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Dear Friends in Christ,

What a whirlwind life has become. COVID-19 has changed life as we knew and loved it. Fear is running rampant in our country and world. I told someone yesterday on the phone that there is more liquid paper or white out on my calendar than ink. Change comes every day to a new aspect of life.

One thing that I do know is that while fear, uncertainty and worry are an ever-present emotions for most people, God love's will never cease. Over and over in my life I have seen evidence of how He is still working in my life and the lives of those that I love and care for. In fact, often times it is easier to see God's hand at work when times are tough.

Who would have guessed that Ford motor company would be making ventilators and respirators using the fans from their cars? Who would have guessed that Duluth Frost River would be able to make masks for medical professionals instead of their backpack bags? As I am writing this, there are several wonderful women in our congregation making masks for the workers at The Lord's Cupboard and Marshfield Clinic workers. The old saying, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going" comes to mind. But the reality is that when there is a need, God's people will step up to fill it, thus showing God's love for others. We do not help others to get credit or get rich. We are mirroring the love God had for us when He sent his only son to die for us.

Even with the death and disruption of COVID-19, I pray that we will continue to see God's love evident in His people. So fear not, but rather be a blessing! And who knows instead of Christmas in July, we may be celebrating Easter in July this year as we are all resurrected to new life in Christ Jesus.

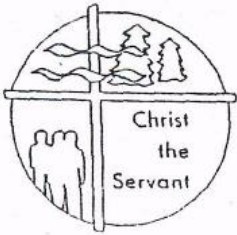
May the Love of God Surround You,

Pastor Gwen

**when my
heart is
overwhelmed,
lead me to the
rock that is
higher than i.**

PSALM 61:2

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Office Hours for Pastor - April

Available for Silent Prayer, Confession
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April 1st	1:00 - 4:00 pm
April 5th	9:30 - 11:00 am
April 6th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
April 8th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
April 12th	9:30 - 11:00 am
April 13th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
April 15th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
April 19th	9:30 - 11:00 am
April 20th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
April 22nd	1:00 - 4:00 pm
April 26th	9:30 - 11:00 am
April 27th	1:00 - 4:00 pm

April Bible Readings

April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

John 12:12-19

April 12, 2020 — Easter Sunday

Hosea 6:1-3

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Matthew 28:1-10

April 19, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

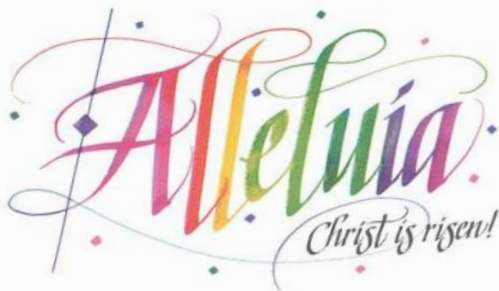
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Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35



Please remember these people and requests in your prayers.

Health/ Concerns: Dale, Scott, Margaret, Nancy, Tom, Darlene, Jim, Pete, Betty, Terry, Family of Diane Wagner, Butch, Amanda. and Family of Glen Cowling.

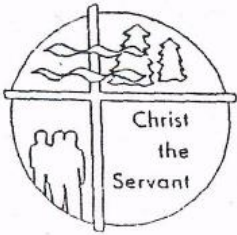
Military - Anton, Andrew, Allea Marrie and Natalie.

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.

And whatever
you ask in prayer,
you will receive,
if you have faith.

[Matthew 21:22]

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The Parable of the Butterfly

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

As a butterfly soared overhead, one caterpillar said to the other, "You'll never get me up in one of those things."

Yet for every caterpillar, the time comes when the urge to eat and grow subsides and he instinctively begins to form a chrysalis around himself. The chrysalis hardens and you'd think for all the world that the caterpillar is dead.

But one spring morning the life inside the chrysalis begins to writhe, the top cracks open, and a beautifully-formed butterfly emerges. For hours it will stand stretching and drying its wings, moving them slowly up and down, up and down. And then, before you know it, the butterfly glides aloft, effortlessly riding the currents of the air, alighting on flower after gorgeous flower, as if to show off its vivid colors to the bright blossoms.

Somehow, the miracle of the butterfly never loses its fascination for us. Perhaps because the butterfly is a living parable of the promise of resurrection.

On Easter morning, the disciples saw Jesus' graveclothes lying on the cold slab still wrapped round and round the corpse. Only the corpse was gone, much like an empty chrysalis deserted by a butterfly who has left to soar free. "He is risen as He said," an angel told the incredulous disciples. Later that day he appeared to the disciples, and then, over the course of the next few weeks, to as many as five hundred people at one time. Even "Doubting Thomas" didn't doubt for long that Jesus was really risen from the dead.



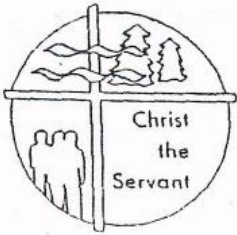
A few weeks ago, I lost a friend who had become dear to me. Where she had been so full of life, now her body lay still, composed ever-so-carefully by the morticians. I looked at her and thought about my own mortality. One day I too, like her, may fight a losing battle with pain, and die.

What do we Christians say in the face of death? There are many mysteries, but two things we know for sure. First, death is an enemy. Away with the sentimentality that vainly seeks to disguise death's insult! But second, and more important, Jesus' resurrection from the grave is God's proof to us that death is not the end. The empty tomb and Jesus' Spirit within us testify that Easter morning is God's triumph over death. And ultimately, Jesus promised, God will raise from the dead us who believe in His Son.

Why do Christians gather on Easter morning? To show off their fine clothes or give a ritual tip of the hat to religion? God forbid! Rather we gather to celebrate Jesus' victory over death itself. For since He is our Lord and our Savior, His victory is our victory. In celebrating His resurrection, we celebrate our own assurance of ultimate triumph over death.

Join us this Easter as we celebrate Life! And if you look closely Easter morning, you might even see a butterfly alight on the lilies.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 National Walking Day. Take a walk outside.	2 National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day... Enjoy a PB&J. 	3 Read the bible.	4 National Vitamin C Day. Make sure to take some extra.
5 Palm Sunday- Read John 12:12-19 	6 Enjoy your favorite hobby.	7 No Housework Day...take the day off.	8 Call a family member. 	9 Maundy Thursday—share a meal with someone.	10 Good Friday- Read John 18:1-19:42 	11 Spend time with a pet.
12 Easter Sunday- Read Matthew 28:1-10 	13 WATCH THE SUNRISE OR THE SUNSET.	14 Look up at the sky. Be amazed at the wonders of the Lord.	15 Bake a delicious treat. 	16 Write a letter. 	17 Pray for a family member.	18 Listen to music. 
19 Read your favorite bible passage.	20 READ A BOOK. 	21 Organize a closet, room or drawer.	22 EARTH DAY Happy Earth Day 	23 Enjoy a meal outside or have an inside picnic.	24 Thank 3 people you're are grateful for and tell them why.	25 Work on a Puzzle 
26 Go to bed early. 	27 Tell a Story Day. Share a story with a friend.	28 Read the bible. 	29 Look for a robin outside.	30 Do something nice for someone else.		

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