



## The Bridge

April 3, 2020

**All Worship Services, including Lenten Services and CONNECTED, are cancelled at Christ Lutheran.**

**The Campus buildings are closed for use by local organizations except the American Red Cross.**

**We will let you know when things are up and running again!**



**From Pastor Mary**

Dear Church, Dear Families:

During this time of physical isolation, I was wonderfully surrounded by your love and kindnesses as you helped me celebrate my birthday on April 2nd. Thanks to all of you for your cards, gifts, and well wishes!

Please take note in this issue of The Bridge the many ways we are working to stay connected in disconnected times. We will continue to worship via Zoom. If you are having trouble managing the technology, please be in touch with us and we will help you. Note as well the Dial My Calls service we are putting in place to call or text all in the congregation. Help us by opting in and by telling us your preferred phone for this service. Thank you for continuing to make financial contributions. I'm enjoying being a giver on the Tithe.ly site available on our website. It's so easy!

In preparation for Holy Week, our members and friends were invited to drive by church and pick up some palms for Palm Sunday. It was so good to see many of you. We left some of the palms in the flower urns out front so feel free to come by and take some for yourselves. Have these palms with you as you prepare your home space for worship this Sunday.

As we make this odd and fearful journey in these weeks, may we continue to pray together:

God of all people, times, and circumstances, we are worried but also confident that you hold us in your hand. You hold both the present and the future and are Lord of all. Give us the peace that passes all understanding. Strengthen our discipleship as we journey through this Holy Week. Bring us at last to Easter dawn where joy and gladness abound. Amen.

Stay strong. Remain prayerful. Christ is with you.  
Pastor Mary

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**Our Congregational Sympathies** to the family and friends of Donna Putrino who died on April 1st. After a very long illness, she was able to be at home under hospice and passed away there peacefully. Our prayers are with her husband, Bill, and their entire family. No plans have been made at this time for a funeral or memorial service. Peace to her memory!

This is how worship looked last Sunday from the sanctuary perspective.

**But remember:**

**The church is not empty,  
the church has been deployed!**



### How to ATTEND Church Online

#### GET OUT OF BED AND GET DRESSED

It'll put you in the right mindset to worship

#### GO THROUGH YOUR NORMAL SUNDAY ROUTINE

Minus the "hurry up, we're running late!" part

#### GATHER YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER

No multitasking; worship is a family activity!

#### PROJECT THE FEED ON YOUR LARGEST SCREEN

It'll feel more like you're "there"

#### SING ALONG LOUD AND PROUD

Yes, it feels weird; it feels weird for the people who are leading worship in an empty room, too

#### LEAN INTO THE MESSAGE

Say "Amen," clap, shout, and have a time of prayer at the end; make your home a sanctuary

**Join Us via Zoom at 10:00 am**

# **Palm Sunday April 5, 2020**

## **To Join Us Live! Zoom in for Worship**

Reminder: We now have a password that you must use to get in. See below.  
The recorded service is on the website by Sunday Afternoon.

Topic: CLCHHI Palm Sunday Worship  
Time: Apr 5, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/276574240?pwd=VVFmbVhWV3cwOTZBcFZsS3hhYTFFVZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 574 240

Password: 571536

**NOTE THE NEED FOR A PASSWORD TO ENTER THIS WORSHIP**

### **Join Us for Coffee Hour**

That's right! Following the closing song on Sunday, we will have a brief time to wave to each other and hopefully chat a little. Of course, you can also log off anytime. But we would love for you to grab a cup of coffee at home and chat with each other for a bit. Just a friendly reminder, be fully dressed! You never know when the technology might suddenly make your image the only one on the screen. That's not our plan, but let's be prepared. No hats and gloves, necessary, but pants, please.

### **Give Your Feedback**

We know that congregations across the ELCA and across the country are doing a variety of things to communicate with their parishes. We're all doing what we can as we can. Many congregations already had great video and audio capabilities and were able to just ramp up their existing technology. At CLC we didn't start with much, but we are working hard to evaluate what is best for us, what we can do with the monies we have and with the personnel we have. Let us know how you are experiencing what we are attempting to do. We miss you and want to stay connected. Many thanks to David and Tami Kuhlmann, and Silke Prylik for helping us use this Zoom platform.

## **Holy Week and Easter Worship**

**Holy Wednesday Healing Service 7 pm**

**Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm**

**Good Friday Worship**

**We will link to a service provided by the SC Synod**

**Easter Day 10am**

Zoom invitations to all services will be sent in advance of the day.

All will be recorded and put on our website.

### **Confirmation Meetings**

The confirmation youth are continuing to meet with Pastor Mary via Zoom(nearly) every

## Encouragement from Silke Pyrlik, Spiritual Director



Is it time to surrender?

Greetings to you all from the home office!



Every week we seem to be asked to navigate new grounds. This week all non-essential businesses had to close.

For us women it means no more pedicures and manicures or haircuts. I admit that, even as trained as I am in mindfulness and being present to the divine, the prospect of not being able to have my nails done for my 50th birthday (that I had to celebrate under social distancing anyway) was

almost frightening. Thank God it didn't take long for me to have a good laugh at myself for this kind of spoiled rotten paranoia.

In times of a very real and very threatening pandemic the least of our worries should be our haircuts or our nails or our gym workouts.

So I had to ask myself if it's time to surrender, to give into the inevitable: that this situation is here to last for awhile, probably another 4-8 weeks. We are just 2 weeks into working and schooling from home and it seems like it has already been going on forever.

Surrender in the military definition means to "*cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority*" (Oxford dictionary). I obviously do not propose that we submit to the corona virus (the opponent) but I do believe we should submit to all government orders and scientific advise and keep ourselves, our neighbors and our community healthy.

What I mean to be talking about is spiritual surrender! "*To surrender in spirituality and religion means that a believer completely gives up his own will and subjects his thoughts, ideas, and deeds to the will and teaching of a higher power.*" (Wikipedia)

It does not mean to surrender to the will of another person, teacher, leader, guru or any other human being! (That would be submission). It says to surrender to a higher power, the Divine, God.

To spiritually surrender means to go inside, to start an inner journey, to start a true companionship with God (higher power, Jesus, the Divine, the force - however you define this higher power).

It could mean to foster a connection between the natural world and the meaning of Easter. Can you contemplate what the resurrection means for you? Do you see examples of death and revival in nature? Have to experienced the cycle of death and revival in your own personal life?

Spiritual surrender in these challenging times of isolation can enhance your trust, acceptance, gratitude and celebration.

Spiritual surrender and spiritual growth are deeply entwined. For true spiritual growth you will need to surrender to the guidance and will of the creator.



Like the last two weeks I encourage you to keep reading your Bible or other spiritual texts, journal, write poems, be in silence, create art work, and stay in the moment. Observe your thoughts, ask God to be with you, listen attentively to what might come to mind. Try not to just numb yourself with watching TV or movies and keeping constantly busy with other things.

If the Holy Spirit should inspire you to create something beautiful (in writing or through painting, drawing, composing music) I would be thrilled if you would share this with me and send me an email ([Silke at CLC](#)) with a picture or recording of what you created in the Spirit.

May the Peace be with you, always!

We received a thank you note from Kathy Johnson, a CLC member who has moved to North Carolina to be near her family:

*Dear Christy and Prayer Group,*

*Thanks so much for sending prayers and the prayer blanket. It was so nice to be remembered.*

*Sincerely, Kathy Johnson*



## CLC IN WEEKLY PRAYER



We are still offering a contemplative prayer time every Monday at 9:30 a.m.

CLC's prayers warriors last Monday came up with the insight that the church of course is not empty but has been deployed in times of need!

If you would like to be included in the prayer session, please text Silke at 843-298-2823 and she will add you to the group text.

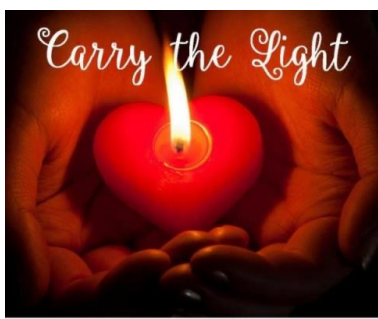
Listen to our "fight song" here:  
[Go light your world](#)



**God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:**

- Steve Bassford
- Emily Caudle
- Bob Harding
- Otto Orzech
- Lois Rockefeller (surgery has been delayed)
- Sandy Heins
- Ron (friend of David & Tami Kuhlmann)

**Please send prayer requests to Susan Fidler at [ksfid@hotmail.com](mailto:ksfid@hotmail.com)**



**Thank you** all for the many cards, emails, text messages, presents and love you sent for my birthday! I loved the Zoom Happy Hour with many of you in the afternoon!  
I feel loved and I love you all!



Stay safe, stay hopeful, stay happy, stay healthy!

Yours, Silke

### Keeping in Touch with DialMyCalls

As part of CLC's communication plan, we will be using a service called DialMyCalls to send voice messages and text messages to members and friends who wish to be notified of important announcements by phone. PLEASE NOTE that we will only use this method of communication as needed. We will not inundate you with phone communications.



- The service is used to send a group voice message or group text message.
- Participation in this form of communication from Christ Lutheran is completely voluntary.
- You may sign up as family and choose one phone number, or as individuals.
- SEVEN people have responded to submit their phone numbers for DialMyCall.
- Please email Linda Sheetz at [info@clchhi.com](mailto:info@clchhi.com) ASAP to sign up for DialMy Calls and indicate your preferred phone number. If you know someone that would like this service, but does not have email, please include that person in your email. Thanks!

### BLOOD DRIVE

Our church will host a blood drive in our parking lot on Thursday, April 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Red Cross is in jeopardy and we have a shortage of blood.

There will be an American Red Cross bus in our parking lot that day, similar to our inside setup. All the precautions as usual will be taken.

As always thank you for your support!





Thank you to all for your faithful stewardship during this time of uncertainty. Our treasurer, Ron Julseth, is working on the final numbers for March and we will share with you as those results become available.

In the meantime, please keep sending your contributions to us by any of these three ways:

- By US Mail to:

Christ Lutheran Church  
829 William Hilton Pkwy.,  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

- Donate online at our website [clchhi.org](http://clchhi.org) by using the "Give" button.
- Donate via Vanco at [vancopayments.com](http://vancopayments.com)

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## COUNCIL CORNER

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Dear Fellow Disciples,

Your Council members are continuing to meet every Tuesday via conference call so that we can keep up with each other and stay on top of anything that needs attention at Christ Lutheran Church.

On Tuesday, March 31, Council voted to continue paying our staff, including Preschool teachers through the end of April. Subsequent to that approval, Ron Julseth recommended that we apply for a loan under the Payroll Protection Plan. If we are granted the loan, we will receive funds needed to meet our payroll and to cover utilities for our buildings for a period of two months. At the end of that period, as we prove that the funds were used for payroll and utilities, the loan will be forgiven. Council approved applying for the loan and Ron will file the application. We will keep you up to date on the status of that process.

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy! Remember, God is with us and this too shall pass.

God's peace to you and your families!

Kathy Reynolds

Council President

## SERVICE MINISTRY

### Our Little Free Pantry is ready for business!!

Due to the generosity of our Congregations and Islanders with big hearts, our Pantry is stocked with nutritious food for the hungry and homeless in our area. We are working hard to spread the word about this community resource. So far we have:



- Contacted the Lowcountry Blessing Box Project to be added to their list of Little Free Pantries on Hilton Head. We are one of two on the Island.
- Added a post to our Facebook page announcing the Little Free Pantry.
- Written a letter to the Editor of the Island Packet that was published on Wednesday, April 1.
- Handed out flyers to residents of Chimney Cove Apartments.
- Handed out flyers at the two laundromats on HHI.
- Contacted La Isla magazine to ask for their support in helping the Hispanic population know about our Pantry

If you have other ideas about how we can get the word out, please contact Leslie Heavener at [pjst48e2@gmail.com](mailto:pjst48e2@gmail.com).

A huge THANK YOU to Don Bethman and Jay for painting the Little Free Pantry this week.

## CLC PRESCHOOL

**Each month our children receive a copy of the featured Book of the Month. We didn't want our kids to miss out on the book we had started. Each teacher put together a bag for their students with their copy of the book along with fun activities to keep them learning and having fun.**





**In compliance with Governor Henry McMaster's Executive Order  
on March 25, 2020 to close all schools,  
Christ Lutheran Preschool is closed until April 30.**



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