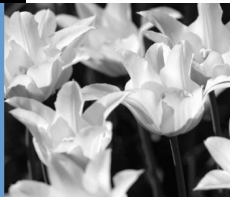




# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of July 5 - July 11, 2021

## PASTOR'S WORD



As we celebrate the complicated, hopeful, broken, healing, diverse community that is the United States and continue to claim the God-given beauty and dignity of every person, I offer the poetry of Amanda Gorman, grounded in scripture and reaching for the ideals we are called to as people of faith.

### **The Hill We Climb**

*2021 Inaugural Poem by Youth Poet Laureate 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 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.

## PASTOR'S WORD

So while once we asked, how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?  
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.



# WORSHIP

## Sunday, July 11, 9:30 am, Worship

### Access Online Bulletin

We are so happy to welcome you back to worship in the Sanctuary.

### **OR**

You may also attend virtually using the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09)

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### **One tap mobile**

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**Call in From Any Phone:** 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:** 278 217 453

**Password:** 971744

**While Mark Ruff is on his well deserved vacation here is what the July music schedule will look like:**

July 11 – No music during worship

July 18– Pastor Kendra Nolde will preside

July 18 – Liz Drollinger

July 25 – Jesse Helton



## **Parents of CLC**

Do you have a child entering 2nd grade in the fall or who is ready to learn about the Sacrament of Communion?

If so please contact Pastor Meagan to register your child for communion class. We will hold lessons, make bread, and attendants will be recognized in worship.



## **Confirmation**

Is your child entering 7th Grade? Pastor Meagan will be forming a class to prepare for Confirmation. Please email or call Pastor Meagan if your child will be attending class.

## Worship Updates

### CHOIR RETURNS

They will sing about once a month in Worship this summer, and plan to resume regular schedule in the fall.

For those joining us in the sanctuary, a couple of things to know . . . due to challenge for some choir members to get up to the choir loft, the choir will be singing on the main floor of the sanctuary. The Covid Team conferred about this move, and given that the choir is fully vaccinated, and given all of the data we have, the team has a consensus that the choir will remove masks while singing so that they can be heard well.

### COMMUNION SERVED FROM THE FRONT

**We began serving communion from the front of the sanctuary on June 27!** I will thoroughly wash and sanitize my hands and serve wafers to each person, and we will have individual cups for wine and grape juice. If you wish to continue to bring your own communion, please feel free to do so, but all are welcome to come forward, remove your masks to receive the sacrament, and replace your masks to return to your seats. There will be recycling bowls for you to deposit your cup as you return to your seat.

### COMMUNITY PRECAUTIONS

A word about masks and distancing . . . we are continuing to require wearing of masks by the congregation on Sunday at Worship. We are asking for all of us to take this small action of love and care for the community as a whole. Here is why we are asking that.

First, we as a congregation do have a high percentage of people in the congregation who have been vaccinated, which is awesome! We also have many children 11 and under in the congregation who are not yet eligible for vaccination, and congregational members who have suppressed immune systems and other concerns that put them at greater risk. Wearing a mask lets them know that we invite and welcome their presence with us.

Second, Covid Team and Worship Team have agreed that we are not requiring vaccination to be present at Worship, which means that although we have a very high percentage of vaccinated members, we are a mixed congregation on Sunday morning—there will be some present who will not be vaccinated, for many reasons. Those people are more vulnerable when we gather, and wearing a mask is an easy way to make it safer for all who gather.

Third, we know that there are variants that are causing surges in illness and hospitalizations in other areas of the state and country. Most of the variants are well-addressed by our current vaccines, which are highly safe and effective. And, in a situation where we are taking the steps of being in a larger group indoors, where some are not yet eligible for vaccine and some have complicating risk factors, where we love to SING, wearing a masks is a very simple thing we can do to make it a space that is safer for the whole community as we move forward together.

We as Christians are called to love one another, and care most especially for the most vulnerable among us. We thank you for loving and caring for one another!

**THANK YOU!!!** We thank you again for your patience and grace.

**We want to hear from you!** Please do continue to share any thoughts, concerns, questions, and ideas you have as we go forward, and know we are working very hard to listen, adapt, evolve, and smooth out our glitches as well as possible.

Pastor Meagan, Kevin Drollinger, Dr Philip Mudd, Carolyn Crowe, Jon Heerboth, John Hoffman, Becca Jordan, Kate Hoerchler

# 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](http://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](mailto: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



## Staff Vacation

July is the month of travel and rejuvenation!

Mark Ruff will be out of town July 8-31st.

Carolyn Crowe, Pastoral Nurse, will be on vacation July 3-14th.

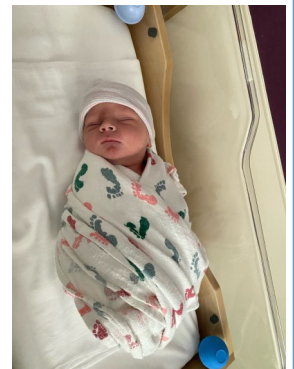
Lisette, office administrator, will be on vacation July 16-26. Susan DeBusk will be helping with office tasks this week.

Pastor Meagan will be out of town July 12-20th. Pastor Meagan will be available by phone for emergencies July 12-14th, and Carolyn Crowe will be available for pastoral needs July 15-20th.

On July 18th Pastor Kendra Nolde will be presiding in Pastor Meagan's absence.



Congratulations to Peter and Becca Jordan on the arrival of Jackson Lee Jordan. He made his debut at 7:49 am June 29, weighing 7 lbs, 5 oz and measuring 20 1/4". Baby and mom are doing great, and dad is incredibly proud!



## Vigil For Black Lives

**Lockwood Ave, every Friday, 6:00-6:30pm**

Last month we acknowledged two anniversaries: **Juneteenth**, the celebration of the message of the Emancipation Proclamation reaching the last of the people living in slavery in Galveston, TX, June 17, 1865, two and a half years after it was signed; and the **murder of 9 black people at Emmanuel Episcopal AME in Charleston** by a man who believed them to be a threat because of the color of their skin June 19, 2015, just six years ago. These two anniversaries taken together each year illustrate clearly that progress has been made. AND, the truth is that in many ways, racism and its impacts still rage today. 156 years after the last of the people living in chattel slavery were freed, access to voting rights is still restricted and threatened, and the well-being, safety, and lives of people of color are still at risk every day.

**Every Friday, from 6:00-6:30, congregations on Lockwood join together to stand for black lives**, in our community and beyond. We take a short half an hour each week to be visible on Lockwood with signs of solidarity with our black siblings. It is a small way for us to make it known that we stand against racism in all the ways it impacts all of us. Please join us!



## Back to School Collection

Hello everyone! Webster-Rock Hill Ministries needs our help sending kids back to school with all the supplies they will need for the 2021-22 school year! We will help by **collecting school supplies** throughout July, beginning Sunday, July 11th and ending on Sunday, August 1st. There will be a labeled blue bin in the narthex to place your items. If you are doing virtual services you are welcome to drop your supplies off directly at WRHM (open Tues-Fri. 9am-12pm), or you can contact Erin Eftink at [erineftink@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erineftink@sbcglobal.net) to arrange for a porch pick-up. Thank you for helping local students!

### Items needed include:

- pencils
- pencil boxes
- erasers
- wide and narrow markers
- colored pencils
- wide-rule notebooks
- two-pocket folders in various colors
- highlighters
- glue sticks
- scissors
- ear buds/headphones
- backpacks



## Women's Group

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our virtual meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. 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>

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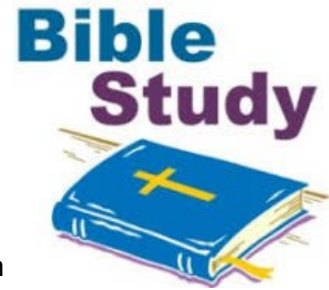
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Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at [beccajedwards@gmail.com](mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com).



### **Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am**

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will meet at 10 a.m. in the **church's parish hall**. A year ago, we embarked upon an in-depth study of King David, after which we've slogged our way through First and Second Kings. Now that we've reached the end of Kings, we intend to focus on several of the letters of the Apostle Paul.



All are welcome to join us. Just have one or more bibles with you, and plan to enjoy the discussion. 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.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<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, August 28: 6:00 pm – dusk, Event TBD - hopefully something outdoors
- Friday, October 1: 6:00 pm – dusk
  - ◊ Wurstfest, likely in Larson Park
- Saturday, October 30: 6:00 pm – dusk
  - ◊ 2nd annual Trunk or Treat in the CLC parking lot

If you have any questions or would like to help with any fellowship events, please reach out to Becca Jordan at 314-580-0277 or [beccajedwards@gmail.com](mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com).



**Fellowship**



### **Choir Practice**

All who love to sing are welcome at church, on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. You must be fully vaccinated and two weeks past your final vaccine to participate. For questions, I can be contacted at [dianedrollinger@gmail.com](mailto:dianedrollinger@gmail.com). Thanks!



## *In Loving Memory*

Sheila Rose (Roger's wife, Barbara's mother, James' great-grandmother) passed away suddenly on June 24 at the age of 89 years. She and Roger have been married for 66 years. By her choice, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Her ashes will be inurned in the Christ Lutheran columbarium at a later time. An obituary will be available on the [boppchapel.org](http://boppchapel.org) website. Friends are invited to an open house memorial on Saturday, July 10, between 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the family home at 527 Greeley Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119.

### **Memorial Chapel**

Many in our congregation and our families have died this past year, and we have all experienced many losses in our lives and communities. The grief is real. As we open our building again, we are also opening a space to share that grief in community. The side chapel off the sanctuary will be a place to visit, pray, light a candle, leave pictures of loved ones, and write down the losses you carry so that we can hold them together. Those with keys are welcome anytime. The building will be unlocked and the Memorial Chapel will be open every Sunday for one hour after



### **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, Shelly Madden, 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, Elsie Johnson, Gerri Mac (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Genie Owens (Sarah Ringkor's mother), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Edward Ruebeck (Roocks' grand-nephew), Ken Ruppert (friend of Mark Roock), Flo Saeger, 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), Mary Lou Sakonyi (Dianne Deck's mother), Debra Schroeder (Leslie Bennett's sister), Cletus Romy, Judy Wessler, Sheila Rose and all of those who grieve at a distance in this time.

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

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

## LET'S CELEBRATE JULY ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

07/03	Erin & Dave Eftink, Jr.
07/13	Luke & Karen Bruns
07/21	Alena & Kersten Horn
07/22	Matt & Katie Ciorba
07/30	James & Leslie Bennett
07/30	Jon & Chris Heerboth

### BIRTHDAYS:

07/02	Edith Cooper
07/03	Leslie Bennett
07/04	Taimika Askew-Sunkara
07/04	Gregory McMullen
07/06	Susan DeBusk
07/08	Lisette Kreidler
07/12	Stephanie Lenhart
07/12	Mike Wagner
07/13	Carolyn Crowe
07/13	Matthew Hoyer
07/14	Dane Stole
07/16	Dianne Drollinger
07/16	Lauren Bennett
07/17	Luke Dopuch
07/18	Kim Joern
07/21	Maggie Ringkor
07/23	Jason Kuziel
07/27	Megan Eftink
07/27	Kahlie McCarty
07/28	Thomas Allen
07/28	Roger Rose
07/29	Scott Glascock
07/30	Sherry Mitchler
07/30	Rev. Kenneth Haugk
07/31	August Bennett
07/31	Matt Ciorba
07/31	Steven McCarty

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



# July 2021

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Sat

				1	2	<b>3</b> 10am July 4th WBG parade  JOIN THE PARADE!
<b>4</b> Independence day 9:30a Worship 10:45a Coffee Fellowship 	<b>5</b> 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness Group	<b>6</b> 10a Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	<b>7</b> 7p Choir practice	<b>8</b> 7p Women's Group on Zoom	9	10
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:  
 SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:  
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 FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:  
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 PERRY YEE



## **Altar Flowers**

If you wish to underwrite the cost of the altar flowers for a particular week, please let the office or Nancy Lissant know

## **Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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