



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

May 19, 2024

9:30 AM



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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.

Day of Pentecost

Drewes Liturgy for Holy Communion

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*** 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!**

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!**

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

*** Opening Hymn**

Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling

ELW 582

*** 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**

Cantor In peace, in peace, to you, oh Lord we
Cantor pray.
Cong. Lord have mer - cy.
(last time) A men.

Cantor: For broken lives and broken hearts we pray.
Cong: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: For the unity of your church everywhere we pray:
Cong: Lord have mercy

Cantor: That we might know the forgiveness you promise we pray:
Cong: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: For your parting gift of peace, oh Lord, we pray:
Cong: A---men.

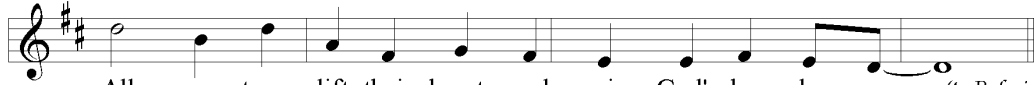
*** Hymn of Praise**

Refrain: Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace, peace to God's
Fine
peo-ple. Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace, peace on earth.

(continued)



1. Let ev'-ry moun-tain shout the glo - ry of the Lord. _____
2. Praise to the Fath - er, we sing praise un - to the Son. _____



All crea-tures lift their hearts and praise God's ho - ly name. _____(to Refrain)
Praise to the Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing, pre - sent One. _____(to Refrain)

* Prayer of the Day

Let us Pray:

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:

Pentecost

Nicole Pridachuk

Children's Blessing (cup your hand in blessing over the children)

Go in peace, have fun, and learn. Amen.

First Reading**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

A reading from Ezekiel.

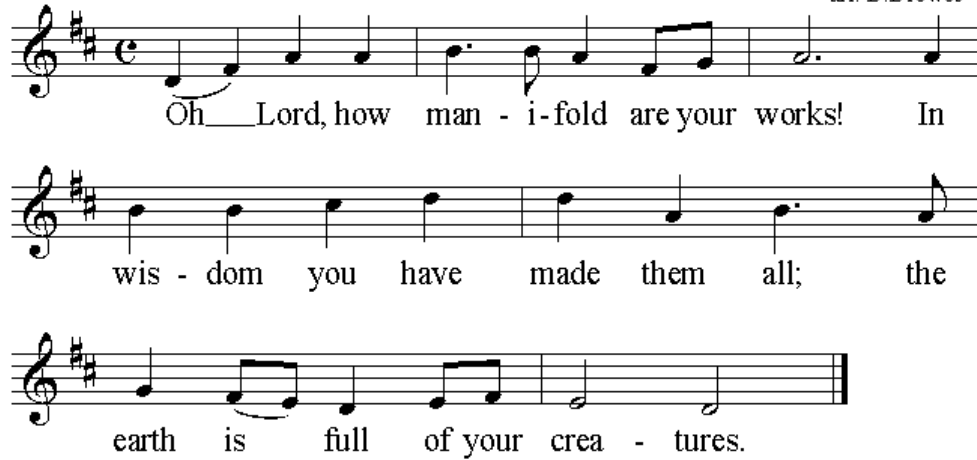
¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²The Lord led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³The Lord said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then the Lord said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then the Lord said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as the Lord commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then the Lord said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

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

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Refrain

arr. B. Drewes



Oh Lord, how man - i - fold are your works! In
wis - dom you have made them all; the
earth is full of your crea - tures.

Verses (Cantor)

1. Yonder the sea: wide and deep, filled with fish of every size
There move the ships, and there is your own toy, Leviathan.
All look to you to give them food in due season.
2. You give them food, they gather it; open your hand and they feast.
Hide, and they fall, or take away their breath, they die and turn to dust.
Breathe into them, they rise again; so you renew the earth.
3. May God's glory ever endure, and may God delight in all creation.
One look from God, the earth starts to shake, one touch and mountains roar.
I will sing to God with my whole heart as long as I live.
4. Let my song give joy to God -- God who is such joy to me.
Rid the world of sinners and let evil be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul! Halleluia!

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jewish-born and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs— in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "You Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your children shall prophesy, and your youth shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon all of my slaves, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

*** Gospel Acclamation**



*** Gospel Reading John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

The holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said: ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, the Advocate will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to the one who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send the Advocate to you. ⁸And having come, the Advocate will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, that Spirit will guide you into all the truth, for the Spirit will not speak out of the Spirit’s own authority but will speak whatever the Spirit hears, and will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴The Spirit will glorify me, taking what is mine and declaring it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Jana Schofield and Destiny Magnett

* Hymn of the Day **Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading** (vs. 1,3,5) ELW 401

* **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.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth, and especially to bring a ceasefire to Gaza. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight.
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 Al, Sandy, Ron, Chris, Marilyn, Walt. We also lift up Jennifer, Marian, 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.**

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light.
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

My Life is in your Hands

Tamar Haddad

"My Life is in your Hands"

1- My Life is in your Hands
My soul yearns for you, oh Lord
I won't ask for much in return
I only ask for you and your love
This is my wish, and this is what I pray for
Dear Lord, answer my prayers.

2- Heal me with your Holy bread
Whenever I feel hungry, and quench my thirst
Make my heart belong to you
Make me patient in containing your kindness
If I sin, forgive me
Show mercy, oh lord.

3- If I weaken, you are my strength
If I feel melancholy, you will be my ecstasy
You are the God almighty, so please make me
stronger
To build your kingdom among the rubble
In the midst of hardships, I remember your
name
Please God, pick me up.

“إن شئت حياتي فبين يديك”

1- إن شئت حياتي فبين يديك
إن شئت أشواقني فهي إليك
إنني لست أطلب شيء من لديك
غير حبك الأمين والسعي إليك
هذه هي طلبتي، هذه منيتي
فاستجب لي، يا إلهي

2- اشفني وقتني، بخبز السماء
كلما إعتزاني، جوع أو ظمأ
واجعل في فؤادي، حب الإلتماء
والثأني في سبيل، حفظ ودك
وإذا أخطأت، هبني الندم
والعزاء، يا إلهي

3- إذا ما ضعفت أنت قوتي
إذا ما حزنت أنت سلوتي
إنك القدير شدد همتي
لبناء الملكوت ما بين الأنام
في وسط الصعاب اذكر عهدك

* Offering Song



We of - fer these to you: our -
selves, our time, our pos - ses - sions, signs of your gracious
love. And we bring this bread and wine, that
they may become your - bod - y and your blood in the meal we
share. We of - fer our hopes and our vi - sions,
joys and pain. We are blessed with so much you have
giv - en us; help us share it in your name. Show
us what we can do to use these gifts to your
glo - ry so that oth - ers may know your love.

*** Offering Prayer**

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] Lift up your hearts. [C] We lift them up to the Lord.



[P] Let us thank our God. [C] It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*** Preface**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing...

*** Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of in - fin - ite
 wis - dom and strength. Heav - en and earth are
Fine
 full of your glo - ry, ho - sa - na. Yet, we come to
 you - to - day; be with us now in this time and this place.
 We re - mem - ber the pro - mise you gave us so long a -
 go: You said this bread is your bod - y,
 bro - ken and shared with us all; This cup, your blood, is for -
 give - ness, new life and hope for us all
D. C. al Fine
 new life and hope for us all.

*** Thanksgiving at the Table**

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.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*** 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

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, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Communion Hymns

O Living Breath of God	ELW 407
O Holy Spirit, Root of Life	ELW 399
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart	ELW 800
Loving Spirit	ELW 397

*** 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 Hymn** **God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind** ELW 400

*** Dismissal**

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

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Please remember as you pray

Loved ones of **Al Doud, Alan Doud's** father, who recently died.

Jennifer Johnson recovering from a heart catheterization.

Marian Yunghans, for healing, patience, insight and continued faith that God leads her through vertigo.

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 as she receives monthly infusions and weekly labs to monitor her CLL; for healing and peace.

Rosemary, newborn daughter of **Patrick and Lizzy Bender**, for continued growth and health.

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.

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

Sunday May 19

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM Adult Ed. Class (Adult Ed. Room)
11:00 AM Memory Loss Support Groups (Library)
5:00 PM Churches for Middle East Peace (First Congregational Church)

Monday May 20

Newsletter Submissions Due
Semi-Annual Report Submissions Due
8:30 AM Preschool
7:00 PM BFOM Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday May 21

8:30 AM Preschool
11:00 AM Piano Tuned (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM Women's Book Club
4:00 PM Due Date for Bulletin and Weekly Note submissions
6:30 PM Church Council (Adult Ed. Room)
7:00 PM "Into Action" AA (Fellowship Rm)

Wednesday May 22

8:30 AM Preschool

Wednesday May 22 (continued)

5:30 PM Grief Support Group (Library)
6:00 PM Pre-K Graduation (Sanctuary)

Thursday May 23

Pastor Jana - All Day Synod Candidacy
8:30 AM Preschool
3:00 PM Gardenview Meal Prep (Kitchen)
7:00 PM BFOM Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday May 24

8:30 AM Preschool
9:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Church Narthex)
5:00 PM York Street AA (Fellowship Rm))

Saturday May 25

12:15 PM Assumption Community Meal

Sunday May 26

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship Hour
11:30 AM CTS Hikers & Walkers, Sehome Hill

Grief Support Group

All are welcome to attend a support group at church facilitated by Ellen Harris on 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.

Sunday Adult Forums

Today - 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.

Today - Memory Loss Support Groups (Library)

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.

Sunday May 26 - No Adult Forums

Announcements

Deep Waters Global Missions Update

At Monday evening's meeting, we learned that both the Honduran communities we visited in February are working on plans for renovating (Concordia) or constructing (Camalotal) a building for the water system they hope we will help them install. After hearing Lee Potzler's report, we are tentatively planning the installation trip for next January. Much depends upon the progress of the communities. Please let Lee or Rachel know if you are interested in joining the installation team! Lee Potzler, lpotzler@gmail.com or Rachel Budelsky, budelsky@comcast.net.

CTS Hikers and Walkers

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

June 2nd Semi-Annual Meeting

The semi-annual congregational meeting is Sunday June 2nd after our 50th anniversary service. We will hear a financial and ministerial updates and elect new council members. Plan to attend to be informed and vote.



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

Please see your Weekly Note email for more events and announcements.

Children and Youth Ministries

Youth Pride Saturday, June 1 @ 11 AM (1825 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham)

Local ELCA churches have a spot along the route, and we hope to support those walking in the parade. Making supportive signs for LGBTQIA+ youth is encouraged! Nicole is on vacation that day but will be happy to help you make a sign/provide supplies—Email nicole@ctslutheran.org. Our block is the sidewalk in front of Habitat for Humanity by Bellingham High School.

Volunteers needed for VBS Weekend June 28-30

VBS is an "all-hands-on-deck" event and we'd love to have you involved. Here are some volunteer opportunities: Decorating, Set-Up, Meal and Snack Prep, Music team, Craft Leader, Group Guide, And more! Please register to volunteer on the Signup Genius in the Weekly Note email, or find paper registrations for volunteers in the Narthex.

Registration for Day Camp for Kids (VBS) is now OPEN!

Saturday, June 29: Dropoff day Camp for Children ages 4-11. Register soon—registration is already half-full! Register on Google Sheets at this link: <https://forms.gle/Q1DMfmwQyccmzbMX6>. You can also find paper registrations in the Narthex of the church.

ELCA Campout at Lutherwood August 2-4: 2 nights for the price of one if you register before June 15! Please join us for a fun weekend of camping at Lutherwood. The whole campground is reserved for our local ELCA community, we'd love to see you there. Through June 15, you're able to register for 2 nights for the price of one! Email nicole@ctslutheran to sign up.

Nicole (Children and Youth Director) will be on vacation from May 30-June 3.

No Sunday Morning Childcare Sunday, July 7- Sunday, August 18

Our student staff will be on summer vacation. See you back in the playroom on Sunday, August 25.

Register for Summer Camp at Lutherwood-Scholarships available. Contact Nicole for more information.

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Cantor	Lorisa Marshall
Pianist	Rick Lysen
Reminder Calls	BJ Pratum
Communion Care	Janet Congdon
Communion Servers	Lisa Cornwell Kori Fish
Sound Livestream	Wilma Lysen Connie Clement
Ushers	Tom McCalla Sam Grubbs
Prayer Partner	Claudia Ackerman
Children's Chapel	Laura Loween Meredith Cratsenberg- Robinson
Acolytes	Brentley & Bryce Sebens
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