

**Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion  
Easter Season 2026**



**Bringing Christ To All People  
Today And Every Day**

## GATHERING TOGETHER

**WELCOME** - Make a special effort to welcome our visitors!! Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus. We share Joys, News, and Concerns.

### **PRELUDE**

*We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

**GATHERING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM** - Stand As You Are Able

### **YOUTH/YOUNG IN SPIRIT MESSAGE**

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of GOD our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

**C** And also with you!

### **CONFESSION**

**P** Blessed be The Holy Trinity, ✝ One God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper!

**C** Amen!

**P** Trusting in God our Father's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God our Father and of one another!

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Merciful and loving God our Father,

**C** we are your stiff-necked people. At times we trample on your needy people. At times we grumble about your grace to others. At times we turn away from your poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen!

**P** Even when we are faithless, God our Father remains faithful. His Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord came into His world to save sinners. We who were lost have been found. In the Holy Name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

**C** Amen!

## SHARING THE WORD

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray!

**C** God our Father of mercy, we no longer look for your Son Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and is Lord of all. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to increase in our hearts, minds and souls the risen life we share in Jesus, and guide us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen!

## PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

**P** Let us pray!

**C** Let us pray for all victims of any forms of violence, terror, human trafficking, and all displaced peoples; all victims of ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, political, and religious discrimination and violence; all victims of natural disasters or human made disasters; all victims of war or warlike activity, conflict, oppression and strife including in Afghanistan, Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Pakistan, Ukraine, United States and all other involved/surrounding nations, and for Jesus' Gospel to reach the Hindu Kurmi People in India. Gracious GOD our Father of healing and wholeness, through the power of The Holy Spirit, bring relief in every way you see fit for those impacted by natural disasters, human made disasters, conflicts, persecutions and wars. Empower all peoples to reach out to those impacted through the healing power of Jesus Christ. GOD our Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, we admit our human frailties and recognize we live in a fallen creation. Restore us each and every way as you see fit so that your will is done. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen!

## SCRIPTURE HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL - Stand As You Are Able

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - Stand As You Are Able

**P** Living together in faith, trust, and hope, let us confess our faith together!

**C** 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 into hell. 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!

## THE BANQUET

### COMMUNION LITURGY

**P** 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, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory.

- Pour out The Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of The Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever!

**C** Amen!

## LORD'S PRAYER - SING

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

**C** Thanks be to God!

*All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. You are also invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup from the cup stand. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.*

### HOLY COMMUNION HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

#### TABLE BLESSING

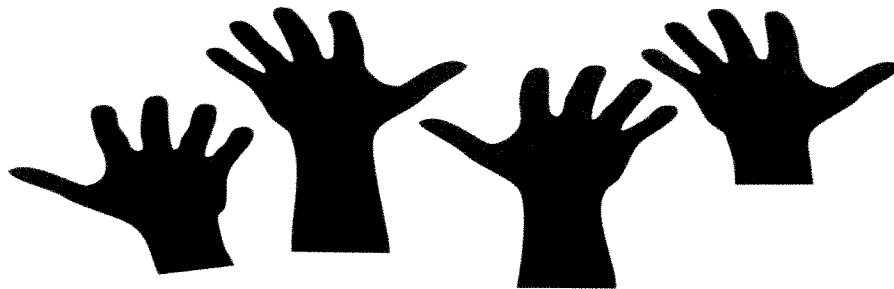
**P** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

**C** Amen!

### THE SENDING

**BLESSING - SING** - Stand As You Are Able

**C** Blessed be the Name of the Lord; He is worthy to be praised and adored; So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing, "Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name of the Lord!" We are Jesus strong! Amen!



### SENDING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM


#### FINAL SENDING

**P** Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share the good news!

**C** We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

# LESSONS & FINANCIALS

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026, Year A



**Worship Services**  
with Holy Communion  
At 9:00 am & 10:30am

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
15699 SE 80th Avenue  
Summerfield, FL 34491  
352-307-6900  
**Mailing Address**  
P.O. Box 693,  
Summerfield, FL 34492

**Website:** [christlutheranchurchelcm.org](http://christlutheranchurchelcm.org)

*Bringing Christ To All People Today  
And Every Day*

## GOSPEL: St. John 10:1-10

**L** Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of His day to teach about spiritual leadership. Those who accept Jesus teachings are led to abundant life.

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**L** Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

**L** Today's first lesson is a description of life in the community following St. Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when The Holy Spirit was poured out on God our Father's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

**L** <sup>42</sup>The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD <sup>|</sup> is my shepherd;

I shall not <sup>|</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down <sup>|</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>|</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>|</sup> soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways <sup>|</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>|</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>|</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>|</sup> of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>|</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>|</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>|</sup> LORD forever.**

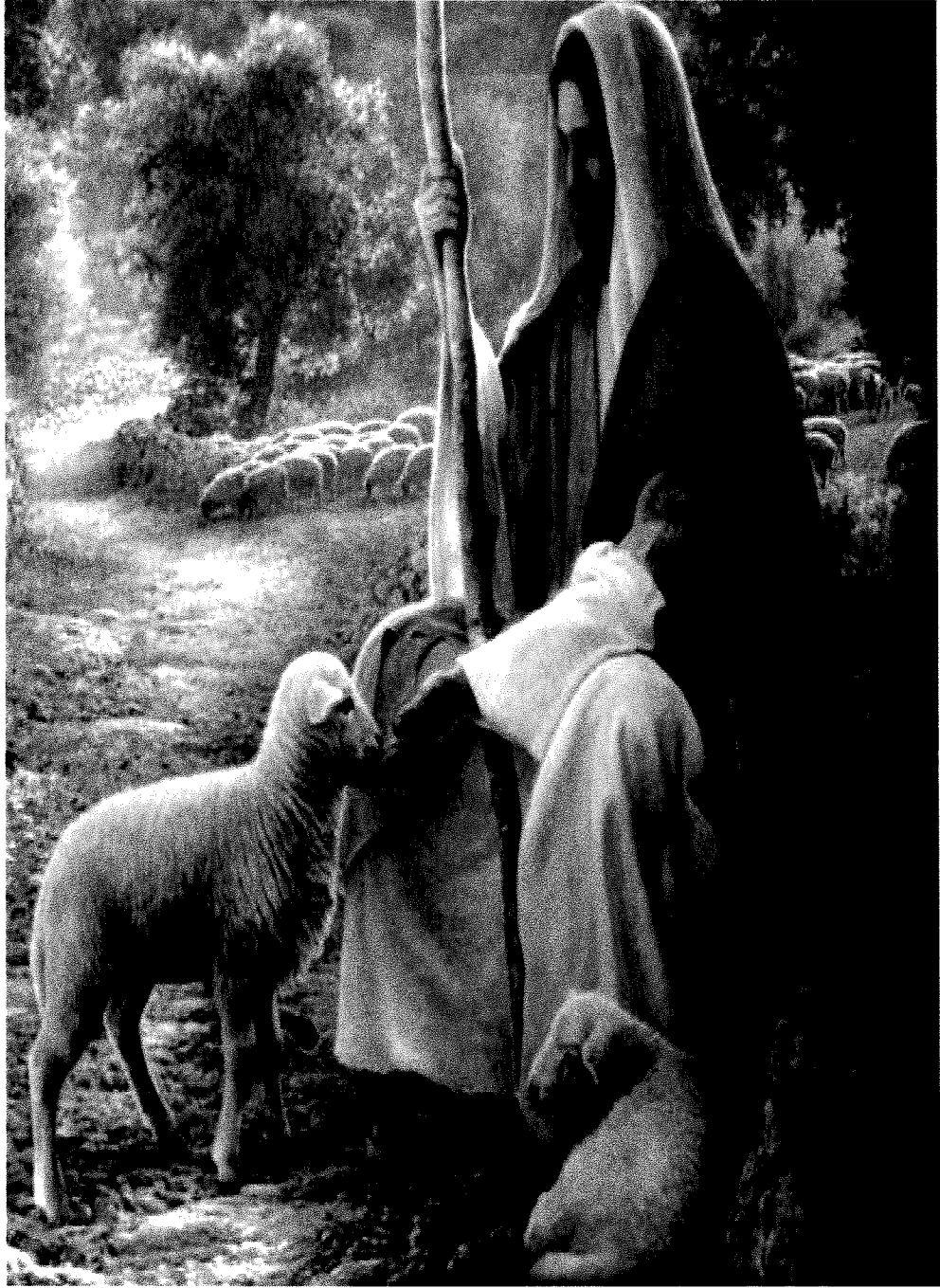
### **SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

**L** Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Jesus is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God our Father, particularly amid adversity.

**L** <sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 4/26/2026 BULLETIN

	<b>Operating Funds</b>
Balance @ 01/01/26	\$ 80,182
YTD Income	\$ 159,566
YTD Expenses	\$ 117,573
Balance @ 4/19/2026	<b>\$ 122,175</b>

<b>Offering for 4/19/2026</b>	
Operating Fund	\$ 2,344
Loose	\$ 21
Mortgage Fund	\$ 1,961
Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds	\$ 430
 Designated Giving:	
- Food For The Poor	\$ 95
- Salvation Army	\$ 10
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 10
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15
- Fellowship	\$ 8
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 441
- Bear Ministry - Designated Giving	\$ 40
- Tunnel to Towers - Designated Giving	\$ 50
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 5,425</b>
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<b>FMSC Net Fundraising for 2027 Pack:</b>	<b>\$ 12,427</b>
<b>2026 FMSC Shared Proceeds with Mortgage Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 2,657</b>
(included above with Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds)	
<b>Mortgage Debt Balance as of 4/13/2026</b>	<b>\$ 796,455</b>
<b><i>Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.</i></b>	

## CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS, April 26, 2026

**Meetings-Tuesday, April 28-Pastor's Grief Support Group-2pm, Michele Harney, 352-307-6900.**

**Feed My Starving Children-The net proceeds collected to date are \$11,986 towards our January 2027 goal of \$35,000 goal. Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

**Hearing Aid Devices-We have Auracast (Blue Tooth) and T Coil. In case your connection isn't working we have some really nice headphones you can use. Joe Pence, Facilities Manager, 352-307-6900.**

## 2026 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CLC



*Children & Youth Ministry*



*Prayer Shawl - 2nd  
Wednesday of Month  
BP CLINIC - 3rd Sunday  
of the Month*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Quilt Raffle Tickets on sale now! \$5 for 3 and \$10 for 7** (FMSC/ Mortgage Fund)

**Saturday, May 23-End of School Bash-3-5pm** (Youth Ministry)

**Sunday, June 14-Juke Box Bingo-Social-1:30pm, Bingo-2pm, Tickets-\$10** (FMSC/ Mortgage Fund)

**Friday, June 26 & Saturday, June 27-VBS--12-5pm** (Youth Ministry)

**Sunday, June 28-Patriotic Quilt Raffle Drawing** (FMSC/Mortgage Fund)

**Sunday, August 14-Juke Box Bingo-Social-4:30pm, Bingo-5pm, Tickets-\$10** (FMSC/Mortgage Fund)

**Saturday, August 22-Back to School Bash-3-5pm** (Youth Ministry)

**Friday, October 16-Juke box Bingo-Social-4:30pm Bingo-5pm Tickets \$10** (FMSC/ Mortgage)

**Saturday, October 24-Trunk or Treat-2-5pm** (Youth ministry)

**Saturday, December 19-Cookies with Santa-3-5pm** (Youth Ministry)

### **CONTACTS**

**G.I.F.T. Minister-Skyler Forsythe, 352-299-5471**

**Family Minister-Ashley Runyon, 980-925-9959**

**Medical & Prayer Shawl, Darlene Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.**

**FMSC, Mark Ferrera, Chair, 407-616-1576**

**Fellowship-Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346 or Joe Capelli, 352-445-2616, Co Chairs.**

## CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS CONTD.

The Rock-Lake Weir Middle School still needs our support. The Rock is in need of Boys White Tee Shirts-all sizes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap and Breakfast cereal. **Carolyn Korpics, 352-693-8543, Coordinator.**

**Prayer Shawls**-In the Fellowship Hall there are Prayer Shawls ready to be given to people who you feel might like to wrap themselves in Prayer. Please feel free to take one. Just let us know where you sent it. **Darlene Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.**

**We Need Voices**-Use your God given skills & join the choir. 10:30 Worship really needs people. Questions: **Jeff Gwaltney, Choir Director, 803-487-**



**Interfaith Free Clinic Medical Center**- needs any Over The Counter medicines that are NOT opened and NOT expired. Cold medicine, cough drops, regular aspirin and low dose aspirin are needed too. NO RX MEDS. **Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

**Domestic Violence Center (C.A.S.A.)**-We are collecting items at this time. They need Cleaning Supplies, Hygiene Items, Diapers and Wipes, Paper Towels, Paper Napkins & Toilet Paper. Clean and like new condition business attire is also needed. **Cindy Kelly, Coordinator, 440-221-4027.**

**Interfaith Shower Ministry in Ocala** for the homeless. We collect supplies: bath towels and wash cloths, all hygiene products, men's socks and underwear, **Susan Blusewicz, Interfaith Shower Ministry Coordinator, 352-674-9434.**



**Blood Mobile**-10 people donated blood on Sunday, April 19. The next drive is Sunday, June 14, 2026 from 8-12:30pm. Link for sign up-[https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1713962](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1713962). **Cindy Kelly, Chair, 440-221-4027, Michele Harney, Coordinator, 410-940-3288.**

**Shepherd's Light House**-The housing section is in need of baby wipes, paper towels, kitchen garbage bags and black garbage bags. Also copy paper is needed. Before placing in bin mark For Housing. Questions- **Rosemary Ganci, local Outreach Chair, 352-307-5952.**

**House of Hope**-This is a voluntary facility to treat men with addiction in a Christian based residential program. At this time they need mens' underwear, toiletries and new bed pillows. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

**Hands of Mercy Everywhere**-Needed: Paper Towels, Paper Napkins & Toilet paper. Check their web for other items. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

**Cell Phones**-We will still be collecting cell phones. They are taken to Interfaith. **Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

**St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry**-Thank you for continuing to donate. Keep those donations coming. Non-perishable supplies are always needed. Be sure to check the expiration date. Questions call **Pastor Dave Connell, 352-307-6900.**

**We acknowledge gifts to the Mortgage Fund:**

**In Honor Of:** Pastor Dave & the CLC Congregation  
**By:** Michele Harney

**In Honor Of:** Anne Smith  
**By:** Dawn Crowe (sister)

**In Memory Of:** John Simmons  
**By:** Ruth Schraven, Jean Fischer, Stacy Germano (daughter), John & Sally Neil, Marilynne Stinson and Mr. & Mrs. David Krausz (friends)

**In Memory Of:** Albert Fougere (Brigitte Chandler's son)  
**By:** John & Sally Neil

**We acknowledge a gift to Tunnel of Towers, INC.**

**In Memory Of:** Coral Swiger  
**By:** Terry & Cindy Robinson

**The Live Plant Garden Is Given:  
To The Glory of God  
&**

**In Memory Of:** All my deceased loved ones  
**By:** Ruth Schraven



**We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:**

**Paul Correll** - Parishioner Member Martha Etchberger's nephew on our cancer prayer list with internal cancer chemotherapy rehab died.

**Cards to:**

Martha (aunt) Etchberger & Family - 17726 SE 106th Terrace, Summerfield, FL 34491

**Perry Olyer** - Parishioner Member on our prayer list with failing internal and neurological health issues and in The Villages Hospital died.

**Cards to:**

Gail (wife) Olyer & Family - 607 Holly Circle, Lady Lake, FL 32159

## PRAYERS

### Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today

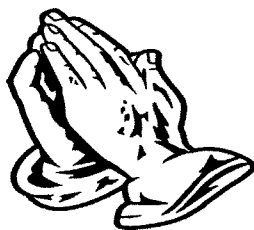
**for:** Claire Vandiver; Rodney Van Housen & Carol Everman; Ross & Joan Waldo; Judy Whittock; Belinda Williams; Mark Wittebort; Carolyn Wright; Mel Acles; Jon & Cheri Albright; Frank Ancona & Doris Howery; and all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, and all at Christ Lutheran Church.

**Give Thanks - Healing:** Patty Judd (new medication adverse reaction rehab - OK); and Bob Setera (right eye cataract removal repair surgery rehab - OK).

**Pray - Parishioners (short term):** Brenda Bova (pneumonia & internal health issues rehab); Kevin Cheeks (left shoulder replacement repair surgery rehab); Bob Conover (internal & neurological health issues rehab); Judy Conover (fractured right femur repair surgery rehab); Bob Dunbar (heart health issues heart cath 5/6 - Leesburg Hosp.); Jean Dunbar (left eye cornea vision issue next steps w/specialist Dr. 5/13); Diane English (right knee pain steroid shot therapy rehab); Carol Everman (fractured 2 right mid-foot toes rehab); Al Fernez (neurological health issues 1 year monthly infusions therapy rehab); Skyler Forsythe (internal health issues medication rehab; next steps w/specialist Dr. 9/23 - Shands Hosp.); Rosemary Ganci (shingles rehab); Michele Harney (cardiac rehab); Patricia "Pat" Holman (internal pain health issues test results pending); Pam Jamieson (internal cancer follow-up PET scan results w/oncologist Dr. 4/29); Dave Judd (cardiac rehab pending); Patty Judd (oral health issue repair surgery rehab); Cindy Kelly (fractured left arm rehab); John Lotz (heart & internal health issues rehab); Frank Neumann (right knee replacement repair surgery pending); Tina Phillips (heart health issues next steps w/cardiologist Dr. 5/5); Sonja Rollins (internal health issues medication rehab); Bob Scholfield (internal health issue test 4/30); Bob Setera (left eye cataract removal repair surgery 4/27); Sue Setera (fractured legs repairs surgeries & add'l fractured right foot rehab; add'l follow-up w/orthopedic Dr. 5/21); and Elsie Tibaldi (add'l internal infection & neurological health issues rehab - The Villages Hosp. # 3132).

**Pray - Parishioners (long term - hospital):** No one.

**Pray - Parishioners (long term - Hospice):** No one.



**Easter Attendance:** 9am: 73  
10:30am: 47 Total : 120  
YouTube: 54

**COL:** Coral Swiger: 65  
COL: John Simmons: 55

### **LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Acts 7:56-60

Palms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

**Gospel-**St. John 14:1-14

## CLC Summer Giving

As you travel this summer your CLC family is still here for you. Please don't forget to send your giving envelopes, even if you aren't here.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**-the point is this: whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**1 Peter 4:10** says As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied.

**Please mail your Giving Envelope to:**

Christ Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 693

Summerfield, FL 34492

**Kay Bertzyk, Financial Secretary, (352) 245-0346.**



## HELP

### DON'T LET THE SANCTUARY CARE BEARS

#### BECOME EXTINCT!

The bears are running low and the budget is depleted. If each person brings ONE Bear the program will survive. 14 inch bears are the perfect size and if we send one out it keeps the shipping down.

These Bears reach out to people needing comfort. In February one Bear actually was given to one person who in turn gave it to another person who needed a cuddle friend.

#### PLEASE SAVE THE BEARS

Questions; Michele Harney, Coordinator, 410-940-3288.



**ALOHA, FRIENDS!**

*School's out and it's time  
— to celebrate! —*

**END OF SCHOOL YEAR  
LUAU BASH!**

**MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> | 3~5 PM**

*Come enjoy:*

**Delicious Food**

**Fun Games**

**Creative Crafts**

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## **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, April 26, 2026**

*Quiet Moment-In the Garden-Susan Hopper-IMO of Pat Hopper(mother)*

1. The Day of Resurrection! ELW 361
2. That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ELW 384
3. **COMMUNION-A.** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW 461 **B.** We  
Come to the Hungry Feast ELW 479
4. Come, Join the Dance of Trinity ELW 412