

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



April 8, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
April 11, 2021 – 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 a.m..
Thursday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.
Christian Day School: Preschool through 8th grade

The Second Sunday of Easter

As We Gather

Quasimodogeniti is the first word in the Latin version of the introit for today. It means “like new born babes.” It comes from 1 Peter 2:2: “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.”

Hymn - “We Know That Christ Is Raised” Hymn 603

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!
- 2 We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!
- 3 The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia!

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

InvocationPage 151

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*
 tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord | and his strength;*
 seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

(Continued)

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations,

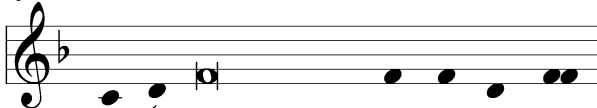
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*


if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Ps. 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3


Kyrie.....Page 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



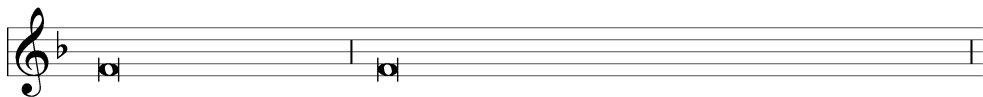
C Lord, have mer - cy.



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



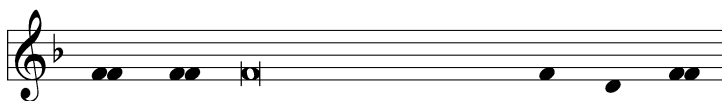
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Reading from the *Book of Concord* -

The Augsburg Confession, Article XXVIII, Church Authority, 5-10

Our teachers' position is this: the authority of the Keys [Matthew 16:19], or the authority of bishops—according to the Gospel—is a power or commandment of God, to preach the Gospel, to forgive and retain sins, and to administer Sacraments. Christ sends out His apostles with this command, “As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending

you...Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld” (John 20:21-22). And in Mark 16:15, Christ says, “Go...proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.”

This authority is exercised only by teaching or preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments, either to many or to individuals, according to their calling. In this way are given not only bodily, but also eternal things: eternal righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. These things cannot reach us except by the ministry of the Word and the sacraments, as Paul says, “The Gospel...is the power of God for salvation to everyone that believes” (Romans 1:16). Therefore, the Church has the authority to grant eternal things and exercises this authority only by the ministry of the Word.

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,**

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C **he has put all things under his feet.**

Epistle Lesson

1 John 1:1–2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light,

as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day ~ "O Sons and Daughters of the King" Hymn 470

All – Stanzas 1, 8, 9; Women – Stanzas 2, 3, 4; Men – Stanzas 5, 6, 7

1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia!

2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia!

3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia!

4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

- 6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.”
Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!

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Sermon “Peace of Christ” John 20:19-31

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

(Continued)

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

(You may be seated if necessary.)

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.
 Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*

Offertory *(Sunday)*

G What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



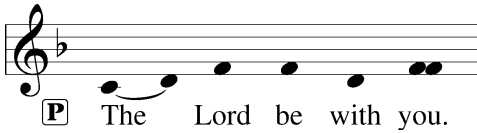
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 20.)

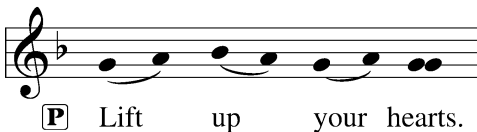
Preface



P The Lord be with you.



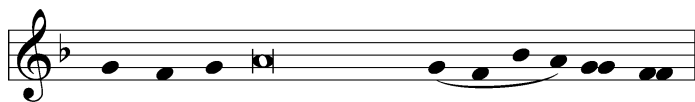
G And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

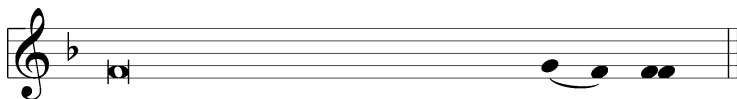
Lord's Prayer

- C** 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. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymn ~ "Come, You Faithful,

Raise the Strain" (Sunday)..... Hymn 487

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n
Laud and praise undying.
- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to gladden faithful hearts
Which with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strain
Jesus' resurrection!
- 4 For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.
- 5 Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle - "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" Hymn 488

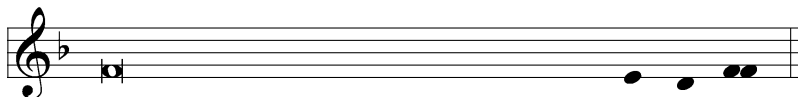
- 1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious,
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!

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Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benediction



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



- C** A - men.

Closing Hymn ~ “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Hymn 457

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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+ Silent Prayer +

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A Voter's Meeting is being held next Sunday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m.



If you gave a lily or if one was given in your honor, please feel free to take it home any time after Easter. If you know of a person; a shut-in, an elderly neighbor, or someone who is ill and may enjoy a flower, please feel free to take one for them. Thank you!



**Thursday Evening Worship Services have resumed.
They are held at 7:00 p.m.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

THE PREACHER & LITURGIST Rev. Christopher J. Yeager
THE ORGANIST Mark Steffens
THE ORGANIST (Thursday) Mary Spaulding
ELDERS ON DUTY (8:00) Andy Copi, Dennis Kern
ELDERS ON DUTY (10:45) Phillip Cole, Richard Wandel
ELDER ON DUTY (Thursday).....Richard Wandel
ALTAR GUILD Dianna Huycke, Ginny Jennings
USHERS (8:00) Steve Huycke – Captain, Ron Bonczkowski, Chuck Dinges
..... Tom Ulmer, Andrew Gerken, John Schulz, Mike Essig, Brandon Starkey
USHERS (10:45) Tom Drews and Tim Drews – Co-Captains,
..... Bob Wolfanger, Don Mensinger, Harry Steffen, Jon Winter

Christ Lutheran Church and School **Christ's People Proclaiming Christ's Love**

The following safety precautions will be followed:

- ◆ Please maintain social distancing (6 feet apart front and back, and side to side), only use every other pew and maintain 6' between family units.
- ◆ Please use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- ◆ We will not pass the plate or attendance books. Offering plates located by the entrance.
- ◆ Everything will be in the bulletin, no need for the hymnal. Keep the bulletin or recycle it.
- ◆ Face masks encouraged (but not required).
- ◆ Communion will be continuous style, so that people can maintain 6' between family units.
- ◆ We request that people not congregate in the narthex (take a donut to-go and head home). If you'd like to talk please talk outside in the parking lot while still maintaining 6' separation.
- ◆ Bible study continues online and in person.
- ◆ The pews / door handles / bathrooms will be cleaned in-between services.
- ◆ If you are sick or have any symptoms of any illness, please stay home.
- ◆ If you are vulnerable, or feel uncomfortable coming back, feel free to remain home as long as necessary until you're comfortable. We will continue to stream Sunday services live at 8:00 a.m., which may be viewed thereafter.

Thank you for being considerate of your neighbor.
Pastor Measel, Pastor Yeager, Board of Elders

We have resumed offering the common cup, along with the individual cups, in our weekly worship services. The word Maundy comes from the Latin mandatum, which means commandment. It alludes to Jesus' new commandment in John 13:34 to love one another. More importantly, this is the day on which Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. See Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:1-39. We encourage you to use the common cup safely. Read and follow the church's COVID safety precautions.

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery*Continued Prayers:*

Amanda Clark	Deleigh McClintock	Kathy Karnik	Miro Virsik
Addie Scheffler	Denice McClintock	Kathy Kasewurm	Nancy Duke
Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Laurie Ulmer	Mary Panzica
Connie Schmidt	Jean Mort	Laura Leshner	Nathan Gerken
Barbara Maul	Jim Walters	Laura Schornhorst	Ferny Rantz

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery*Continued Prayers:*

Aubrey Hamby – nephew of Dee Payovich

Austin Arndt – grandson of Linda Steinke

Cate Reed – granddaughter of Doris Beezley

Christine Lowmaster – niece of Sharon Lowmaster

Ginger Nurkala – sister of Betty Spencer

Carol Syring – daughter of Ken Vieregge

Jackie Klepper – mother of Pattie Allred

Jim Russell – brother of Mark Russell

Marian Gerken – mother of Andy Gerken

Paula Hicks – niece of Dee Payovich

Phil Oberhaus – brother of Susan Jackemeyer

Ron Bessick – friend of Sharon Lowmaster

* Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including

* **Alex Root, Allison Blake, James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken Vieregge,

Joseph Schafer – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Mitchell Carter** – grandson of Bob Dixon.

Missionaries

Rev. Steven and Martha Mahlburg in Sri Lanka, Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in the Dominican Republic and Rev. Roger James in the Philippines.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Each Sunday we offer prayers to those that are ill, hospitalized, or recovering from surgery. Since we are often unaware of the status of the friends and relatives for whom we pray in church, *prayers will be offered for up to one month. After that time the name will be transferred to and left on the Christ Times prayer page until we are asked to remove it.* Should the situation require a lengthier recovery time, please call the office to request the name be left on for an additional month. May God grant healing, comfort, peace, and teach us to rely on Him in times of need.

Bulletin Announcements for April 11, 2021



THE GLORY OF EASTER REMAINS! Our risen Lord has promised to be with us always. He welcomes all of us who have come to worship. Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit! If you are visiting, please take time to sign your name in our guest book and introduce yourself to the pastor before you leave. Please visit us again!

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood (*Matthew 26:26-28*) to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (*1 Corinthians 11:28-30*) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18*) any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with one of the pastors.

THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY is reserved during communion services for those that have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in that pew if you would like the pastor to bring communion to you.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Richard & Susan Wandel on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary. The flowers are also in loving memory of mother, Amelia Kellner, given by Thelma Szoke.

2021 FLOWER CHART – The flower chart for 2021 is posted in the commons area. Be sure to sign up soon for the date you would like flowers given in memory or honor of your loved ones. The **Altar Flowers** remain at \$15.00. After the services, they are delivered to a shut-in or someone that is sick or hospitalized. Thank you!

THE NURSERY IS AVAILABLE for your children 3 years of age or younger. You are welcome to take your child or children into the nursery and watch the service from there. Please do not leave your child unattended.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP – *The 2021 chart for radio broadcasts is now posted in the commons area. Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. This will give our members more opportunities for sponsorship. Please consider sponsoring a broadcast (you could share it with a family member or friend.) The cost remains \$150.00. **Be sure to sign up soon to secure the date you would like!***

*Our service was recorded on Easter Sunday and will air next Sunday.
This broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory
of Sue Ellen Machemer, given by Ellen Machemer.*

Our Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts are now on WQYQ AM 1400 and 106.1 FM (Note: The call sign has changed from WSJM to WQYQ but the time and frequencies remain the same for our broadcast) on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. The service also can be heard online at <https://www.thenewqyq.com> or with the TuneIn app on your device. To listen with Alexa say, "Alexa, play WQYQ." The service can be heard from anywhere in the country online.

WORSHIP ANEW is a 30-minute traditional Lutheran worship service, broadcast weekly to nourish the souls of those who cannot attend church in a traditional setting. Watch on Sundays at 11:00 am on **WHME-TV 46 [FBC]** or watch online at any time at www.worshipanew.org/onlineviewing.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE. (*James 5:16*) As caring Christians, please remember the following members of Christ Lutheran in your prayers this week:

Charles & Barbara Maul
Toni Schalon Family
Craig Coder

Jeff & Teri Harris Family
Robert & Sibyl Kish Family
Craig & Suellen Klein Family

We will be praying for these members during our worship services today. Each week we ask you to remember a different group of members in your daily prayers.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Rev. Steven and Martha Mahlburg serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Sri Lanka. Steven serves the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) in Sri Lanka as they restructure in order to better reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He provides administrative support, Christian education, and mentoring for the pastors, evangelists and laypeople of the CELC. He travels to the

CELC congregations around Sri Lanka to encourage a bold witness to Jesus Christ. Steven also assists. Ask God to give the Mahlburg family strength and peace as they continue to learn and adjust to the Sri Lankan culture. Pray that the Gospel would spread throughout all of Sri Lanka. Pray for the youth of the CELC that they would be guided to become pastors and church leaders. Let's give God thanks that the Mahlburgs serve His children in this part of the world.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Sunday morning bible class will resume on **April 25**. The class will be a study on The Book of Jonah.

TUESDAY EVENING & WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Bible classes led by Pastor Measel will resume the week of April 12th. The class will be a study on The Book of Jonah.

BRAINSTORMING SESSION – YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED! - We will have a brainstorming session on *Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 a.m. – noon*. This session will cover how we can reach out into the community and be an inviting and a comfortable place for community members to visit and give them multiple reasons to come here. We have a great facility and a large land area to use for Kingdom building. Yes, we must be safe, and we will. This will be a team effort and you will be asked for input and for help along the way. Together, let's prayerfully follow God's lead to take Jesus to our community. Nurse and gym supervision will be provided. Call Fred Pieplow at 369-2081 with any questions or comments.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Volunteers are needed to help construct two raised garden beds in support of Christ Lutheran's new outdoor education initiative. The tentative project date is Saturday, April 10 (rain date; April 17). Contact John Paulun at 312-523-8086 or jcpaulun@gmail.com for more information. A map of the new outdoor education project is located in the commons area.

THANK YOU to all who wrote cards for the special Easter delivery to our shut-ins. Each person on the shut-in list received many notes and a little Easter basket. Thank you for helping brighten their day. Christ's people proclaiming Christ's love!

John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn't be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

Charting Our Course – Statistics from Last Week

<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	<u>04/01/2021</u>		
	124		
<u>Good Friday</u>	<u>04/02/2021</u>		
12:00 noon	98		
7:00 p.m.	84		
<u>Easter Sunday</u>	<u>04/04/2021</u>		
8:00 A.M.	142		
10:45 A.M.	<u>92</u>	Adult Bible Class	--
Total:	234	Weekday Classes	--
<u>Streaming Views</u>			
Maundy Thursday	66		
Good Friday	87		
Easter	185		

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$28,303
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,683



This Week at Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 11	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<i>Communion</i> Worship Service <i>Communion</i> Worship Service
Monday, April 12	7:00 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.	<i>All Boards Meeting</i> <i>Parish Planning Meeting</i>
Tuesday, April 13	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Wednesday, April 14	9:30 a.m.	Bible Class
Thursday, April 15	7:00 p.m.	<i>Worship Service</i>
Friday, April 16		
Saturday, April 17	9:00 - noon	<i>Brainstorming Session</i>
Sunday, April 18	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Service <i>Voter's Meeting</i> Worship Service