



## The Bridge

May 1, 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!**

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Sunday Worship May 3



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.  
SERVICE OF THE WORD + ZOOM WORSHIP

MAY 3, 2020

CHRIST LUTHERAN, HILTON HEAD, SC

**CLC HHI Sunday Worship  
Join Us via Zoom at 10:00 am  
May 3**

<https://zoom.us/j/93417849407?pwd=VEpaay9HTzg1c2VzOU9rbk1yeDI2dz09>

Meeting ID: 934 1784 9407

Password: 288881

**You will need the password to access every Zoom meeting.**

# 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



**From Pastor Mary**

Dear Church, Dear Families:

We have assumed since we all started living behind locked doors for fear of the virus that this would be a changing story from day to day and certainly from week to week. And so it has. This is and will be a time for agility, for re-thinking things, for thinking deeper about our theology and liturgical practices, for thinking about what is temporary and what might be a whole new way of doing things. All these things considered, I am calling this a time of "anxious creativity."

One of the questions that has been on the edge of the church, but now is sitting on the front pew of church, is whether "church" is possible on-line just as fully as it is

in the physically gathered community. Or, is on-line community just "fake" community?

It has only been recently (in the long view of church history) that we have been able with the help of technology to gather in real time as we are doing with our Zoom Worship services at Christ Lutheran. Is this just an emergency/temporary way of being church or might we have full members of our church who are only present on-line? If this sounds wrong to you, if it seems to go against the nature of the church, I understand your gut reaction. I would also remind all of us that throughout the history of the church, we have had to deal with challenges to our way of doing things as our culture, context, and circumstances change. The Spirit always finds a way for us to be in mission and to use whatever means are available to us.

My mom was a longtime treasurer of our little rural congregation. She told me stories of how the "old home folks" were highly skeptical of the new telephone when it came about. Shouldn't people talk face-to-face to have real conversation? When some people started writing checks for their offering instead of giving cash, many thought this was an unfaithful thing to do because checks weren't real money. The same kinds of conversations were had when people started giving their offering with a credit card or giving on-line. Once again, it wasn't "real."

And now that our physical isolation and our inability to gather together for worship seems to be stretching for months to come, we are re-thinking how we might experience the physical elements of the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We have been fasting from the Lord's Supper and feasting on the Word since March. We are becoming hungry for the bread of forgiveness and the wine of grace.

At our weekly Council meeting this past Tuesday, I consulted with your leaders about how we might share communion in a way that honors both our Lutheran theology and liturgy as well as one that acknowledges the emergency situation in which we find ourselves. I invited us to pray and consider the possibility of inviting those who are participants in the Zoom services to prepare in their homes a little table set with a small loaf of bread and a cup of wine before our Sunday worship service.

As pastor and presider at the worship service, I would lead us in the communion liturgy. At the time of distribution, those in a house could share the bread and wine with the words, "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you." If a person is at home alone, he or she could commune themselves.

At your home Sunday dinner, you would be encouraged to finish eating and drinking this bread and wine together. I invite us to discern this practice together over the next two weeks. If it seems, "good, right, and salutary" to us at this time, we will start this beginning May 17th.

I'll write more about this next week as we continue to think it through and pray it

through together. I welcome your comments and questions, as always!

Stay strong. Remain prayerful. Christ is with us!

Pastor Mary

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**Our Congregational Sympathies** to the family and friends of Bob Harding who passed away on April 28, after a very long illness. No plans have been made at this time for a funeral or memorial service. Peace to his memory!

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### **Join Us for Coffee Hour After Worship Service**

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.

### **Encouragement from Silke Prylik, Spiritual Director**



**Liminality! - "Betwixt and Between"**

**I can name it! Thanks to Richard Rohr's daily meditations!**



This week, the 7th week of our confinement, of living this strange life, I was grateful to stumble over a phrase I had heard before but had forgotten about: liminal space.

Richard Rohr in his daily meditation mentioned Sheryl Fullerton's (an editor and author) thoughts about a difficult time she had to live through in her life. She wrote: "*When we find ourselves in liminal space, does it matter whether we are*

*pushed or whether we jump? Either way, we are not where or what we were before, nor do we know how or where we will land in our new reality. We are, as the anthropologist Victor Turner (1920-1983) wrote, betwixt and between. In that space-which is mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual-we are destabilized, disoriented. The old touchstones, habits, and comforts are now past, the future unknown. We only wish such a time to be over. We may be impatient to pass through it quickly, with as little distress as possible, even though that is not likely. . . "*

Isn't that the truth? Aren't we all in this mental state of disorientation, knowing that what was before seems to be gone and not knowing what the new reality ahead has in store for us?

We are "in between". We are starting to grieve things that seem to be soon part of a past life, slowly realizing that there will be no return to the "old normal", but that a "new normal" has not been found yet.

Your church leadership started researching, contemplating and discussing what a "new normal" might be for the church. We have no answers (yet) - we are in liminal space.

I myself in my quiet prayer/mediation time am wondering what the "new normal" will mean for Benjamin's future prospects and for myself? Will college even start in August? It is a very uncomfortable feeling not being able to know a) how the new normal will look like and b) not having any control over it.

I just want to know! I want someone to have the answers, to tell me, so I can be prepared.

Let's admit liminal space is a space we all do not like to be in and we all are very uncomfortable with. So where can we find the blessing in liminal space?

Liminal comes from the latin word "limen" and means threshold. It can be seen as that moment in time after you left one place and before you enter into another either in your mind (belief) or literally in location (space). It is a place of transition.

You cross a border and go beyond your usual limits. What used to be a barrier now becomes an invitation into a larger spiritual adventure.

This threshold is the place of departure, a springboard into a fresh way of doing things. And isn't that an exciting prospect? Can't we all get a little bit excited about what this could mean for us as a community of believers and also for us personally? Can we look forward to a chance to step into something new, exciting, not-seen-before? Can we accept this strange and uncertain corona virus time as liminal space and appreciate it as a place of transformation and transition into something that is unknown, yes, but not scary and instead full of potential and adventure?

If you feel like it, contemplate Matthew 16:21-26 (This passage describes a liminal moment for Peter and the disciples; perhaps even for Jesus. They are crossing the boundary between the familiar routine and the uncharted road; the place of safety and the risky future).

May the Peace be with you, always!

*Silke*

## CLC IN WEEKLY PRAYER

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



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

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

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

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/2 Beth Ann Julseth, Neil Springer
- 5/3 Dick Marth
- 5/10 Barbara Johnson, Loretta Warden
- 5/13 Alex Kasten, Sherry White
- 5/15 Ben Pyrlik
- 5/16 Corey Slater
- 5/17 Susie Arnold, Elsa Felten
- 5/20 Joyce Sundeen
- 5/21 Emily Breland
- 5/23 Ken Feters
- 5/24 Patty Gosdin
- 5/25 Janet Lynn
- 5/31 Phyllis Dickes



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/27 Ted & Irmgard Drilling (59 yrs)

If your information is incorrect or not included, please email the Church Office at [info@clchhi.com](mailto:info@clchhi.com) with any corrections.



Here is a summary of April financial performance from our Treasurer, Ron Julseth:

- 1 ) Through April our regular offering is down 19% (\$26,400) from last year.
- 2 ) Because the church was closed in April & visitors were not on the island, Easter offerings were down 71% (\$6,400).
- 3 ) Expenses continue to be in the \$32,000-33,000 range.

Thank you as well to all who have returned the letter which was mailed to you asking that you confirm your intentions of support for our Renovation and Capital Campaign. If you have not yet returned your letter, please do in the coming days so that we may have a sense of the level of support for the project.

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)

## COUNCIL CORNER

Dear Fellow Disciples,

Your Church Council met via [Freeconferencecall.com](http://Freeconferencecall.com) on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00pm. Following are highlights from our conversation:

- Council reviewed names of members who were nominated for the Call Committee and those who have volunteered to serve on the Call Committee. All nominees are being contacted to verify their interest in the Call Committee. Next step is that Council will vote to select the 6 or 7 members of the 2020 Call Committee.
- While we are all blessed by Worship services provided by Zoom each week, we also recognize that our Wi-Fi capabilities are not strong enough to support transmission of the services without "buffering" or the pause that you sometimes see in the broadcast. Gary Reynolds is in the process of evaluating a short-term and a long-term solution that will allow us better transmission of Sunday Worship services and also upgrade technology support for our Church office and Preschool. As a recommendation becomes clear, we will keep you informed.
- Pastor Mary reported on several different subjects, all affected by our pandemic "shelter in place" current reality:
  - ○ Faith Formation Ministry - Pastor Mary, Silke Pyrlik & Tami Kuhlmann will meet via Zoom on Friday, May 1, to brainstorm ways that Faith Formation classes can be resumed using Zoom or other technology.
  - ○ On Tuesday, April 28, the first Staff meeting since our office shutdown was conducted via Zoom. The plan is to meet in this fashion every other week until we are safe to begin normal office operations.
  - ○ Preschool Graduation is being planned as a drive-by celebration, tentatively on May 19 or 20. Stay tuned for more details as they develop.
  - ○ Plans are also in the works to recognize graduating Seniors - Benjamin Pyrlik, Avery White and Alyssa White (Newberry College). More information to come.
  - ○ Confirmation celebration for Gunnar Ternstrom is scheduled for May 31. The tech team is exploring ways to offer a meaningful celebration within the context of our Zoom Worship service.
  - ○ New Member are being received during our shutdown. Updated New Member Forms are in development and will be mailed out to those interested in membership at CLC.
  - Holy Communion during this time of isolation. See Pastor Mary's article for more information on this idea.
  - The Bridge will be mailed out to those who do not have the capability to view online. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the Bridge, please contact Linda Sheetz at [info@clchhi.com](mailto:info@clchhi.com) and she will add you to the mailing list.

God's peace to you and your families!

Kathy Reynolds

Council President

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**SERVICE MINISTRY**

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Because we will miss our usual 1st Sunday food collection for Deep Well on Sunday,

May 3, we're doing another drive by food collection at the church on Monday, May 4. From 9 to 11am please stop by and offer your donations for BOTH Deep Well and our Little Free Pantry. The need for food for individuals and families living on the island is great. It's been staggering actually as some facts from Deep Well reveal: In a month's time, ending April 17, Deep Well sent a weeks' worth of groceries home with 1,228 people. Many of these folks are first time DW clients; they have never needed to ask for assistance like this before. Food costs in the last 7 weeks have been 3.5 times the normal DW budgeted amount! Rent payments made directly to landlords hit \$100,000 this week for this 7 week period. This does not account for May rent requests which are expected to triple in the next 2 weeks. Items have been taken from our Little Free Pantry on a daily basis. Thank you for your help with keeping both pantries stocked for our neighbors in need! Live our mission statement.

**Here is the list of needed items for Deep Well:**

(The items on this list remain the same as ALL food bags leaving Deep Well contain the same items. No one is shopping in the Deep Well Pantry at this time).

Pasta

Canned Meat---Chicken, tuna, salmon

Mac and Cheese

Soups/Stews

Jelly

Canned fruit

Canned vegetables (no green beans!)

TP

Paper towels

Toothpaste

**Here is the list of needed items for the Little Pantry:**

Canned goods - fruits and vegetables, pull top lids if possible - items like Ro-Tel or other ethnic foods are also appreciated.

Canned meats - Chicken or Tuna

Crackers and granola bars

Breakfast cereal items

Tortillas

Pasta and Pasta sauces

Dried beans and rice

Box dinners and Chef Boyardee individual servings

Potatoes

Individually wrapped TP and paper towels

Small bottles of household cleaning products: Laundry soap, Lysol, Liquid dish soap

Personal hygiene items: toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, soap, diapers, wipes

Anything else you wish to contribute!!! You are truly a blessing to our Community.



## **CLC PRESCHOOL**

**In compliance with Governor Henry McMaster's  
Executive Order  
Christ Lutheran Preschool is closed until further notice.**

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