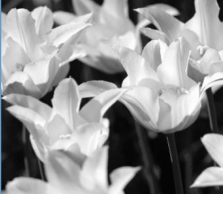




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of May 16 – May 22, 2022

Pastors Word



As the Easter season unfolds, and spring continues to reveal itself around us, the Spirit is blowing new life into all corners. I am still surprised each spring to watch everything burst into life in even the most barren looking areas of our “new” gardens. Christ is risen, indeed, and the blessings are in bloom along with all of creation itself!

Risen

For Easter Day

by Jan Richardson

If you are looking for a blessing,
do not linger here.

Here is only emptiness,
a hollow,

a husk where a blessing used to be.

This blessing was not content
in its confinement.

It could not abide its isolation,
the unrelenting silence,
the pressing stench of death.

So if it is a blessing you seek,
open your own mouth.

Fill your lungs
with the air

this new morning brings
and then release it with a cry.

Hear how the blessing
breaks forth in your own voice,
how your own lips form every word
you never dreamed to say.

See how the blessing circles back again,
wanting you to repeat it,
but louder,

how it draws you,
pulls you,

sends you
to proclaim

its only word:

Risen.

Risen.

Risen.



WORSHIP

Sunday, May 22, 9:30 am, Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare available in the nursery at 8:30am.

OR

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Office Hours

Pastor Meagan will be attending continuing education classes this week Monday-Thursday and will be available by e-mail or text .

Humanitri Collection

Christian Service committee is partnering with the Sunday School classes to gather items and share them with children who are served by Humanitri. We will be collecting these items and assembling the gift bags on Sunday 05/22/22. If you would like to help participate by donating items, please refer to the sign up genius organizer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094CAAA92DA20-clchhumanitri>. We are requesting specific numbers of certain items to match the age range of the children Humanitri is currently serving. If you would like to contribute but would prefer for someone else to do the shopping, you can donate to the cause by sending money to Erin Eftink at 1405 Oakhall Manor Ct, Ballwin, MO 63021, or if you prefer electronic donations, please send your donation via Venmo to @Dave-Eftink, confirmation # 6647. We are requesting that if you purchase any items that you update the SignUp Genius and bring it to church on Sunday 05/22. If you are donating cash, please get it to Erin by Wednesday 05/18/22 so we can complete the shopping in time for next Sunday. We will have a blue bin at the back of church for the donated items. Questions, please contact either Sarah Mudd or Sherry Mitchler. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to care for those in the community!

Stewardship: Growing in the Spirit

This past Sunday, we were blessed to have our first opportunity to “pass the basket” and give financially as we sit in the pews since 2020. As members of our community, we have a responsibility for stewardship in the broad sense of the word; to be stewards of our spiritual gifts of time, presence, and skills inside these walls and in our community; to be stewards of the earth taking care of God’s creation. We will be talking about stewardship this expansive way over the next six months, but today we would like to focus on our call to share our financial resources and our resources of time with Christ Lutheran.

As we passed planting baskets this week, we highlighted the stewardship theme “grow in the spirit”. We remember that in order for plants to survive and thrive, they need a variety of things—soil, water, nutrients, pruning, and tending to roots.

Our congregation too, needs a variety of things to grow in the spirit. We need to be financially responsible to survive, thrive and grow in our capacity to embody God’s love. We need to financially care for our building, care for our staff, care for our community partnerships. We need to financially embody care for people who come here, to Christ Lutheran, and to people to whom we are sent.

We will also remember our call to be responsible stewards of our time and our commitment to serving our church body. At this time, our worship team needs help finding ushers, pastoral assistants, acolytes, refreshments, key people, folks to help with the elevator, and readers. We are asking you today to take a moment to consider how you can give of your time and money to Christ Lutheran. Please prayerfully consider how you might give of these resources. If you haven’t yet turned in your pledge (or if you need another form) be in touch with Lisette. Please also complete the sheet that was in the Narthex and put it in our planter.

We will pass the baskets—as a basket comes down your row, please put in your completed commitment sheet, your financial contribution if you are physically giving, if you give electronically and want to put in the “I give electronically form” feel free to do so and pass the basket along.

Praise be to God for our blessings and our ability to be responsible stewards of our time and financial resources. Amen.

Stewardship & Offerings

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.

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



Greeting Cards Needed!

Do you have any extra Birthday or greeting cards laying around you would be able to donate to the Church? We could definitely use them. Please leave on Lisette's desk or in Joan O'Briens mailbox. Thank you!



In person Adult Forum will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will also be available on Zoom. If you choose Zoom just stay connected after the Sunday morning service. We anticipate a 10-15 minute break between the end of the postlude and the beginning of Adult Forum.

Upcoming Forums:

May 22-A representative from **Humanitri**, one of CLC's chosen benevolences, will update us on its work and mission. Humanitri works with homeless families to find stable and affordable housing.

Sunday May 15

A panel on sexual abuse was the focus of the May 15 adult forum. The final session of a three-part series, the panel included Katie Ciorba, Diane Drollinger and Pastor Meagan McLaughlin. Topics discussed were prevention, survivor support and accountability. The prevention tactics included awareness of those who might be targeted for abusive activities; policies for and practices that address sexual abuse; and practices such as background checks, having two people accompany every child in a solo setting and consistent training for youth leaders and clergy. Survivor support included anonymity in reporting; a clear reporting path, and thoughtful, nonjudgmental language when talking with a survivor. Accountability included local congregation policies and procedures, as well as clear policies and procedures at the synod and national level.

The forum attendees also shared the following strategies for dealing with abuse:

- Parental training for conversations with children about abuse
- Publicizing resources both inside and outside the congregation for survivors including a hotline, email to the ELCA and an anonymous box for reporting abuse
- Checking the church's insurance for liability coverage
- Contacting the legal authorities - is Webster Grove Police Department trained for abuse cases?
- Requiring a timely response

For additional information, contact Katie Ciorba, Diane Drollinger or Pastor Meagan.



CLASS OF 2022

Do you know a CLC member graduating from High School, College, or Grad School? Please send their name and school information to office@christwg.org and **we will recognize their accomplishment during worship on May 22nd.**

Join Pastor Meagan for this important Synod Conversation!

Conversations on Race and Racism



Racial Justice Team
Of the Central States Synod

Rostered leaders and laity alike are invited to join the Central States Synod's Racial Justice Team for a 90-minute session of listening, brainstorming, scripture study and conversation. Our goal is to better enable the synod to provide you with the resources you need to have conversations with one another and your community as we discern what God is calling us to do as individuals, as congregations and as a synod.

Choose the date and time that works best for you and join us!



*Rev. Aimée Appell, Central States Synod D.E.M.
extends a personal invitation.*

- May 15, 1:00 p.m.
- May 15, 4:00 p.m.
- May 17, 7:00 p.m.
- May 19, 7:00 p.m.
- May 22, 4:00 p.m.

RSVP here: [...: Learning Stream - Standard and Plus :...](#)

Women's Group

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. More details to come!
Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com.



Thank You Musicians!

For almost a year and half, because of Covid, we missed hearing our choir sing. And Diane and Mark and cantors and musicians worked overtime to ensure that we still had music to grace our Worship. A year ago, we welcomed our choir back with joy, and they have helped lead us in prayer since then.



Yesterday was their final time singing for the season, and Director of Choirs - Diane Drollinger will be taking her regular well-deserved summer off from directing the choir and contributing to music with us.

So, we thank and bless all of our musicians--organist, choir director and choir, instrumentalists, and cantors--for the spirit they bring to Worship each week!

Creator God, You hear us, our words in prayer, our silent thoughts and pleas and each note or melody we sing and play. May our praises today connect with heaven and unite our hearts with the sound of eternity. We thank you for the gifts of our voices and melodies of our instruments move with the work of your Holy Spirit. Music brings light into dark places, restores hope and vision to all who are oppressed, and well-being and health to all those who suffer. Today, we give thanks for the music that graces our worship, and all those who provide it. May it continue to inspire us we embody your love in the world. Amen

Read more at: <https://www.living-prayers.com>

JOIN US FOR VBS

HOSTED BY CHRIST LUTHERAN & EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL

JUNE 7 - JUNE 9

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

IDEAL FOR PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH RISING 4th GRADERS

BRING A LUNCH

LOCATED AT EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL

ALL ARE WELCOME

HAVE AN OLDER CHILD WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT VBS?

Register them as a Junior Shepherd via the link below.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join the new Justice Group forming at CLC!

We've been reading and discussing issues of diversity, equity and inclusion at Christ Lutheran, now let's get a solid group together to affect change! The main goal of the committee will be to focus on areas where we can make Christ Lutheran a more welcoming space and affect change in our community. Duties would include reaching out to council and other committees on issues of justice in the church, brainstorming ways to be more active in local justice issues, selecting books for congregation wide book studies, etc. Please reach out to Kate Hoerchler (314-805-1751, katehoerchler@gmail.com) if you would like to join this group.

Vigil For Black Lives

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!



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), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, John Hoffmann, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael McMullen (Greg McMullen's brother), Christy Monson (Step-daughter of Carolyn Lange), Donna Munger, Betsy Nielson (Nancy Lissant's sister), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Flo Saeger, Joyce Traxler (Friend of Susan DeBusk), Shirley Wolf, Mary Stough (Sharon Hornbeck's aunt), and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother).



IN BLESSED MEMORY: For all of those who have died and all of those who grieve, that they may know the presence of God who grieves with us.

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

Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study group will continue to meet at 10:15 a.m. in the church's Parish Hall through the month of May, then take a summer break until September.

We've been enjoying many of the minor prophets most of this year, including Micah, Jonah, Esther and Ruth. We hope to read and discuss the Song of Solomon later this month.

Anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Just have one or more of your favorite Bibles with you, and prepare to enjoy our time together.



Lutheran School of Theology St Louis invites you to join us in May

Our upcoming classes are centered on ways our faith helps us to make meaning of the world around us. Especially in times that feel tumultuous and unsettled, we turn again to our scripture and theology that is rooted in God's love and brings about wholeness and life that really is life.

Our first in-person event since early 2020 will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 1 Selma Avenue, Webster Groves, MO on Thursday, May 26, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm CDT. We are honored to be able to host the Rev. Kristin Johnston Largen, Ph.D., President of Wartburg Theological Seminary who has done extensive teaching in systematic theology. She will present **Hope: A Lens for Living Now And For The Future**. A description of the day's theme and registration can be found here: <https://lststl.org/hope-a-lens-for-living-now-and-for-the-future/>. The registration fee of \$60 includes coffee, tea, snacks and lunch; limited to 60 participants.

Thanks to generous donors, LST offers full or partial scholarships to enable access for all to our events. A simple form to submit can be found at <https://lststl.org/scholarships-for-lst-classes/>. Questions? Please contact Stephanie Doeschot at administrator@lststl.org.

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!



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE MAY 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
05/27	Sandy & Mike Hoyer
05/29	Jess & Rachel Helton

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

BIRTHDAYS:

05/03	Anna McIntyre
05/05	Sarah Ringkor
05/05	Mark Smith
05/05	Robert Swanson
05/05	Claudia Trautmann
05/08	Mae Hoerchler
05/11	John Hoffmann
05/12	Barrett Chelgreen
05/16	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
05/24	Jessica Gunther
05/24	Jessica Hopper
05/26	Curtis Borden
05/27	Kelley Truss
05/28	Lisl Clerk
05/31	Anna Deck



May 2022

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

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE
HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-
4:30
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT**

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JESSICA GUNTHER**

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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.**