



The Bridge

June 2, 2020

**All Worship 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:

Happy Pentecost to all of you! On this day, we pray that the Spirit will set our hearts ablaze but alas, our hearts are broken as we witness our cities burning. The church has a powerful, Spirit-led word for us in these angry, stressful, fearful days. Jesus gives us the peace that passes all understanding. America was founded in the spirit of strong individualism. We believe in freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to make our own choices concerning just about everything.

The gospel of Christ speaks truths that seem to be contradictory. It says that for freedom Christ has set us free and says that we are now slaves to Christ. We are now bound in baptism to the gospel truths - love for all, equality for all, grace for all. That means, as a Christian, we are not free to advocate hate, prejudice, injustice, or inequality. To do so is to deny and despise all that the cross of Christ stood to

defeat.

The 400-year-old virus of racism in our country is a fierce infection. It's one we have sought to defeat from time to time, but it's a stubborn illness. And now it flares again. I've been pondering a saying from Martin Luther King, "Riots are the language of the unheard."

I don't know that this definition applies across the board in what we are seeing now, but it sure seems that many people do feel voiceless, powerless, and hopeless. Other people are just flat-out angry. What are they angry about? Probably a long list, some of which may contradict each other.

As a church, we have a word to speak in the midst of this chaos. Find your way to speak. Write a letter to your government representatives. Pray. Engage in peaceful protest. Talk to a relative or neighbor about what's going on. Participate in worship and prayer groups. However, the Spirit calls you, step up. We are Church together for the sake of the world. Blaze, Spirit, blaze!
Stay strong. Remain prayerful. Christ is with us!

Pastor Mary

Festival of The Holy Trinity-- Worship June 7, 2020

This Sunday, June 7th, the worship service will be recorded earlier in the week and then will be available on our website for you to watch Sunday morning. So, no zooming in and obviously no zoom coffee hour. Our guest preacher for Sunday will be Bishop Elizabeth Eaton who provided a sermon for this day to communicate with the whole church and to give a little sabbath for all preachers and worship producers. We are glad to give our Zoom Team a weekend off and thank them all for all their work during this time of quarantine.

We'll remind you again in the Friday Bridge. Pastor Anderson will be leading all the other parts of the service along with a few worship assistants.

THE COMMEMORATIVE TREE IS PLANTED!

Thanks to all who came out on Saturday (Vigil of Pentecost) to help us plant and bless the red camellia tree remembering "The Known and Unknown Victims of COVID-19." We are working to place a small sign by the tree so all who walk and bike by will know its story.

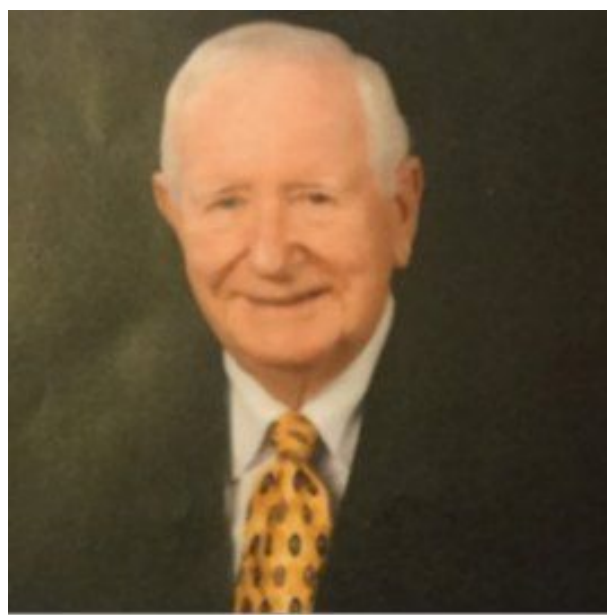
[Click here](#) to read the Liturgy for this ceremony.



- *The family and friends of Judy Johnson**
- *Pastor Anderson's friend at the sudden death of his son, Harry**
- *All medical personnel**
- *Essential workers supporting us all**
- *All suffering from loneliness, depression or anxiety**
- *All out of work and financially stressed**

**A Memorial Service for
Robert F. Harding
May 27, 1926 - April 28, 2020**

will be held on Friday, June 5th at 3 PM
at Faith Lutheran Church,
West Columbia, SC.
Pastor Anderson will preside at this
service.



His partner, Vermelle Lawson, asks for
your prayers as she and a small
group of family and friends commend Bob
to God in this worship time
together. Peace to his memory! We miss you!



**Thank you again for your faithful contributions!
We so appreciate all who took the time and effort to send in your contributions
in many ways!**

**Sunday, May 31 was the 5th sunday in the month of May, so financial reports
will be available the week of June 8, 2020. We will share highlights with you
next week.**

Remember, you can send 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 by using the "Give" button.
- Donate via Vanco at vancopayments.com

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

Now that we have elected a Call Committee with Wayne Sebulsky as the leader of that Team, the next step in our Call Process is a congregational meeting with Bishop Yoos and Assistant to the Bishop, Ginny Aibescher.

You are invited to attend a "Spirit Led Time of Renewal" meeting that will be hosted via Zoom on June 17 at 6:30pm. Mark your calendars!

Watch your mailboxes this week for a letter that contains Zoom instructions, as well as Devotion material and Survey Questions that will be used during the meeting.

We request that you record your thoughts on the Devotion and Survey Questions and return to the Christ Lutheran Office in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. This is intended to be an ANONYMOUS survey, so please, DO NOT write your name on your responses. Results will be collated and shared with the congregation. While there is one questionnaire in the packet, if you are a two or more person household, we ask that you take the time to record your individual thoughts and send in the same envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Reynolds, reynoldsglcp@yahoo.com or 678-643-6261

Update from our Service Ministry

Once more the Service Ministry team will host a dual food collection drive by at the church on Tuesday, June 9th. As a congregation we continue to support the Deep Well Project food pantry and our own Little Food Pantry. John and I will be in the shadiest part of the church parking lot from 9 to 11am on Monday, June 8th. Please help us support these vital ministries that directly support our Hilton Head Island neighbors!
Chris Wilcox



Items needed at Deep Well:

Diapers (sizes 4/5/6)
Baby Wipes
Sunscreen
Band-Aids
Other over the counter 1st Aid items
Deodorant
Canned tomatoes/canned or diced
granola bars

Items needed for LFP:

Canned meats/tuna/salmon
Paper products--TP, paper towels,
Kleenex, napkins
Household items: small detergent,
soap, liquid soap, sanitizers, cleaning
supplies
Personal items: Shampoo, conditioner
combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste,
deodorant, etc.
Snack items - crackers,

Canned fruit

Thank you for your generosity!