



+Christian Symbol+

Three Interwoven Circles

Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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GET RID OF YOUR STUFF

Spring Yard Sale Is Back!

Mark your calendars!

Christ Lutheran will be participating in the town wide yard sale on Saturday May 22nd.

So you spent the last year in quarantine cleaning out closets and now you don't know what to do with all that clutter. Well, this event is for you!

Christ Lutheran will be hosting a yard sale on Saturday, May 22nd from 9am

to 4pm. Sign up on the church door to reserve your own table or to work the church table. You can also call the Church Office at 201-262-0138.

Come make a little money for yourself and your church, and reconnect with your church family outside in a safe environment.

For more information or any questions, see Marge Tomaselli or Pam Sakala.



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FROM THE
PASTOR

Letter from Pastor Hayley

“Peace be with you.” Jesus said.

Peace, by definition, is a state of tranquility or quiet, such as freedom from civil disturbance or a state of security or within a community provided for by law or custom.

Are we in peace? As Jesus said?

Ever since the pandemic started, the security of Asians and Asian Pacific people has not been stable, and firearm rates among the Asian community has been increasing. Is that peace?

Since Easter Sunday how many times have we heard on the news about massacres done with guns? Are we in peace? As Jesus said?

Peace, by definition, is freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions and harmony in personal relations.

Are we in peace? As Jesus said?

The sad human reality is that people around us may give us the cold shoulder or cold laughs. Certain situations may be met with cold feet. The expected warmth that you yearn for from relationships with others comes back as apathy, ignorance, hostility, discrimination, and violence. How many times in our lives have we experienced rejection or a cold response from others that stabs at our heart and makes us feel wounded?

But Jesus said, “Peace be with you.”

And at that moment, when we feel lonely and we hunger for warmth, God who loves us so much comes to us and says, “Peace be with you.” He is there wishing for us to be warm and

share his food with us to make us full and comfortable. Do you feel lonely today? Do you feel hungry for warmth and care today? Are you afraid and uncertain about your path today? Do you doubt your faith in God, and do you doubt why we are here today in this place?

Then come to the table today. Just as Jesus invited his disciples to eat with him and let them touch him to feel his presence to ease their fears, come to listen to the Word and come to gather at the table today. You came here to look for the God of truth and live and settle your doubts. Your search for warmth is here. God will provide the warmth that you were seeking here, and in this place through the Word and sacraments through our fellowship. God spreads the warmth needed in our cold winter life like a bowl of soup or a piece of a blanket, all of which are free. The only thing required from us is to be the witness of this warmth and spread it to other people who experience the coldness in their lives like we once did. That is why we are here in this place and at this time.

So we invite you to our outdoor service on a warm Spring day on our church green. If you are still hesitant to come back to our indoor service, then come and join us on May 16th at 10:30 a.m. and worship with us outdoors. We will celebrate the warmth of the Spring outdoors with each other amongst the trees on our great lawn.

In Christ,

Pastor Hayley

God is
Love

-1 John 4:16

Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Karen Bartholomew, Kathleen Bhargava, Chris Brooks, Maggie Brower, Young Hee Choi, Lillian Cooper, Ken Cutler, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Robyn Garfield, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane and Fred Hess, Jae Hee Kim, Soon Yong Kim, Terry Klotz, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Marie Lupinski, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Carolyn Sidor, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Dorothy Syme, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Jennifer van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernicke, Robert Wiederschall, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

And those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Daniel Jaichner, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

And those who can't always be with us...

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

If you would like someone to be added to or removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138.

Loving An EGR

During a conversation over coffee, a friend mentioned an “EGR.” I had to interrupt and ask for a definition: Extra Grace Required — in other words, people who can seem tough to love. Often, they’re the most in need of love because they’re hurting. Perhaps Jesus was referring to EGRs when he said, “If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much” (Matthew 5:46, NLT).

Truly loving others — even EGRs — might not be as tough as we think.

Simple gestures such as smiling, truly listening, sending a note or extending an invitation go a long way toward expressing care and softening hearts.

At times, we all require extra grace. Thankfully, God has an unlimited amount to extend to us and then through us. Out of joy, we can find ways — even simple ones — to share God’s grace and love with people who need it.

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Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
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Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: “In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach.” What “former book” did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4)

May

Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild Schedule

MAY 2

10:30am

Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Linda Polise

MAY 9

10:30am

Lay Assistant Pat Berinato
Usher Ralph Braun
Altar Guild Lore Braun

MAY 16

10:30am

Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Linda Polise

MAY 23

10:30am

Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

MAY 30

10:30am

Lay Assistant Pam Sakala
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Lore Braun

“Jesus,
remember
me when
you come
into your
kingdom.”



CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>30</p>  <p>Memorial Day In-Person Worship Service (CH) 10:30am <i>Virtual service to follow on YouTube</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>Memorial Day Observance <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>			<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p>		1
<p>2</p> <p>In-Person Worship Service (CH) 10:30am <i>Virtual service to follow on YouTube</i></p>	3	4	5	6	7	8
 <p>Mother's Day In-Person Worship Service (CH) 10:30am <i>Virtual service to follow on YouTube</i></p>	10	11	12	 <p>13 Ascension Day</p>	14	15
 <p>Outdoor Worship Service (CH) 10:30am <i>Park in back lot and please bring your own chair.</i> <i>Virtual service to follow on YouTube</i></p>	17	18	19	20	21	 <p>Church Yard Sale (lawn) 9am - 4pm</p>
<p>23</p> <p>In-Person Worship Service (CH) 10:30am <i>Virtual service to follow on YouTube</i></p>	24	25	26	27	28	29