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Dear Fellow Members of the Body of Christ,

God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

It has been quite some time since we have said those words to each other in a gathering. And with the corona virus still raising havoc, it might be even longer until we can unite again for fellowship at Christ the Servant. Yet, that does not mean that those statements are not true. God is good. There is never a time when He is not present in our lives. Yes, we might try to distance ourselves from Him when we are sinful and ashamed, but He will stand by our side in any circumstance. And that is why I know that God has not left us to fend for ourselves during this pandemic.

It is perfectly human to wonder why this Covid-19 is happening to the world. It is perfectly human to wonder why God does not come forward and just solve this mess once and for all. Fear seems ever present when you turn the TV on, pick up a newspaper (does anyone do that anymore?), or go on some form of social media. It is simply hard to get away from something COVID!

And so I urge you to spend time in God's Word. What a wonderful break we have from our "regular daily lives" to spend time reading the Scriptures. God comes to us in Word and Sacrament. When we read his Word, God is present to us in a special way. Through our reading, the Holy Spirit comes into us and makes us aware that with God all things are possible. We learn who God is and how He works in His creation. So please use this time to read the Bible. It is the greatest book ever written. And maybe, just maybe, the grip the media has on us over this COVID-19 pandemic will lessen its hold. Read, relax and enjoy God's Good News!

I continue to pray for each one of you and that we can be together to worship our Lord and Savior soon at Christ the Servant.

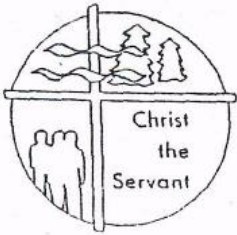
Stay healthy!

In the Joy of the Risen Jesus,

Pastor Gwen



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Office Hours for Pastor - May

Available for Silent Prayer, Confession and Holy Communion

May 3rd	9:30 - 11:00 am
May 4th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
May 6th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
May 10th	9:30 - 11:00 am
May 11th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
May 13th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
May 17th	9:30 - 11:00 am
May 18th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
May 20th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
May 24th	9:30 - 11:00 am
May 25th	No Office Hours
May 27th	1:00 - 4:00 pm

May's Bible Readings

May 3, 2020

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10: 1-10

May 24, 2020

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 10, 2020

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2: 2-10
John 14: 1-14

May 31, 2020

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20: 19-23

May 17, 2020

Acts 17: 22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3: 13-22
John 14:15-21

Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

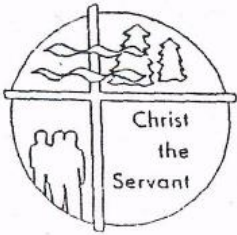
Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Nancy, Tom, Jim, Pete, Greg, Ronnie, Pat, Carol and Kris

Military - Anton, Allesia 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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Church News:

Church Council: Meeting will take place on Zoom on Sunday May 17th at 11AM.

Confirmation: Confirmation class will be May 6th and May 13th at 3PM.

AA Meetings: AA will gather on Tuesdays at 7PM and Fridays at 6PM during the month of May.

Pending COVID Gathering Restrictions

Pentecost Service, May 31st:

We will be celebrating with a Pentecost Service at 9:30AM at the Church. Rev Randy Olson, from the bishops office, will be sharing a message during service. A liturgical Lutheran Potluck will follow service. Please wear red to worship and bring red food to eat to celebrate Pentecost.



Spring cleaning of the church property will happen after the Potluck on May 31st, weather permitting. More details to follow.



Farmer's Market: The market will open on Wednesday, June 3rd from 2-5:15PM.

A Mother's Hands...

Reach out to bless her children and
reach up to praise the Lord.
They're always loving, often praying, and
Ever giving more than she keeps to herself.
A mother's hands may tire,
But they never expire in their efforts
to do good for those she loves.
A mother's hands may age,
but her influence lasts forever.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the LORD.
Psalms 134:2

Mother's Day Communion and Brunch

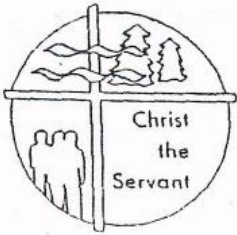
We will celebrate Holy Communion on May 10th from 10:30-11:00AM. Please listen to worship on Facebook, followed by the Words of Institution. Drive through for communion. Mother's Day Brunch will then be passed out to those that placed orders.

Mother's Day Brunch will include:

- ◆ Eggs
- ◆ Bacon
- ◆ Cheesy Hashbrowns
- ◆ Fruit
- ◆ Roll

Cost for brunch will be \$12. Please order in advance by calling Patty Tarras at 715-558-0797 or emailing her at pttarras@cheqnet.net before May 6th.

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Pastor Gwen's Office Hours:

Sunday: 9:30-11AM

Monday & Wednesday: 1-4PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>May Day</i> 	2 Send a card or letter to someone. 
3 Make a list of what you are thankful for.	4 Read a book. 	5 <i>Stop to look at the sky.</i> Notice the wonders of the clouds or stars.	6 National Nurses Day!! Give a big thank you to our nurses.	7 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	8 smile at everyone you see.	9 <i>Support a local business.</i>
10 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> 10:30-11AM Drive Up Communion 	11 Talk a walk outside. Enjoy the beauty around us.	12 Say hello to a stranger.	13 <i>Reward yourself.</i> You deserve it!!	14 <i>Drink Extra Water.</i>	15 <i>Chocolate Chip Day.</i>  Have them with your pancakes, cookies or ice cream.	16 Do something nice for your neighbors.
17 Read your favorite Bible passage.	18 <i>Visit with a relative.</i> 	19 Organize a closet, drawer or space.	20 <i>WATCH THE SUNRISE OR THE SUNSET.</i>	21 <i>Treat everyone with kindness including yourself.</i>	22 Spend time outside.	23 Watch your favorite movie. 
24 Spend some time in prayer. 	25 <i>Memorial Day.</i> 	26 <i>Support a local restaurant.</i>	27 <i>Wear your favorite color.</i>	28 National Hamburger Day 	29 <i>Do something active today for at least 15 minutes.</i>	30 Forgive someone or yourself.
31 9:30AM Pentecost Worship and Potluck						

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