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Dear Fellow Members of the Body of Christ,

Our worship for this month begins on July 4th. Always there are questions as to how do I or should I separate religion from politics. Two topics we learned as children not to talk about with friends or even family. Our nation has been so divided over the past few years and that has spilled over into our religious beliefs.

Confusion between politics and medicine were also heightened during the COVID-19 pandemic. So where is God in these talks of government verses religion?

Luther's thought of the two worlds we live in comes to mind. They are the spiritual and the everyday world in which we live. Luther felt that it was important to learn to live into both worlds as God is present in each. God created this wonderful world in which we reside. God also created government to protect us and keep good order. And of course, God wants us to ultimately love and serve Him.

The assigned lectionary Gospel for the 4th is from the 6th Chapter of Mark, verses 1-13. Jesus is not recognized, in his hometown, as the Messiah, the Son of God. The people there knew him as the carpenter's son and failed to see His power. The next section of Scripture has Jesus sending out the twelve disciples. They are charged to go out and proclaim that all should repent for the Kingdom of God is near. How did Jesus and his disciples handle the rejection that they encountered on their mission? How do we handle living in both worlds today? Where is God in the midst of our struggle of religion verses politics?

The Holy Spirit is right there in the middle of those questions. The Spirit operates in the "in between". The Holy Spirit is between Jesus and His Father, between Jesus and His disciples, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those who are different than we are. He intercedes on our behalf when we are confused about what to do and what to believe. The Spirit always leads us to God and asks us the question, "What would Jesus Do?" It is through the Holy Spirit that we come to know God and His will for us.

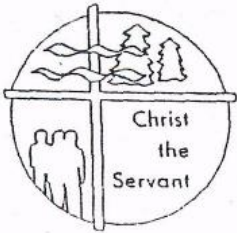
So this summer, I urge you to listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit in all you do and say. Come to Christ the Servant on Sunday mornings and worship the Lord and Savior with us. The Spirit will touch you in ways you can only imagine, so you too can live into the fullness of life and the promise of eternal life, through Jesus Christ.

God's Peace to You,

Pastor Gwen



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Office Hours for Pastor - July 2021

July 5th	No Office Hours
July 7th	2:00-5:30 pm
July 12th	1:00-4:00 pm
July 14th	2:00-5:30 pm
July 19th	1:00-4:00 pm
July 21st	2:00-5:30 pm
July 26th	1:00-4:00 pm
July 28th	2:00-5:30 pm

Women's Quilting Group—Monday

June 5th	No Quilting
July 12th	10:30 am
July 19th	10:30 am
July 26th	10:30 am

Make a Difference this Summer

Mentor someone.

Avoid plastic bags for a month. If you can create the habit, avoid them for a year.

Save an hour's electricity, than your usual consumption, every day.

Do not waste leftovers for a week. Save food. At the end of the week, you would have learnt to cook adequately, not more than what you need.

Make a list of things you are grateful for, at the end of the day. How do you feel when you thank God for those? Write your feelings in your diary.

When you wake up, count the number of people who would be happy to see you. Call one of them randomly to say "Good Morning."

Got some talent? Share it!

Volunteer!

Plant a tree (sapling) in your backyard.

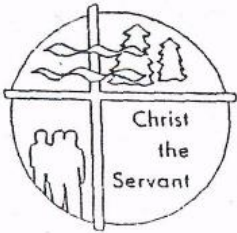
Bake cookies for a relative whom you have not met in a year. Surprise him/her.

Gift a tree (sapling) to your best friend on his/her birthday.

1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives. You can save 3 lives if you choose to donate blood.



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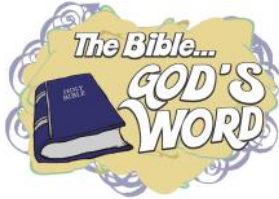
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July Bible Readings

July 4th—6th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel Lesson Mark 6:1-13

July 11th—7th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Lesson Mark 6:14-29

July 18th—8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Second Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Lesson Mark 6:30-23, 53-56

July 25th—Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Second Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel Lesson John 6:1-21

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed... James 5:16.

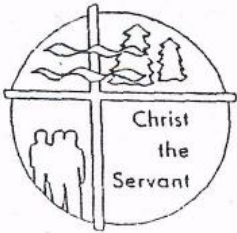
Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Tom, Sheila, Ann, Joan, Dina, Joen, Megan, and Kris.

Military - Anton, Allesa Marrie and Natalie.

CTS Church Council, Men's Group, WELCA, Quilting Ministry, Adult Bible Studies, CTS Youth, AIDS orphans in Malawi, Hunger and poverty in the world, and those struggling with the Coronavirus.

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Important Information

Farmer's Market started on May 26 and will go every Wednesday until sometime in October. The hours are 2:00 to 5:30 pm.



Men's group is on vacation until after Labor Day.

Bible study- We will resume with a new study after Labor Day.

We are looking for pictures of functions at Christ the Servant. Barb Lofthus has been putting together our history and has found that we have very few pictures from the last ten years. If you would like to share things like: picnic, VBS, Sunday School, funerals, groups of our people working events outside of our building, USPS food drive, parade floats, Lego day, etc. Please email them to our church ctslutheranpf@gmail.com. Older pictures will also be accepted in printed form.



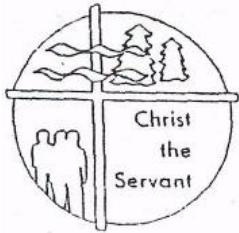
Mark your Calendars for August 1st Flambeau Rama Worship. We will be once again taking part in Flambeau Rama this year by providing worship for the community. It is an ecumenical service with wonderful music from Tammy and Jason Hastings. Christ the Servant will be leading worship including providing Holy Communion. I have invited all the church to join us. So there will be friends of different faiths, good music, a children's sermon and Holy Communion. So don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to join together in this ecumenical experience. There will be no worship at CTS that morning, so please plan to join us under the big tent at Flambeau Rama!

Save the date—The annual church picnic at Christ the Servant is back. August 29th is the date. Food and fun after worship where we will bless the backpacks and the teachers as they return to school the next week.

The church council has made a decision to move our noisy offerings from Aids Orphans in Malawi to two new causes. The collected change offering will now be divided between ELCA Good Gifts and Luther Park our synod camp in Chetek. Any questions please ask a council member or Pastor Gwen.



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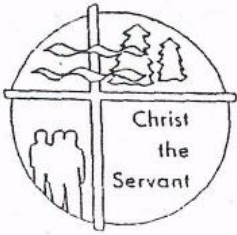


Interesting Fourth of July Facts

1. On the very first 4th of July in 1776, America was home to only 2.5 million citizens. Today, it is home to over 326 million.
2. Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe all died on July Fourth.
3. Only John Hancock and Secretary of Congress Charles Thomson signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Others signed the document on August 2.
4. Americans consume more hot dogs on the 4th of July than on any other day of the year. Experts estimate that Americans eat 155 million hot dogs on July 4. That's enough to stretch across the U.S. more than five times.
5. July 4 was not established as a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation's founding.
6. Two signers of the Declaration of Independence would later go on to serve as President of the United States: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. They would both also die on the same day: July 4, 1826, only hours apart from each other.
7. The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence took place on July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia, PA, after the ringing of the Liberty Bell.
8. Only one U.S. president, Calvin Coolidge, was born on July 4.
9. The Philippines has a reason to celebrate independence on July 4 too. On that day in 1946, they signed the Treaty of Manila, gaining their independence from the United States.
10. Other countries, including Denmark, England, Norway, Portugal, and Sweden, also celebrate the Fourth of July, welcoming American tourists into their countries.
11. The original draft of the Declaration of Independence went missing and remains lost to history.
12. Fifty-nine places in the U.S. include the word "liberty" in their name. The state of Pennsylvania has the most cities, counties, townships, and villages that use the word liberty, at 11.
13. To honor the 13 original colonies, every July 4, the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not rung).



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Worship Volunteer Schedule July—September 2021

Date	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Greeter/Usher
July 4th	Liz Carpenter		Liz Carpenter	
July 11th	Mary Rusch		Mary Rusch	
July 18th	Chuck Schindhelm		Chuck & Barb Schindhelm	
July 25th				Chuck & Barb Schindhelm
August 1st	Flambeau	Rama		
August 8th	Mary Rusch			
August 15th				
August 22nd	Barb Schindhelm		Chuck & Barb Schindhelm	
August 29th				—+ -*
September 5th				
September 12th	Mary Rusch			
September 19th				
September 26th			Mary Rusch & David Shaw	Mary Rusch & David Shaw

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