

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

... he **humbled** himself
and became **obedient**
to the point of **death** —
even **death on a cross.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:8, NRSV



Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of
creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for
the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on
our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and
resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for
making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving
you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN - Cornerstone

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name*

Interlude

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name*

*Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong In the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all*

*When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace*

*In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil
Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong In the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne*

*Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong In the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all*

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

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING - Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not
only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on
your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at
work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good
pleasure.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - LUKE 6:43-45

The Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear
good fruit; ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do
not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble
bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of the heart
produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces
evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth
speaks.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Jon

HYMN OF THE DAY - Praise You in This Storm

*I was sure by now, God, You would have reached down
And wiped our tears away
Stepped in and saved the day, but once again
I'll say amen and it's still rainin'
As the thunder rolls I barely hear You whisper*

*Through the rain I'm with You
And as Your mercy falls I'll raise my hands
And praise the God who gives and takes away*

*And I'll praise You in this storm
And I will lift my hands for You are who You are
No matter where I am and ev'ry tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand; You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm*

*I remember when I stumbled in the wind
You heard my cry to You and raised me up again
But my strength is almost gone
How can I carry on if I can't find You
I lift my eyes unto the hills
Where does my help come from
My help comes from the Lord
The Maker of heaven and earth*

*And I'll praise You in this storm
And I will lift my hands for You are who You are
No matter where I am and ev'ry tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand; You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
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APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you. (x2)
To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.*

*Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you. (x2)*

*To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.
High and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN - Simplicity

*I come in simplicity Longing for purity To worship You in Spirit and
truth Only You Lord strip it all away 'Til only You remain I'm
coming back unto my first love Only You*

*You're the reason I sing The reason I sing Yes my heart will sing
How I love You And forever I'll sing Forever I'll sing Yes my heart
will sing How I love You*

*I come with my broken song To You the perfect One to worship
You in Spirit and truth Only You (only you) Give me a child-like
heart Lead me to where You are 'Cause I'm coming back Unto my
first love only You*

*You're the reason I sing The reason I sing Yes my heart will sing
How I love You And forever I'll sing Forever I'll sing Yes my heart
will sing How I love You*

*How I love You how I love You How I love You my first love How I
love You how I love You How I love You my first love*

*You're the reason I sing The reason I sing Yes my heart will sing
How I love You And forever I'll sing Forever I'll sing Yes my heart
will sing How I love You*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Holy One, through this meal you have made your home
among us and are making all things new. Send us now to
speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to
bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - This is Amazing Grace

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder*

*And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings
This is amazing grace This is unfailing love
That you would take my place that you would bear my cross
You laid down Your life That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

*Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory The King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory The King above all kings*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics

The attendance on Sunday, May 10 was 65. 10 attended online. This week's offerings to General Fund: \$1,494 Received online: \$867

Book Club News

The book club will next meet on Monday, June 1 at 10:30 to discuss their current read, *The Correspondent*. The book club is always welcoming new members and would like to see YOU! If you are interested in learning more speak with Mary Barlau.

Lakeview Lutheran Church Commemoration Worship

As our partners at Lakeview Lutheran Church prepare to leave their building in June we are planning a joint worship service to give thanks with them on Sunday, June 14. In order to know how much food to prepare for the gathering to follow please RSVP to office@lakeviewlc.org or by calling 651-484-1465.

CSLC Night at the Twins

Our annual CSLC outing to see our hometown heroes the Minnesota Twins play is just around the corner! Sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Cost is \$53. Make checks payable to CSLC.

Did You Know?

CSLC participates in a program called Simply Giving® that allows members to set up recurring contributions directly from a savings or checking account with zero fees to the church. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk. If you have questions about the program, contact Mark at office@cslcvh.org.

Prayer Ministry

Our prayer ministry team meets Wednesdays at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome to join us! Or if you have prayer requests that you want us to pray for when we meet, please send them to Sandy Meyer at meyersao@aol.com. Why have we started a prayer ministry? Because persistent prayer cultivates endurance and hope. When we pray consistently, we anchor ourselves in God's promises, combating discouragement and doubt. For those we pray for, our intercession becomes a lifeline, reminding them – whether they know it or not – that God is near.

Coordinator needed for 2026 Pumpkin Patch

Want to help your church family in a big way? We are searching for a new coordinator (or share the responsibility?) for this year's Pumpkin Patch fundraiser in October. See Sue Woehrle with questions about this opportunity.

Communion Assistants Needed

Just as Jesus served his disciples at the last supper on Maundy Thursday, you too have the opportunity to serve. Consider serving as a communion assistant one Sunday a month. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

UPCOMING DATES:

- June 1 Book Club - 10:30 AM
- June 14 Joint Worship at Lakeview Lutheran - 2:00 PM
- June 24 CSLC Night at the Twins

- July 5 Outdoor Worship & Family Fun Day

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - Bible Study
9:00 AM - Worship
10:00 AM - Care of Creation Team
10:00 AM - Fellowship
11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School
12:30 PM - EFLC Worship
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

Monday, May 18

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery
12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)
7:00 PM - Meadowbrook Townhome Assoc.

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)
8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)
6:30 PM - AA (FH)

Wednesday, May 20

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM - Youth
7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Thursday, May 21

6:00 PM - Church Council Meeting

Friday, May 22

5:30 PM - EF Choir Rehearsal (Class A)

Saturday, May 23

11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost

8:00 AM - Bible Study
9:00 AM - Worship
10:00 AM - Fellowship
11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School
12:30 PM - EFLC Worship
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

Today: Sunday, May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM - Fellowship
10:45 AM - Worship
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

Monday, May 18

6:30 PM - Finance Meeting
7:00 AM - AA

Tuesday, May 19

6:30 PM - Council Meeting

Thursday, May 21

7-8:30 PM - Girl Scouts

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost

10:00 AM - Fellowship
10:45 AM - Worship
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Katie Wright
Ushers: Gary Splittstoesser
Reader: Carol Lee
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony
Communion Assistants: OPEN
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers: Sandy Johnson
Bread Pickup: Mike Woehrle
Counters: Linda Wigdahl, Sue Woehrle

PRAYER REQUESTS...


We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:
Crystal (daughter in law of Linda S.), Peter S. and family as they mourn the loss of his brother, Sarah K., Michelle & Ken K., Bill H., Carol W., Tony L., Mark (brother of Sarah K.) Michelle, (Sister of Linda W.), Eileen S., Emily B., Mary-Kay L., Laiden S., Karen R., Sharon G., Brian I, Katie W., Steve, Paul S., Brian, Roger K., Carol L., Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Patty W. (sister of Mike W.)

(Please call the church office with prayer concerns or updates.)

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