



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

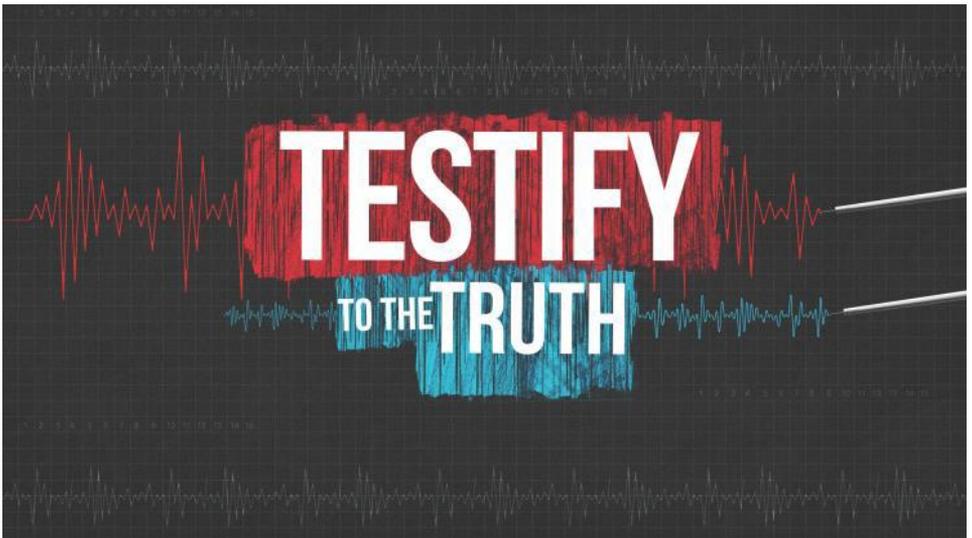
*Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...*

**Encountering God, Loving One Another,  
& Reaching the World**

*Christ the King Sunday*

*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 22, 2020*



# *Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church*

*(Congregational responses are in bold print.)*

## **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Centering Time**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen**

*(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)*

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin**

**that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.

## Gathering Hymn

## “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

- 1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2 May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our first fruits give.
- 3 The captive to release,  
to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christlike thing.
- 4 And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

**Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

# ✠ Word ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community as God speaks to us through scriptures, song and message.*

## **The First Reading: Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.  
Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Reading: John 18:28-40**

<sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Message**

**Pastor Chris Steubing**

**“Testify to the Truth”**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Response: Hear us, O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with one another.*

**Offering and**



**Presentation of Statements of Intent**

**Ways to give:**

Online Contribution: [www.csclcvh.org/tithe](http://www.csclcvh.org/tithe)

Text to Give: Text amount (without dollar sign) to  
651-409-5133

Mail to: Christ the Servant Lutheran Church,  
3676 Centerville Road, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

## Offering Hymn

“Give Thanks”

Verse Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

Chorus And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
Give thanks



## Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

## Lord's Prayer

**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;  
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**

## Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

## Sharing of the Meal

**“The body of Christ, given for you.”**

**“The blood of Christ, shed for you.”**

## Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way. **Amen**

## The Blessing

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always. **Amen**

## Sending Hymn

## “King of Kings”

Verse 1      In the darkness, we were waiting  
                 Without hope, without light  
                 'Til from Heaven You came running  
                 There was mercy in Your eyes  
                 To fulfill the law and prophets  
                 To a virgin came the Word  
                 From a throne of endless glory  
                 To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus        Praise the Father, praise the Son  
                 Praise the Spirit, three in one  
                 God of glory, Majesty  
                 Praise forever to the King of Kings

Verse 2        To reveal the kingdom coming  
                 And to reconcile the lost  
                 To redeem the whole creation  
                 You did not despise the cross  
                 For even in Your suffering  
                 You saw to the other side  
                 Knowing this was our salvation  
                 Jesus for our sake You died (Chorus)

Verse 3        And the morning that You rose  
                 All of Heaven held its breath  
                 'Til that stone was moved for good  
                 For the Lamb had conquered death  
                 And the dead rose from their tombs  
                 And the angels stood in awe  
                 For the souls of all who'd come  
                 To the Father are restored

Verse 4      And the church of Christ was born  
                  Then the Spirit lit the flame  
                  Now this gospel truth of old  
                  Shall not kneel, shall not faint  
                  By His blood and in His name  
                  In His freedom I am free  
                  For the love of Jesus Christ  
                  Who has resurrected me, oh, oh

Chorus        Praise the Father, praise the Son  
                  Praise the Spirit, three in one  
                  God of glory, Majesty  
                  Praise forever to the King of Kings

Tag            Praise forever to the King of Kings

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**Dismissal**    Beloved of God,  
                  go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
                  **Thanks be to God.**

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### **Current Prayer Requests**

*For those who are in need of healing:*

Jean Smith, Margaret Litzner, Arlene Peterson, Ron Thunhorst,  
Ann Erickson (Susan Rensted's cousin) Seevert "Bub" (Carol  
Woodward's brother), Alisha White (Loretta Markham's niece),  
Judy Johansen (Amy Buechler-Steubing's aunt).

*Prayers for our church's Council and COVID Response Team as  
they carefully and prayerfully discern the way forward for a  
rhythm of meeting and worship in our congregation.*

## **CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**ONLINE ZOOM  
THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
7:00 PM**

All are invited to participate on Zoom for this special service so that we can share in a personal, interactive worship with scripture, prayer, and conversation. All are invited to have their own piece(s) of pie ready to feast together at the close of worship! While we gather to give thanks to God, we will also have an opportunity to share our bounty with others. A financial offering for the evening will go to support the Vadnais Heights Food Shelf.

**THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT**

**Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King Sunday**

**25th Sunday after Pentecost — Stewardship Sunday**

9:00 AM - Worship / Holy Communion (Online)

10:15 AM - Fellowship Time (Zoom Link)

11:00 AM - Passionate Worship Team Mtg (Zoom)

**Monday, November 23**

**Tuesday, November 24**

8:00 AM - Free Bread Distribution

8:15 AM - Prayer Team (Zoom)

Cross & Cradle Articles Due

**Wednesday, November 25**

10:00 AM - Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom)

6:00 PM - Youth Missional Community (Zoom)

**7:00 PM - Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Zoom)**

**Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day**

**Friday, November 27**

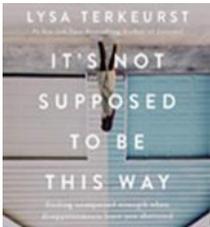
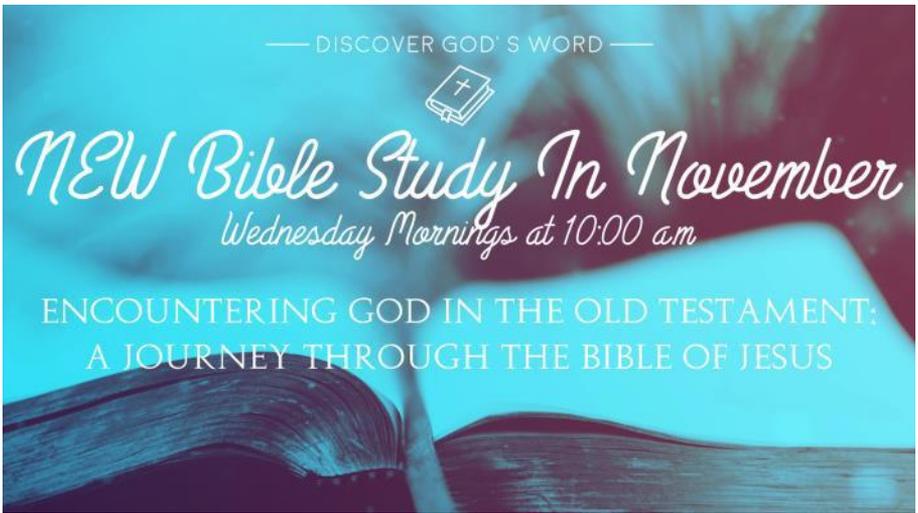
**Saturday, November 28**

10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

**Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday in Advent**

9:00 AM - Worship (Online)

10:15 AM - Fellowship Time (Zoom)



**Women's Bible Study**

**Book:** *It's Not Supposed to Be this Way*  
by Lisa TerKeurst

Final class to complete this study.

**When:** Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM—12:00PM (Zoom Link)

Contact Amy at 651-274-0966 for more information.



**Youth Missional Community**

Youth Classes are being held at 6:00PM on Wednesday evenings. Watch for future location determination for these gatherings.

RSVP to Lori Moore - 612-868-5148

[lm Moore52874@yahoo.com](mailto:lm Moore52874@yahoo.com).



**2021**

**God's Creation Calendars**

Now available for \$5 each. Contact Lois at [lois@cslcvh.org](mailto:lois@cslcvh.org) to arrange delivery or pickup. Funds will be designated to Youth Ministries.



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

As the Christmas season approaches, we are called to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Our Christmas Giving Tree will have a different look this year. Instead of gift tags requesting specific items, the school psychologist has suggested gift cards from Target, Walmart or Cub Foods. She realizes that many people are struggling and will be grateful for any donation given. She will distribute the gift cards to families as needed.

Deadline: Tuesday, December 15, 12 noon!

**SO.....**

Anyone willing and able to donate may do so by purchasing gift cards and:

- \_\_\_ Bringing them to church on Tuesday mornings 8-noon during bread distribution, or
- \_\_\_ Leave message at church (651-429-6595) to arrange delivery, or
- \_\_\_ Email [lois@cslcvh.org](mailto:lois@cslcvh.org), to arrange delivery.

OR... the team will purchase gift cards...

- \_\_\_ Donate \$\$ on our Website (click "Donate", under Community Assistance, indicate "Christmas" .
- \_\_\_ Donate cash/check which will be used to purchase gift cards.

The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Thank you and God Bless. Lois McKeag ([lois@cslcvh.org](mailto:lois@cslcvh.org))

***THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!***



GIRL SCOUTS

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church members,  
I am Kate Schloe, daughter of Tim and Jen Schloe.  
I am currently in Girl Scouts. I am a cadette working on my silver award project. For my project I decided to build a community garden. I think the church and the community would really benefit from one. This project is going to cost quite a bit of money and I need your help to get this garden up and running. The total cost is \$2,500. I would greatly appreciate it if you could help me out in any way, even if you help build. I would truly appreciate it.

Contact me with any questions. Thank you!

Kate Schloe Email: [catherineschloe@gmail.com](mailto:catherineschloe@gmail.com)



DISASTER RELIEF

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### FREE BREAD DISTRIBUTION TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday, starting about **8:00AM** or so, we will distribute the bread, as soon as the bread is delivered, and we can set up the tables. We will observe all guidelines to prevent the spread of the COVID virus...maintaining distance, wearing masks, signing in, and so forth.



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