

**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

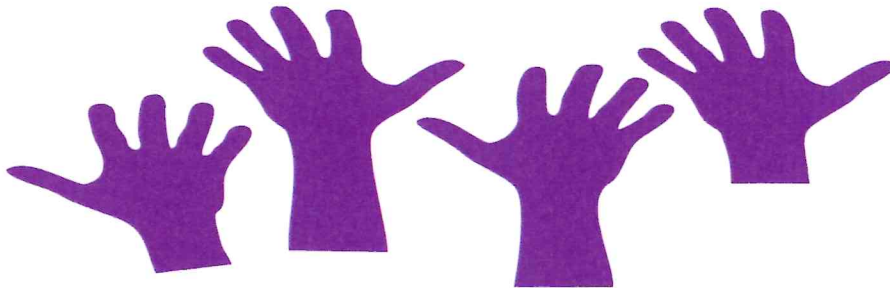
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

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

Resurrection Of Our Lord, Easter Sunday, April 5, 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

*Bringing Christ To All People Today
And Every Day*

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 28:1-10

L Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim Jesus' Great Good News: Jesus is crucified and risen!

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

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

L ¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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



FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

☐ St. Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

☐ ³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☐ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

L Easter means new life for us as it first meant resurrected life for Jesus. His death and resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now part of the crucified and risen Jesus, the Body of Christ.

L ¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 4/05/2026 BULLETIN

	Operating Funds
Balance @ 01/01/26	\$ 80,182
YTD Income	\$ 130,021
YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 102,297</u>
Balance @ 3/29/2026	<u>\$ 107,907</u>

Offering for 3/29/2026	
Operating Fund	\$ 4,339
Loose	\$ 91
Mortgage Fund	\$ 1,380
Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds	\$ 835
Designated Giving:	
- Food For The Poor	\$ 75
- Salvation Army	\$ 10
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 10
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15
- Fellowship	\$ 12
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 254
- Debt Reduction	\$ 20
- Bear Ministry - Designated Giving	\$ 20
- Domestic Violence Center (C.A.S.A.)	\$ 100
- St. Theresa's Food Pantry	\$ 100
- Lent Soup Sales \$194.00 (included above with Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds)	
Total Offering	<u>\$ 7,261</u>

FMSC Net Fundraising for 2027 Pack:	\$ 10,247
2026 FMSC Shared Proceeds with Mortgage Fund: (included above with Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds)	\$ 1,087
Mortgage Debt Balance as of 3/15/2026	\$ 802,915
 <i>Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.</i>	

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS, April 5, 2026

Meetings– Monday, April 6-Property-10am, Full Nurture-1pm, Tuesday, April 7-Social Ministry-10am, W&M-11am, Pastor Bible Study-2pm. Thursday, April 9-Finance-10am, Michele Harney, 352-307-6900.

Feed My Starving Children-The net proceeds collected to date are \$10,247 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.



Care Bears-We are in need of 14 inch bears. There is also a monetary donation basket in front of the Bear Bin. Michele D. Harney, Coordinator, 410-940-3288.

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CLC



Children & Youth Ministry



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS Friday, April 10-Juke Box Bingo-Social-4:30pm, Bingo-5pm, Tickets \$10 (FMSC/Mortgage Fund)

Sunday, May 17-Jeff Gwaltney Concert-Social 2pm, Concert-3pm Free Will Offering (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, July 5-Patriotic Quilt Raffle (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)

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.

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.

We Need Voices-Use your God given skills & join the choir.

10:30 Worship really needs people. Questions: Jeff Gwaltney,

Choir Director, 803-487-3357.



The Rock-Lake Weir Middle School is back in session for the 2025-26 school year. They still need Deodorant females, Carolyn Korpics, 352-693-8543, Coordinator.



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 February 2, and 2 tried.. The next drive is Sunday, April 19, 2026 from 8-12:30pm. Link for sign up-https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1541681. Cindy Kelly, Chair, 440-221-4027, Michele Harney, Coordinator, 410-940-3288.

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.

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. 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 a gift to the Mortgage Fund:

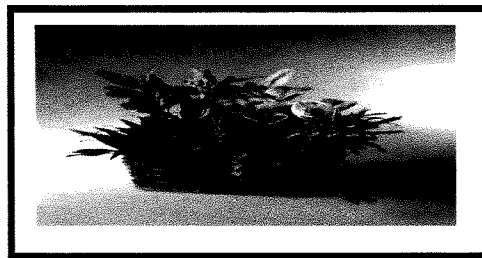
In Memory Of: John Simmons
By: Kay Bertzyk

In Memory Of: John Simmons
By: Howard Boston (friend)



The Live Plant Garden Is Given:

In Honor Of: Christ Is Risen Indeed
By: Bill & Sue Nees



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:



Art Eckert - Parishioner Member Carolyn Korpics' friend's brother-in-law not on our prayer list died.

Cards to:

Barbara (wife) Eckert & Family - 3925 Willett Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Sam (brother-in-law) & Kathy (sister-in-law) Walker & Family - 9050 SE 118th Lane, Summerfield, FL 34491



Coral Swiger-Parishioner Former Member Celebration of Life is **THIS** Friday, April 10 at 12pm at CLC.

John Simmons-Parishioner Member's Celebration of Life is Friday, April 17 at 11am at CLC.

PRAYERS

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

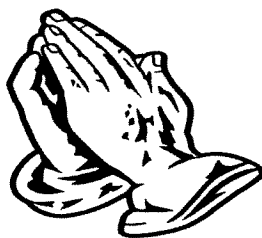
for: Delores Reagan; Terry & Cindy Robinson; Dick & Sonja Rollins; Jim & Jackie Romeo; Craig Ross; Shirley Ross; Jack & Phyllis Russell; Ray & Donna Russell; Maryann Saddlemire; Pr. Chap. Chris & Giorgia Salerno; & all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, and all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Michele Harney (heart health issues heart cath 2 heart stent implants rehab - OK); Dave Judd (heart pacemaker implant repair surgery rehab follow-up w/surgeon Dr. - OK); and Annie Negrillo (Shepherd's Lighthouse mom - internal health issues rehab - OK).

Pray - Parishioners (short term): Kevin Cheeks (left shoulder replacement repair surgery rehab); Judy Conover (fractured right femur repair surgery rehab); Jean Dunbar (left eye cornea vision issue next steps w/specialist Dr. 5/13); Carol Everman (fractured 2 right mid-foot toes rehab); Skyler Forsythe (internal health issues rehab next steps w/local specialist Dr. pending; Shands Hosp. specialist Dr. 9/23); Michele Harney (cardiac rehab pending); Patricia "Pat" Holman (ongoing internal pain health issues advanced imaging tests pending); Gordon Johnson (fall related health issues rehab - Lake Port Square Rehab # 404); Dave Judd (cardiac rehab pending); Patty Judd (new medication adverse reaction rehab); Cindy Kelly (fractured left arm rehab); Susan Long (internal health issues rehab); Frank Neumann (right knee replacement repair surgery pending); Perry Olyer (back spinal discs repair surgery & post-surgery neurological complications health issues rehab - The Villages Hosp. Rehab 5708); Sue Setera (fractured legs repairs surgeries rehab & add'l fractured right foot rehab next steps w/orthopedic Dr. 4/7); and Elsie Tibaldi (internal health issues rehab).

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

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



Attendance: 9am: 79
10:30am: 65 **Total:** 144
YouTube: 15

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:14 a & 23-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel-St. John 20:19-31

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

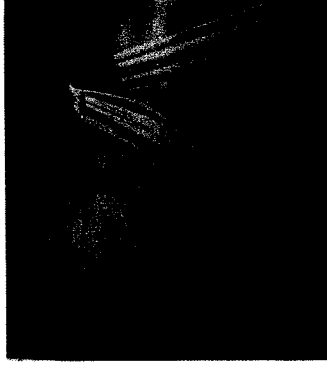
Kay Bertzyk, Financial Secretary, (352) 245-0346.



He Lives \$12.00 (Support the Mortgage Fund)

by Margaret Best

The Easter story that changed the world comes to life in these pages. Journey through the hundred days of Easter, from preparation and Lent, through Holy Week and the Resurrection, to Jesus' many appearances, His Ascension, and the celebration of Pentecost. Engaging stories position you at the heart of the action, followed by thoughtful commentary, essays, and devotions. Enjoy creating themed crafts with children and preparing meaningful meals using the included recipes. This book is perfect for Sunday School, family church groups, or personal reflection. Read. Review. Renew. **Author, Margaret Best, 352-753-4030.**



Easter Basket Giving Mystery \$12.00 (Support the Mortgage Fund)

by Margaret Best

This book is meant as a bedtime story for Grandma or an older sibling to read to a younger child. It talks about a family in Make-Believe Land who brings the Easter tradition to human children each year.

Where did the tradition of giving Easter Baskets begin? What is the mystery behind this rite of springtime? Is it true that bunny families take turns overseeing this well-loved tradition? Here is one story of how the bunnies possibly do it and the reason behind it all. Want a hint? Two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus brought a new way of living. He taught that being kind



and loving to each other is the way to happiness.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 2026

Quiet Moment-Where You There ELW 353

1. Jesus Christ Is Risen ELW 365
2. He Lives (attached)
3. A, Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392 B. Now the Green Blade Rises
ELW 379
4. Thine Is the Glory ELW 376