



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

May 5, 2024

9:30 AM



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A Reconciling in Christ congregation of the ELCA

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday Childcare 9:15 AM-12:00 PM

Children's Chapel during services.

Called by God to share the Good News, we are the hands of Christ, lifted in worship, joined in learning, extended in service, supporting in love, and reaching for justice.

- ◆ To all we extend a heartfelt invitation to join us on this journey, as partners in the full life and ministry of Christ the Servant, regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, or socioeconomic status.
- ◆ If you would like your child(ren) to be cared for during any part of the worship service, our staffed child care room is down the long hallway on the right past the church office (follow the blue signs).
- ◆ If you or your child need a quiet place to be during worship, you are welcome to use the "Quiet Room" on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. You will find a comfortable chair where you can still see and hear the service, a diaper changing station, and children's toys and books.
- ◆ Restrooms are down the long hallway on the right as you exit the sanctuary. Gender neutral restrooms are further down the hallway through two additional doorways (follow the blue signs).
- ◆ This worship service is being livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. If you prefer not be shown on camera, please sit in the last three rows on the right directly in front of the Quiet Room.
- ◆ Information cards can be found in the seat pocket in front of you. If you are visiting us today or have a prayer concern, please fill one out and return in the offering basket.
- ◆ ***If you have a prayer request to be spoken aloud during worship, please write it in the prayer journal just outside the sanctuary doors.***



- ◆ ***Hearing assist devices are available from a sound board operator.***

- ◆ ***Use this QR code for electronic giving:***



- ◆ Please silence your phones to fully enter into this holy space.

Land Acknowledgement

We gather on the ancestral land of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Lummi, Nooksack, and Semiahmoo, who have lived in this region since time immemorial. May we live consciously and respectfully, honoring our Coast Salish neighbors.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

God's Endless Love Liturgy for Holy Communion

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Blessing

May God's grace be upon these shawls: warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May these mantles be a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as in difficult ones. May those who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. And may those whose hands have created them be blessed, as they give of their time, talent, and joy to help yarn become a physical expression of your love. **Amen.**

* Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity †, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

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** When you see this asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

*** Opening Hymn**

Remember and Rejoice

ELW 454

*** Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*** Kyrie**

Refrain - All



Verses

1. L: For peace, O Lord, to you we pray



L: We lift our hearts to you this day.



2. L: For this broken world, we cry to you **C: Kyrie eleison**

L: May your grace be shown in all we do. **C: Kyrie** to Refrain

3. L: Upon your creation pour your love C: Kyrie eleison

L: That your kingdom come here as in heav'n above C: Kyrie to Refrain

*** Hymn of Praise**

Refrain

Praise God in the tem - ple, in the high - est heav-ens.

Praise God's might-y deeds and no-ble maj-es-ty! maj-es-ty!

Verses:

1 Praise God with the trum-pet. - blast, praise God with the lute and harp!
2. Sing praise to God, Cre - a - tor; to Christ, who sets us free,

Praise God with tim-brel and dance, with strings and pipes!
and to the Spir - it of life who makes us one.

Praise God with crash - ing cym - bals, with loud and ring - ing
Praise God with sing - ing voic - es, with strong and faith - ful

cym-bals!
voic - es! All that is a - live. Praise the Lord!

to Refrain

*** Prayer of the Day**

Let us Pray:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Children's Message

All Children are invited to come forward to hear the children's message. Following the message, children ages 3-8 are invited to Godly Play Children's Chapel for wondering, song, prayer, and story response activities. Parents are always welcome. Follow our Children's Ministry team to the Godly Play Atrium. Children return to the sanctuary during the offering.

Today's Children's Message: **The Good Shepherd and Communion**

Nicole Pridachuk

Children's Blessing (cup your hand in blessing over the children)
Go in peace, have fun, and learn. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

A reading from Acts.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The believers from among the Jewish people who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy

Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So Peter ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Refrain arr. Bonnie Drewes

Sing to the Lord a new song, the Lord of won-der-ful deeds.
Right hand and ho - ly arm have won God's vic - tor - y

Verses -- Cantor

1. The nations know God's righteousness; Israel knows God's love.
All the ends of earth have seen the victory of our God.
2. Shout, oh earth, break into song, with joy let praises ring.
Trumpet, harp and horn proclaim the Lord, our God, is king.
3. Let the sea with creatures roar, let flowering meadows blaze,
Rivers clap their hands for joy and hills ring out God's praise.
4. God will come to rule the earth, with justice the Lord will reign--
Righteousness throughout the land, and all will praise God's name.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from First John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey God's commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey the commandments of God, which are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever

is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. Al - le - lu - ia, - al - le - lu - ia.

*** Gospel Reading**

John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said: ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in my Father’s love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jana Schofield

*** Hymn of the Day**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

*** Apostles' Creed**

Baptized into Christ we are God's beloved children. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

*** Prayers of God's People**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Intercessions from the prayer request book near the usher's station are shared.

Gracious God, we lift to you those who have asked for our prayers, that you heal them in body, mind, and spirit: the loved ones of Sandy, Ron, Chris, Marilyn, Walt, Charlie, and Carl. We also lift up Claydene, Charlene, Darrell, Cindy, Rosemary, Patrick and Lizzy, Owen, Doug, Lauren, Troy Faith, Georgiana, Bob, Pamela, Bobbi, Nathaniel, Amy, Shirley, Barbara, Joan, Don, Ruthann, Jennifer, Carol, Michael, Bonnie, Anita, and our friends in Honduras and at Gardenview Tiny Homes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

*** Sharing God's Peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you with the words "peace be with you" and/or a handshake or gesture of peace.

Meal

Offering

Thank you for your generous gifts to this ministry in response to God's grace.
Use the QR code on p.2 to give electronically.

Offertory

Glorificamus Te

Dave and Jean Perry

Servant Singers, Betsy Stuen-Walker directing

* Offering Song



With all we are we wait for God, our hearts re -
joice with love in the Lord. O God, our strength_ and our shield, we
trust your ho - ly name. Love us, Lord, we wait for you.

* Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

*** Dialogue**

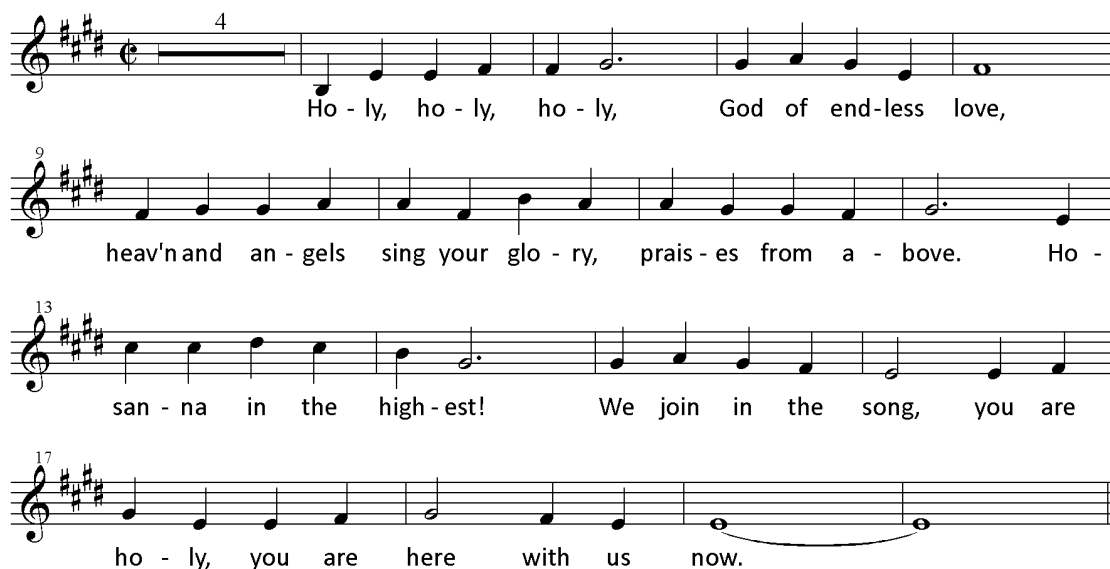


P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you. P: We lift our hearts to God, C: giv - ing thanks and praise.

*** Preface**

We should at all times, and in all places, offer our thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ:
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by His resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** Holy, Holy, Holy**



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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of end-less love,
9
heav'n and an - gels sing your glo - ry, prais - es from a - bove. Ho -
13
san - na in the high - est! We join in the song, you are
17
ho - ly, you are here with us now.

*** Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick
and suffering, who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

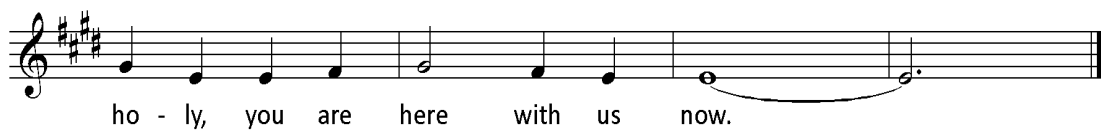
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await Christ's coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.



* **The Lord's Prayer** *in the version and language closest to your heart.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

This is Christ's table, open for all to receive his presence and promise in bread and wine. Please follow the ushers' direction up the center aisle. Receive from the pastor a gluten-free wafer, then choose a small cup of wine (darker liquid) or grape juice (lighter liquid) to drink, and place your empty cup in the basket before returning to your seat down the side aisle. If you prefer to receive a blessing from the pastor, cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know. Anytime during communion you may visit the prayer station in the narthex where a prayer partner will confidentially hold your request in prayer, also offering a prayer shawl and anointing with oil if desired.

Lamb of God



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'.

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world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.
 Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymns

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly	ELW 461
Beautiful Savior	ELW 838
O Holy Spirit, Enter In	ELW 786
Let All Things Now Living	ELW 881

*** Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*** Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray: **Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Sending

* Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

Amen.

* Sending Song

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Send us out with a pas-sion for jus - tice,

send us out with a wel - com - ing heart. Send us out with a joy - ful spir - it

Last time to Coda ⊕

to do your work in the world. To bold-ly seek your truth,

D.S. al Coda

to love our neigh - bors, to be your hands, your feet, your love!

Coda ⊕

to do your work in the world. Send us out!

* Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Please remember as you pray

Claydene Lederer, for guidance for decisions regarding the mass on her kidney.
Charlene MacKenzie, for comfort and strength during the loss of her beloved dog Lola.
Darrell Schoen, as he deals with health challenges related to high blood pressure.
Cindy Henninger, that her kidney (Squirt) will continue to function well as she continues weekly and monthly infusions, and for return of strength.
Rosemary, newborn daughter of **Patrick and Lizzy Bender**, for healing in the NICU.
Owen Sedy, **Carol Ham's** grandnephew, receiving cancer treatment for a rare childhood cancer.
Loved ones of former CTS member **Sandy Thomas**, especially **Doug** and **Lauren**, as they mourn her death and give thanks for her life.
Loved ones of **Ron Ward**, especially **Troy Faith**, as they mourn his death and give thanks for his life.
Loved ones of **Pastor Chris Berry**, former CTS member and WWU Lutheran Campus pastor, as they mourn his death and give thanks for his life.
Loved ones of **Marilyn Moore**, mother of **Mary Ann Merrill**, who recently died.
Georgiana, mother of **Jon Nangle**, as she receives treatment for brain cancer.
Loved ones of **Walt Oehlkers**, grandfather of **Sam Martinez**, who recently died.
For **Bob**, **Mary Beth Neal's** brother, as he continues cancer treatment.
Loved ones of **Charlie Mott**, brother of **Cindy Klein**, who recently died.
Loved ones of **Carl Budelsky**, father of **Rachel Budelsky**, who recently died.
Pamela Chionis, sister-in-law to **Mike and Mary Hess**, prayers for strength, health, and healing as she deals with potential cancer biopsy/surgery and other losses.
Bobbi Bristol-Treat, for continued healing.
Amy Raduege enduring intense nerve pain, for effective medical treatment.
Nathaniel and the **One Parish One Prisoner team**.
Our friends in La Mica, Honduras, and **our neighbors at Gardenview Village**.
And our members residing at local Senior Living or care centers: **Shirley Abt**,
Barbara Anderson, **Joan Biasini**, **Don Hilty-Jones**, **Ruthann Jensen**,
Jennifer Johnson, **Carol Ham**, **Michael Neville**, **Bonnie Stewart**, and **Anita Stoffer**.

Calendar of Events

<p>Sunday May 5 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:45 AM Bridge Group (Youth Room) 11:00 AM Adult Ed. Class (Adult Ed. Room) 11:00 AM Memory Loss Support Groups (Library)</p> <p>Monday May 6 8:30 AM Preschool 7:00 PM BFOM Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Tuesday May 7 8:30 AM Preschool 11:30 AM Women’s Book Club 4:00 PM Deadline for Bulletin and Weekly Note submissions 7:00 PM “Into Action” AA (Fellowship Rm) 7:00 PM Community Ministries (Zoom)</p> <p>Wednesday May 8 8:30 AM Preschool 11:00 AM CTS Staff Meeting (Conference Room) 4:30 PM Preschool Exec. Teem mtg. 5:30 PM Grief Support Group (Library) 6:30 PM Compassionate Friends (Adult Forum)</p>	<p>Wednesday May 8 (continued) 6:30 PM Personnel Cmte. (Conference Rm.) 7:00 PM Servant Singers (Sanctuary) <i>(Note choir rehearsal time change)</i></p> <p>Thursday May 9 8:30 AM Preschool 11:30 AM Lunch at The Willows 1:00 PM Communion Service at The Willows</p> <p>Friday May 10 8:30 AM Preschool 9:00 AM Men’s Fellowship (Church Narthex) 5:00 PM York Street AA (Fellowship Rm)</p> <p>Saturday May 11 9:00 AM Renewing Worship Team rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9:00 AM Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship) 1:45 PM Private Music Recital (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Sunday May 12 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 10:45 AM Compassion Circle (Youth Room) 11:00 AM Property Cmte. (Conference Room)</p>
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Sunday Adult Forums

Today - Tribalism (Adult Ed Room)

Led by Paul Grout

Tribalism occurs within every facet of human life. Borders are created around nations, states, towns, neighborhoods, religious affiliations, schools, grades in school, levels of education, groups of belonging and un-belonging. Human beings evolved within tribes. For thousands upon thousands of years living within tribes improved our chances of survival. Our deeply ingrained tribal patterning is at this time in human history turning against us to the degree that it threatens our future survival. Come hear from Paul and engage in discussion.

Today - Memory Loss Support Groups (Library)

Facilitated by Jennifer Johnson, Lynn McKinster, and John Reitz, these groups are for anyone experiencing memory loss symptoms or anyone caring for or living with someone experiencing memory loss symptoms. Join us for one hour following worship service.

May 12 - Compassion Circle (Youth Room)

Compassion Circle, facilitated by David Westerlund, is a process of story sharing that builds deeper connections, and vital skills of listening, empathy, and compassion. Meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Youth Room, and begins 15 minutes following end of worship.

May 19 - Christian Nationalism

Christian nationalism is a cultural framework that idealizes and advocates a fusion of Christianity with American civic life. Christian nationalism contends that America has been and should always be distinctively “Christian” from top to bottom – in its self-identity, interpretations of its own history, sacred symbols, cherished values, and public policies – and it aims to keep it that way. But the “Christian” in Christian nationalism is more about identity than religion. It carries with it assumptions about nativism, white supremacy, authoritarianism, patriarchy, and militarism. Come learn more from Pastor Jana Schofield and have discussion about this phenomenon in America.

May 19 - Memory Loss Support Groups (Library)

Announcements

Young Adult Small Group Forming! Calling all folks in their 20s!

We're gathering a new group of young adults for friendship, support, and exploring faith in an open, welcoming, and LGBTQIA+ affirming space. Our first meet-up will be **on Thursday, May 9 6:15 PM** at **La Fiamma Pizza (220 E Chesnut Street)**. Come meet up so we can discuss our plans for what this group might look like. Nicole Pridachuk (Youth Director) will facilitate the first meeting. Please RSVP to Nicole@ctslutheran.org

Grief Support Group

All are welcome to attend a support group at church facilitated by Ellen Harris on Wednesday May 8 and Wednesday May 22 from 5:30-6:30pm in the church library (enter through the main doors and turn left). You might be grieving a recent loss or one from months or years ago. Join with others to talk and gain support, wherever you are on the journey of grief.

Guys Gathering for Good Grub & Fellowship

Saturday May 11 at 9AM

It's Breakfast, Camaraderie, Discussion. It's a chance to expand your circle of guy friends. No Bible Study or Readings required! Sign up in the Narthex or at the link in your Weekly Note. Questions: Contact Tim Surratt - 360-303-8160.

CTS Walkers and Hikers

Our next outing is Sunday May 26th, 11:30 being a day for City walk, circumnavigation around Sehome Hill. All are welcome to join us.

Lunch and Communion at The Willows, Thursday May 9

Pastor Jana Schofield offers communion this month at The Willows (3115 Squalicum Pkwy.) at 1:00 on Thursday May 9. This will be preceded by lunch at 11:30 AM for anyone who wishes to participate.

LUNCH: All are welcome. Please contact Jennifer Johnson (360-920-3865) if you plan to have lunch as a head count for the staff is important. The cost is \$15 and payment by check or cash is accepted. The staff requests no credit cards please.

Join us for our 50th Anniversary Celebration
GROWING GOD'S SERVANTS, THE FIRST 50 YEARS!

SATURDAY | JUNE 1st

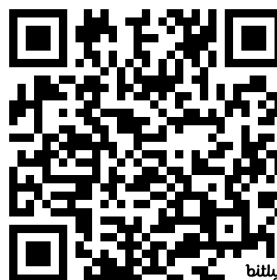
CELEBRATION DINNER & PROGRAM

5:00pm – Music & Mingling

5:45pm – Hosted Dinner

Taco Bar, Salad, Fruit, Dessert & Beverages

6:30pm – Memories & Music



SUNDAY | JUNE 2nd | 9:30am

CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICE

RSVP to Celebration Dinner

by MAY 15th at: bit.ly/3Ugxn2W

Or Scan QR Code:

Family Promise/Interfaith Meal Kits

Dear Faithful Servants of CTS,

At the end of December 2023 Interfaith Coalition ended its affiliation with Family Promise National. Between 3-5 families remained in the Interfaith Emergency Housing. Interfaith congregations, CTS included, provided meal kits each week for these families. Most of these families had housing vouchers, but were patiently waiting for permanent housing to become available. On May 6th, the last 2 families we have served will be moving out of Interfaith emergency housing and into permanent housing. We can imagine their excitement and joy! That being said, CTS will no longer be preparing and delivering meal kits. Thank you for your ongoing support of both Family Promise and the Meal Kit Program.

With Thanks and Appreciation from Rick & Michele Gordon, Volunteer Coordinators
Family Promise/Meal Kits

Deep Waters Global Missions

We look forward to welcoming you to our Monday, May 13th Deep Waters meeting where we will learn about our prospective partner villages in Honduras, Concordia and Camalotal, and their readiness for a new clean water system. Both villages are meeting to plan preparations for their teams and their water buildings. If you can't make the meeting please consider signing up for the minutes to be emailed to you afterward if you'd like to learn more! Please reach out to Rachel Budelsky at budelsky@comcast.net or 360-966-6393 with any questions.

Meal Train for Cindy Henninger

Please sign up to provide a meal for Cindy and Bruce as they continue to navigate Cindy's daily infusions and other treatments at the Cancer Center in Bellingham (where you can meet them to drop off a meal, or bring it to their home). Please sign up here: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=CDRK6562>. The sign up link is also in the Weekly Note.

Wear RED for Pentecost!

On May 19 we celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit coming upon the first Christian church and the fire of the Holy Spirit continuing in our lives. If you own any red clothing, please plan to wear it to worship that day. (We'll have a few red bandanas and scarves if you'd like to borrow one that morning.)

June 2 Semi-Annual Meeting

After our 50th anniversary worship on June 2 we'll join for our semi-annual meeting (around 11am) in the sanctuary to elect new council members and hear reports of our ministry as we look forward to the next 50 years of ministry at CTS!

Fellowship Helpers Needed!

Sign up now so we are able to continue to offer weekly Fellowship Hour after worship service. Each Sunday three roles are available: "Host" to set up, "Goodie Provider" to supply 4-6 dozen treats, "Clean Up" to tidy and sanitize. Volunteer through the link in your Weekly Note email, or contact Sally Holloway 360-510-7092.



Working Together: Justice can prevail. Peace is possible.

Join staff members from *Churches for Middle East Peace* for an evening of learning and conversation about peacebuilding and advocacy related to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

Sunday, May 19, 5:00
2401 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham

Featured speakers will include:

Tamar Haddad, a Palestinian Christian from Jerusalem currently serving as the coordinator of CMEP's *And Still We Rise* women's empowerment initiative.

Destiny Magnett, CMEP's Programs and Outreach Manager who has also spent time on the ground in the region.

Giving special attention to **October 7th** and the subsequent **bombardment of Gaza**, Tamar and Destiny will help participants learn about the realities of life on the ground in the Holy Land and share insights about **the role Christians around the globe have to play in working for peace.**

First Congregational Church of Bellingham is hosting,
with Christ the Servant Lutheran, Garden Street United Methodist
and St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Serving	
Presider	Pastor Jana Schofield
Readers	Tae Isensee David Westerlund
Cantor	Marawa Stanley
Pianist	Rick Lysen
Reminder Calls	Carol Garrison
Communion Care	Sarah Satre
Communion Servers	Shelly Swenson David Westerlund
Sound Livestream	Rachel Budelsky Wilma Lysen
Ushers	Don Pearson BJ Pratum
Prayer Partner	Jennifer Johnson
Children's Chapel	Tiffany Nangle Michele Gordon
Acolytes	Julia & Logan Humphrey
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