



THRIVING FAMILY WORSHIP

MAY 9, 2021
10:30 AM



In Our Prayers



REJOICING

We give thanks and praise to God that our Payroll Protection loan has been forgiven.

We thank God for the gift of mothers who gave birth to us; may they experience God's love on this Mother's Day.

ASKING

We pray for peace and comfort for those who struggle with alienated relationships or unmet expectations on Mother's day.

We ask for God's guidance for Young Adults as they come home from college and move into summer jobs and plans.

We pray for continued healing for Floyd Hansel as he recovers from a pulmonary embolism.

We pray for Jeff Lundstrom recovering from knee replacement surgery.

CALLING

We are thankful for restaurant workers. We pray that their health will be guarded and that they will be blessed as they serve.

We are thankful for Terry and Diane Gland as they serve God and our congregation by bringing people to worship and picking up donuts each week.

SERVING

We pray for next week's Food Packing Event. We ask for God's joy and blessings to rain down on all who provide and receive these 100,000 meals.

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church; happy Mothers Day! Today we continue the message series "Thriving Worship" as we focus on the scripture reading. We read publicly from God's Word, so that everyone hears His incredible story and invitation to be part of His family, because of what Jesus has done. For some, such a reading may actually be the first time they have heard the story. For others, the story is not new, but it is loved. It is a story to be treasured, for mothers and fathers to teach their children. When you know the great story of God's Word, you discover the ultimate story God is writing in your life. *"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."* (Romans 15:4)

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SONGS

DON'T EVER STOP

Whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is light
Lead me in the way everlasting, don't ever stop, don't ever stop

You alone I will seek with all my heart
Set my eyes, set my mind upon Your Word
Jesus, You are the way, You are the way, and I will follow
You are the way, the only way, and I will follow

Whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is light
Lead me in the way everlasting, don't ever stop, don't ever stop

I will walk in the path of Your commands
In the strength of Your name, God, I will live
Jesus, You are the way, You are the way, and I will follow
You are the way, the only way, and I will follow

Whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is light
Lead me in the way everlasting, don't ever stop, don't ever stop

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I don't want to live outside Your ways
I don't want to miss Your heart for me
You're the way, You're the way
(REPEAT 2X)

Whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is light
Lead me in the way everlasting, don't ever stop, don't ever stop
(REPEAT)

GOD SO LOVED

Come, all you weary. come, all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more
Come all you sinners, come, find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms, see His open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell, forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love
Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love, His amazing love

(continued)

For God so loved the world that He gave us
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING

1 TIMOTHY 4:6-16

Reader: In First Timothy, the fourth chapter, Christians are commanded to devote themselves to the public reading of scripture, preaching, and teaching.

⁶ If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. ¹⁰ That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

¹¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

¹⁵ Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. ¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE CHERI SELANDER

MESSAGE

**GOD'S WORD: KNOW THE GREAT STORY
PASTOR RICHARD BURKEY**

WE PREPARE FOR COMMUNION

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak, but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me, He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; *(continued)*

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Preparation

As I prepare to receive Communion, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil. Enable me by Your Spirit to always abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to walk away from You. Amen.

What we believe about Holy Communion...

We believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: One God, Three Persons.

We believe that we are sinful, in need of grace, and want to do better.

We believe, as Jesus said, that the bread and wine are truly and physically His body and His blood, which is the ultimate mystery of faith.

BENEDICTION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

COME TASTE AND SEE

Come taste and see that the Lord is good, His love for me never runs out
Come taste and see that the Lord is good, He is good

Come now and drink and be satisfied, forgiveness overflowing
Come now and drink and you will find He's always good, God, You're always good

Just one word, just one touch from You and I believe
That You love me and You are for me
And You hold nothing back from me

Come taste and see that the Lord is good, come sit at the table of mercy
Come taste and see that the Lord is good, He is good, God, You're always good

Just one word, just one touch from You and I believe
That You love me and You are for me and You hold nothing back from me

And I'll never walk away the same, I'll never walk away the same
My heart forever rearranged by Your love, by Your love
I'll never walk away the same, I'll never walk away the same
My heart forever rearranged by Your love, by Your love

Just one word, just one touch from You and I believe

COME THOU FOUNT (MY RESTLESS HEART)

My restless heart finds rest in You
My restless heart finds rest in You

Come Thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of Thy redeeming love

'Til this time Your love has blessed me You have brought me to this place
And I know Your hand will bring me safely home by Your good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger bought me with His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart oh take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

My restless heart finds rest in You O, my restless heart finds rest in You
Jesus, my restless heart finds rest in You O, my restless heart finds rest in You

Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above
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MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

Thriving Worship God's Word: Know the Great Story

May 9, 2021

Introduction: The Bible Tells Me So.

***Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture ...
(1 Timothy 4:13a)***

1. God's Word teaches us who we are.

Deuteronomy 31:11-12 ¹¹ When all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. ¹² Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.

1 Thessalonians 5:27 I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters

2. God's Word teaches us what to do.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

3. God's Word shares God's story with all.

1 Timothy 4:10 That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

1 Timothy 4:16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Conclusion: Upper Story / Lower Story.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

G.P.S. – GROW, PRAY, STUDY GUIDE

Get the weekly GPS on your computer/phone/etc. by going to the site: www.clcm-gps.com. You can also get automatic notifications by sending a text to 81010 with the text @clcm-gps, or by subscribing through Feedly.com (or any other RSS reader).

Day 1: Read *Deuteronomy 31:11-12*. When do you (and your family) spend time in God's Word? How is that working for you? What habits do you need to affirm and/or change?

Day 2: Read *1 Thessalonians 5:27*. Paul realizes that when you know who you are you will know what to do. What has God been saying to you about who you are and what you are to do through His Word?

Day 3: Read *Psalms 119:105*. Where is God leading you through His Word? What path is His light shining on in your life? What next step will you take?

Day 4: Read *Romans 15:4*. Besides *Romans 15:4*, what other Bible passages and stories teach you endurance and encouragement? What reminders can you place in your life to remember God's Word for you? (One example -- writing a verse on a 3x5 card and placing it where you can see it every day.)

Day 5: Read *1 Timothy 4:10*. The heart of God's great story is His love for all people through Jesus. For whom can you pray to know Jesus today?

Day 6: Read *1 Timothy 4:16*. Only Jesus saves! Yet Jesus has chosen people as His instruments to tell His story. When people hear God's love story, read and see God's great love story lived out, they begin to sense this incredible Savior we share. With whom is God nudging you to share His story, in your life? (You might check who you prayed for on Day 5!)

GOING DEEPER AND NEXT WEEK

Book: *The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People (Selections from the New International Version)* by Randy Frazee and Max Lucado

Next Sunday: Psalm 78:1-7 "Children's Message: Advancing Christ from Generation to Generation"



Announcements



CALL MEETING

Next Sunday, May 16, Christ Lutheran Church Ministries will hold a brief congregational call meeting during both morning worship services to affirm the extension of a call to Tessa Lohman for the first-grade position at Christ Lutheran School. Learn more about Tessa, and the search process, on the inside back cover of this bulletin.

SENIOR RECOGNITION

On May 23rd, we are celebrating Senior Recognition for those graduating from High School and College. A bulletin insert is being prepared for that day. If you have a 2021 high school graduate, please provide their name, a picture along with information of their high school, college plans and anticipated major.

For college graduates, please provide their name, college, degree earned, and any career plans. This information can be sent to lifehouse316@gmail.com.

SERVE @ HOME AND SERVE SUNDAY EVENT

It's not too late to join us in packing 100,000 meals for Su Refugio to feed hungry people in Peru through OneMeal, a program of Kids Around the World.

You can Serve @ home or participate at our Serve Sunday food packing event in the gym or on The Terrace. For those who serve at home, you will pick up supplies on May 14 and return them on May 16.

Serve Sunday is May 16 from 11:30 to 2:30.

You can sign up at <https://christlamesa.org/food-packing>. If you have questions please contact Brandon Heath at bheath@christlamesa.org.

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1st Grade Teacher Candidate

Miss Tessa Lohman

Search Committee

- Xavria Schwarz, Principal
- Travis Ferguson, Pastor of Family Connections
- Melissa Payne, Preschool Director
- Jill Kusel, Kindergarten Teacher
- Le Anna Christopher, Third Grade Teacher
- Jacob Sitze, Sixth Grade Teacher
- Tim Ripke, Apostolic Counsel & School Parent
- Dana Blackford, School Counsel & School Parent
- Emily Lieber, School Counsel & School Parent

Search Process

- Gathering of candidate names
- CMIF (Called Minister Information Form) review
- Written interview
- Zoom interview
- Reference check
- In-person visit
- Presentation of candidate to congregation

Professional Information

Education and Credential

- Concordia University – Chicago, Illinois
 - Bachelor of Arts – Early Childhood Education
 - Lutheran Teaching Certificate

Teaching Experience

- Immanuel Lutheran School – Giddings, Texas
 - Second Grade Teacher
- Zion Lutheran School – Dallas, Texas
 - Early Childhood Center

Personal Information



Tessa's family is bursting with full-time Lutheran Church Workers. Her Dad, Mom, and sister all serve in LCMS ministries.

Tessa enjoys an active lifestyle and loves hiking. She also loves being creative in the kitchen and does a lot of baking.

Tessa enjoys serving the church and God's Kingdom at large. She has been active in multiple service opportunities with Young Adult Volunteers in the LCMS.

Highlights from the Search Process



- Tessa's warmth, sincerity, and passion for teaching young children
- Her commitment to her craft of teaching – organization, communication, and growth
- Thoughtfulness in all interview responses
- Strong Spiritual habits
- Calm, consistent, and peaceful presence



Richard Burkey
Senior Pastor



Travis Ferguson
Pastor of Family
Connections



Dave Peterson
Visitation Pastor



Cheri Selander
Coordinator of
Youth Ministries



Brandon Heath
Minister to Youth



Roger Howard
Director of
Worship and Music



Kathy Barkett
Assistant Director of
Worship and Music



Xavria Schwarz
Principal,
Christ Lutheran School



Melissa Payne
Preschool Director



Stuart Gardner
Director of Community
and Communications



Robyn Richison
Church Administrator



Craig Barkett
Director of Facilities



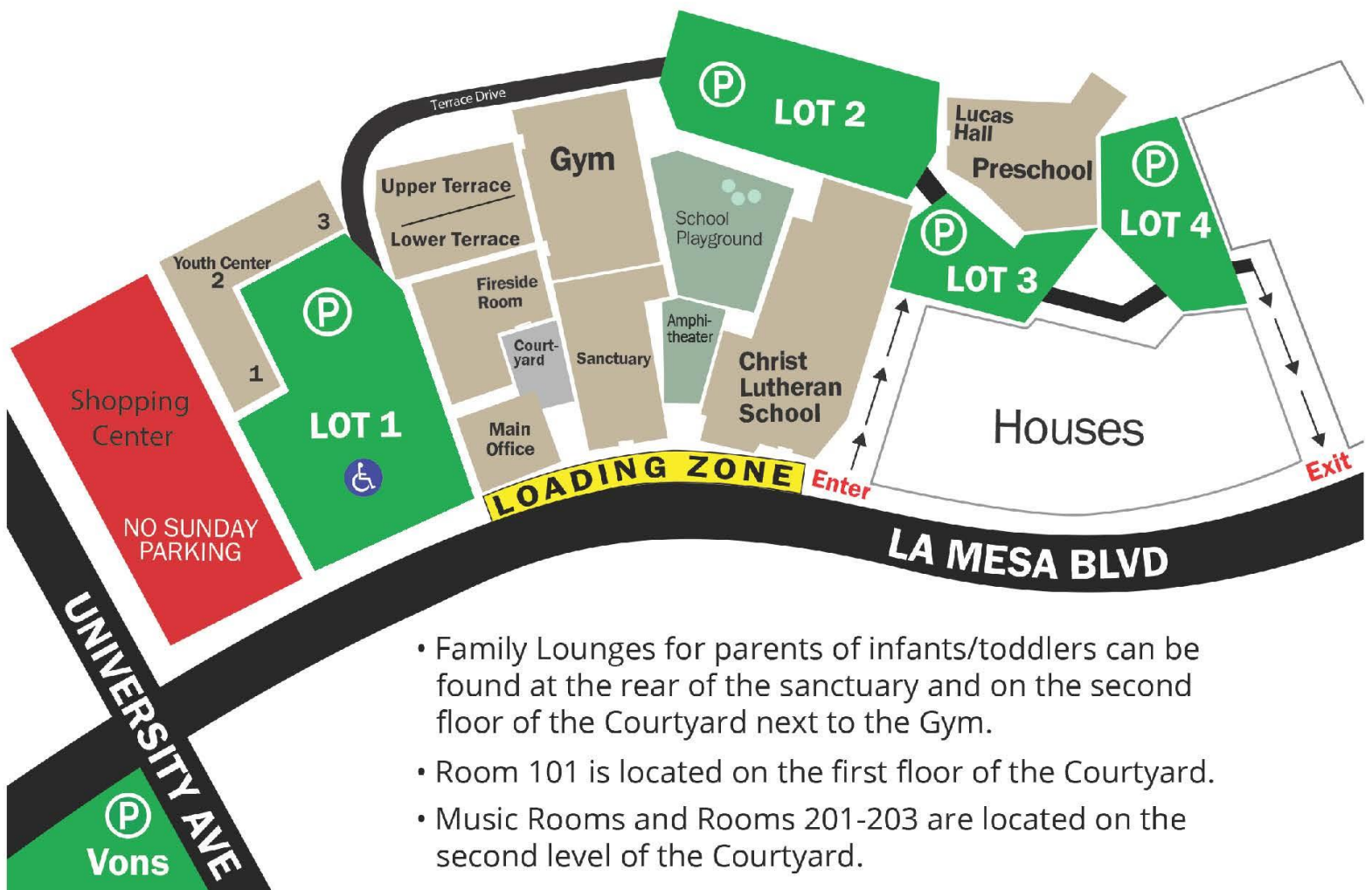
Kathy Garces
Administrative Accountant



Kathy Johnson
Worship and Music Assistant



Kim Voss
Administrative Assistant



- Family Lounges for parents of infants/toddlers can be found at the rear of the sanctuary and on the second floor of the Courtyard next to the Gym.
- Room 101 is located on the first floor of the Courtyard.
- Music Rooms and Rooms 201-203 are located on the second level of the Courtyard.