

*Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion
Easter Season 2024*

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

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, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation!

C Amen!

P God our Father is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin!

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Eternal God our Father,

C you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that at times make us reluctant to work against oppression. At times we are guilty of exploiting your people and world. At times we choose comfort over courage. At times we are careless with your creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, turn our hearts again to you. Continue to guide us to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of your people and world. Amen!

P Hear and receive these words of assurance: God our Father clothes us with garments of His Son Jesus' forgiveness and salvation, and covers us with Jesus' robe of His righteousness. In the mercy of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. God our Father's covenant of salvation in His Son Jesus is eternal, and Jesus' grace is granted to us all!

C Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray!

C O God our Father, you prepare for those who love and serve you joys beyond understanding. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, continue to pour into our hearts, minds, and souls 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 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 Gaza, Israel and Ukraine. 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

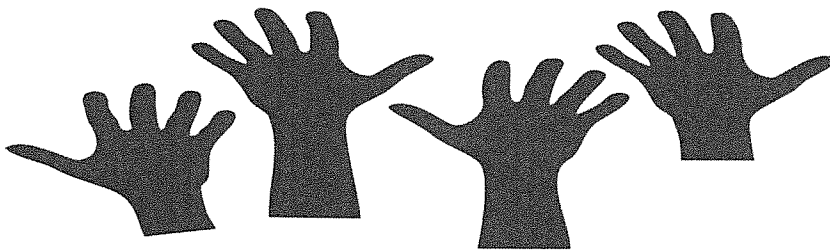
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024



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. John 15:9-17

L On the night of His arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to His disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, Jesus repeats the most important of all His commands, that they love and serve Jesus and one another.

L Blessed is the Holy One who comes in the Name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna in the highest! Amen!**

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

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

L 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 his 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 him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

L Blessed is the Holy One who comes in the Name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna in the highest! Amen!**

FIRST LESSON: Acts:10:44-48

L While St. Peter shares the Good News of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, The Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that The Holy Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, St. Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ.

L ⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers 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 he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹joice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers ¹clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes
to ¹judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ples with equity.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

L God our Father's children believe that His Son Jesus is the Messiah and love God our Father by keeping His commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

L 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 his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments 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 that 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.

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C Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 5/05/24 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>	<u>Capital Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/24	\$ 82,356	\$ 31,186	\$ 113,542
YTD Income	\$ 123,298	\$ 1,044	\$ 124,342
YTD Expenses	\$ 125,227	\$ 3,070	\$ 128,297
Balance @ 04/28/2024	<u>\$ 80,427</u>	<u>\$ 29,160</u>	<u>\$ 109,587</u>

Offering for 04/28/2024		
Operating Fund		\$ 2,685
Loose		\$ 33
Mortgage Fund		\$ 700
Capital Fund		\$ 35
Designated Giving:		\$ 1,365
- Food For The Poor	\$ 90	
- Salvation Army	\$ 65	
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 5	
- ELCM Missions	\$ 5	
- Fellowship	\$ 14	
- FMSC	\$ 1,186	
Total Offering		<u>\$ 4,818</u>

FMSC Project 2024 NET for 2025 Packing:		\$ 21,359

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS-May 5, 2024

MEETINGS-Monday, May 6-Property-10am, Tea Meeting-11am, Fellowship-12pm, Tuesday, May 7-Social-10am, W&M-11am, Family Ministry, Nurture, Outreach, Pastor's Bible Study-2pm, Thursday, May 9-Finance-10am Michele Harney, Administrative Assistant, 352-307-6900.

UPCOMING FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN FUNDRAISING



Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

1. **Mothers' Day Concert-Sunday, May 12 at 3pm-Elvis is singing Gospel songs to the Ladies**
2. **Dessert Auction-Sunday, June 9 at 3pm.**
3. **Birthday Club-Dinner for 2, coming in June**
Detailed information on each event will appear in the coming weeks. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

FMSC Birthday Club-"Join the Birthday Club and get a FREE dinner for 2! Our first Celebration Dinner will be in June (hosted by Feed My Starving Children) for all Birthday Club Members! To join, simply write a check, on your birthday, in the amount of your age and drop it in the Birthday Club box at the Sales Table!" **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

Feed My Starving Children-The net proceeds collected to date are \$21,359 towards our 2025 goal of \$35,000 goal. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

Feed My Starving Children Sales Table-We need volunteers to sit at the FMSC Sales Table. Sign up for a Sales Table slot! One Sunday, One Month, One Sunday a Month, whatever you can do! The Sign Up Sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Come on down! It's fun! **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

The Rock-The Rock serves Lake Weir Middle School, in the school. Clothing, shoes including boys' crocs size 7 and girls' crocs size 6 and feminine products are still in great demand. Also spiral notebooks, deodorant, regular size shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bars of soap, sketch pads and colored markers. Meal items, such as Ramen noodles, Beef Yakosaba lunches, canned meat, spaghetti, mashed potatoes, rice and beans and mac and cheese are always welcome. **Questions call Carolyn Korpics, The Rock Coordinator, 352-307-3563.**

Sunday Fellowship Help-Do you enjoy visiting after Worship? Helpers needed to set up snacks and drinks. Replenish both between Worship and clean-up. Sign up sheet is on the table in Fellowship Hall. **Questions call Kay Bertzyk, Coordinator, 352-245-0346.**

Mothers' Day Tea- Join us **THIS** Saturday, May 11 from 1-3pm for a Mothers' Day Tea .



Volunteers are needed. Friday May 10th at 6pm for prep. Saturday Volunteers are also needed. Please arrive at 12:30 pm to help set up. We also need people to take down and clean up after the Tea. Sign Up Sheet is on table in Fellowship Hall. **Ashley Runyon, Family Minister, 980-925-9959.**

We acknowledge a gift to the Mortgage Fund:

In Memory Of: Ron Beck (son) & Kris Martin (grandson) and Edith Holm

By: Renee Beck

We acknowledge gifts to Feed My Starving Children:

In Memory Of: Patricia "Pat" Hopper

By: Carolyn Korpics

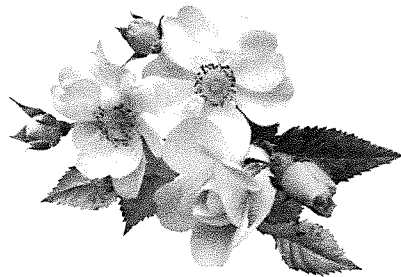
In Memory Of: Edith Holm

By: Diane Beavers and Robert & Sharon Ellis

**Altar Flowers Are Given
To the Glory of God
&**

In Honor Of: Diane Beaver's 72nd
Birthday

By: Diane Beavers



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:

David Shaft - Parishioner Member Barb LeFevre's friend and former Member not on our prayer list died.

Cards to:

Ray & Barb (friends) LeFevre - 13491 SE 97th Terrace Road, Summerfield, FL 34491

Patricia "Pat" Hopper - Parishioner Member with terminal internal health issues and in Cornerstone Hospice care at The Villages Hospital died.

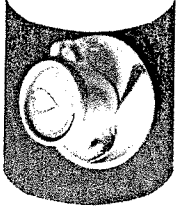
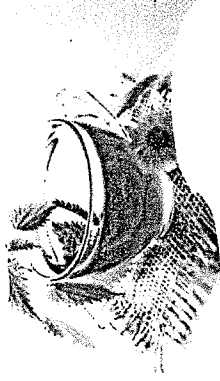
Cards to:

Jim (husband) & Susan (daughter) Hopper & Family - 9445 SE 174th Loop, Summerfield, FL 34491



Parishioner Member John Marrocco's Celebration of Life is Friday, May 17 at 10am. Lunch provided at CLC and Committal to follow at Florida National.

Parishioner Kent Avery's Committal is Tomorrow, Monday, May 6, 2024 at 11:30am at Christ Lutheran Church at the Memorial Garden.



LADIES ONLY

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

Please join us from 10-11am for a breakfast in your honor. Breakfast casserole, coffee & tea.

Normal Sunday snacks are available for your escorts. Sign up sheet on the table in the

Fellowship Hall.

Joe Capelli, Coordinator, 352-445-2616.



The Big Red Bus-The Next Blood Drive is Sunday, June 2, 2024 from 8am-12:30pm. Please eat a 600 calorie meal before donating. 13 people signed up to donate on Sunday, April 7. There is a sign Up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. You may also make an appointment to donate by Text to: Hero to 63928, online to www.oneblood.org, or call 888-936-6283. If you have an appointment please check in at the bus when you arrive.

Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.



Ministry Leaders-The interest in promoting Jesus' Ministries is awesome! If you are going to use the Fellowship Hall you must check with the office and any other ministries that might be affected to be sure the calendar is open for that day, before scheduling any event. Also, please bring anything to the office you would like placed on the pick up table. Michele Harney, Admin. Minister, 352-307-6900.

Hands of Mercy Everywhere-A faith based organization which houses teen girls and their babies, and girls at risk for sex trafficking in Belleview, FL. Donations of paper products, craft material, house supplies are always needed. They also take donations of NEW clothing for the moms and babies. Gift cards are great, too!!! Website HandsofMercyEverywhere.org has a complete list. Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.

Love Life 2024-Join me September 12-14 for the Joyce Meyer Ministries Women's Conference in Tampa, FL. Sign up sheet on table in Fellowship Hall. Questions Rosemary Ganci, 352-307-5952.

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Bear Ministry-We Need Sanctuary Size Bears. See sample in Fellowship Hall on table by Narthex Doors. If you don't want to shop for bears a donation is great. Mark notes in check Bear Ministry. Judy Whittock/ Michele Harney, Coordinators, 352-817-4889/352-307-6900.

Royal Queens Women Empowerment, Inc.-They need all hygiene products, blankets, hats, scarves, coats, socks and gloves. Please bring all Royal Queen donation items to the office. Questions call Darnitha Johnson, CEO, 352-718-3192.

Greeters and Communion Assistants-We need both greeters & Communion Assists. for the 10:30am Worship. I am retiring & turning the Coordinator position over to Louise Soltys. Thank you to all for your help, Sue Setera. Questions please call Louise Soltys, 10:30am Coordinator, 615-559-8409.

National & Worldwide Disasters-People everywhere are in need of HELP. Donations may be made to the following places. Please be sure to mark the memo line of your check as to where the donation is going. Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service-POB 17467, Baltimore, MD 21297, Call 410-230-2700, or Email lirs.org; Salvation Army- POB 1959, Atlanta, GA 30301, or thru CLC (be sure to mark envelope clearly): Food For The Poor-Cash-www.foodforthe poor.org; AmazonSmileCharity-www.FoodForThePoor.org. If you choose this way it will ship directly there. Donations may also be made to Lutheran World Relief, 800-597-5972, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. Carolyn Wright, International Outreach, 415-696-4334.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Show families in Israel, Gaza — and around the world — that they are loved. Here is my caring gift to rush lifesaving support to where it is needed. Carolyn Wright, International Outreach, 415-696-4334.



Mail Checks To: Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. Questions call 800-597-5972 or www.lwr.org

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

Quiet Moments-Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord ELW 184

1. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty ELW 413

2. The Days of Resurrection ELW 361

3. Communion- A. Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross ELW 335 B. Let All Things
Now Living ELW 881

4. Lift High the Cross ELW 660



**Christ Lutheran
Church Presents**

Tea



RSVP by 5/5/2024
Ashley - 980-925-9959

Mom

**Saturday May 11th
2024**

Starts 1pm
Ends 3pm

**15699 SE 80th Ave
Summerfield FL**



DISCOVER LOVE INC

Join us on Tuesday, May 14 to learn about all the wonderful programs Love INC is involved with.

There will be a lunch served with the Presentation. Questions Rosemary Ganci, Coordinator, 352-307

Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ)
15797 US-441, Summerfield, FL 34491

352-245-8774

