



THRIVING FAMILY WORSHIP

MAY 9, 2021
8AM



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 m

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)*

PRELUDE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS with AWESOME GOD Arr. CAROL TORNQUIST

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LSB 656, A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need that hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, and there’s none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpow’r us.
This world’s prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He’s judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him. *(continued)*

The Word they still shall let remain nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." As we worship our holy God, we must admit the darkness of our sin to Him and receive the light of His forgiveness. We take time to confess our sins in a moment of silence before Him.

[Silence for personal confession]

Leader: Merciful Father,

People: We poor sinners confess to You all our sins of thoughts, words, and actions. We have lived in the darkness of hatred toward our brothers and sisters. We have neglected the study of Your Word. We have failed to stand firm in our faith when temptations come. For the sake of Jesus, forgive our sins. Shine the light of Your love in us, that we may reflect that light to others. Amen.

Leader: First Timothy 1:15 says, "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." Everyone who trusts in Jesus, no matter how much they have sinned, receives His forgiveness. By His grace, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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. *(continued)*

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 HYMN

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

MESSAGE

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE

CH 444, I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story! I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story! I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

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.**

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Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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.

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22; COLOSSIANS 3:1

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

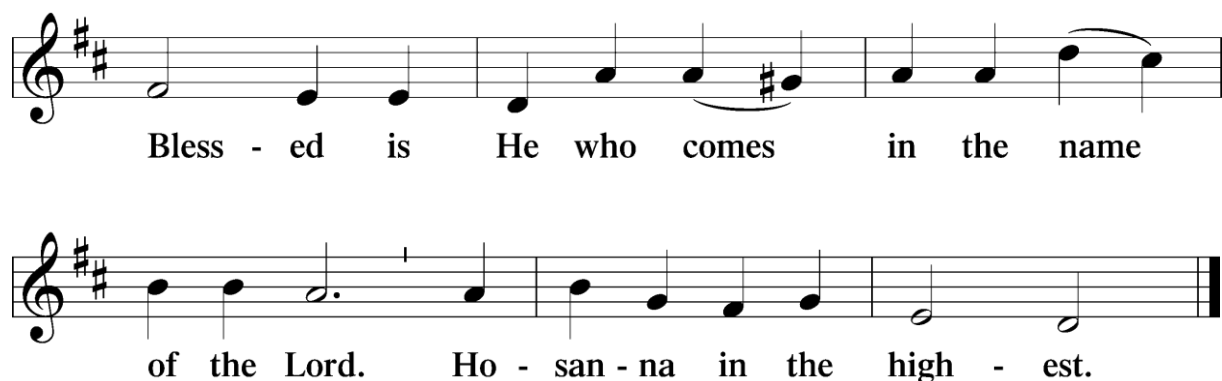
Leader: It is truly good, right, and proper to give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

ISAIAH 6:3; MATTHEW 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

MATTHEW 26:26-28

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26; MATTHEW 8:8

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus, until You come in glory.

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

JOHN 1:29; 1 CORINTHIANS. 5:7



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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

HYMN

LSB 578, THY STRONG WORD

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, while Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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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.

Psalm 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"



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.



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



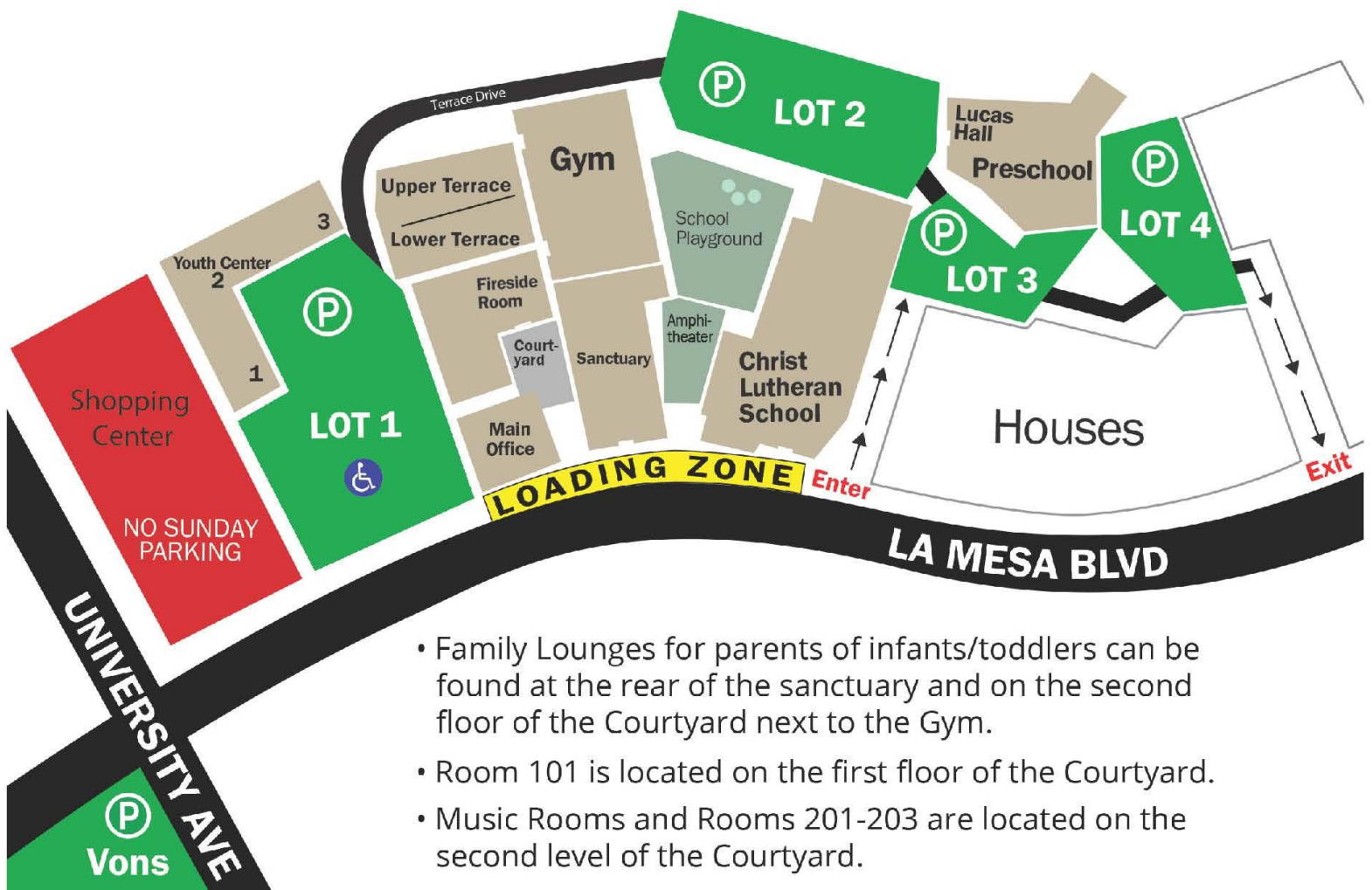
Kathy Garces
Administrative Accountant



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.