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# ***The Cornerstone***

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## **WATCH ONLINE FROM ANYWHERE**

We continue to live stream the 8:15 services on the CTR Facebook page and website.



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Trinity Sunday - June 7  
Flag Day - June 14  
Father's Day - June 21  
Independence Day - July 4



*God is Good*







Fellow Redeemed,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I want to talk about God's hedge of protection. Satan mentions this hedge when God refers to Job and regards Job as "blameless and upright". There indeed was a hedge around Job and everything associated with Job; the hedge was placed there by God. What a blessed life that must have been for Job.

There are many interesting things to ponder when we read this Scripture. First, Satan wants God to stretch out His own hand and strike at Job (Job 1:11). God will not do that. Instead, God puts Job into Satan's hands, and this He does by merely lowering the hedge of protection that is around Job. Please notice that God does not remove the hedge of protection, but merely lowers it. The hedge is always there, always.

After Job loses everything and is afflicted within an inch of his life, a conversation ensues regarding the nature and character of God. The age-old question is pondered, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Job and his "friends" had a discourse that is as old as human thought. They conjecture and hypothesize and insinuate and even create ideas of who God is, how He operates and His very nature. All their pining is a mere chasing after the wind. What I mean is this. These men, and all men with them, see the wind and try to explain the wind, based on what the wind does and how it blows, and where it blows. But they never really get to the wind itself.

That is precisely what is happening in the book of Job. During the time of the book of Job, there was no Word of God. People did not have a revelation from God Himself. They had not yet heard Him speak. He had not yet revealed to humans anything concerning Himself. So, men did what humans always do when there is a vacuum — they made it up. That is right. The philosophizing of Job and his friends are the mere imaginations of men who try to explain God, based on what they see in the world.

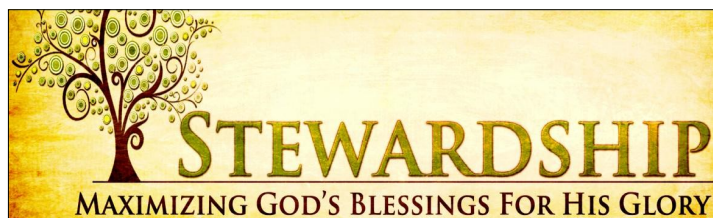
Then something amazingly terrifying happens. God speaks. Job 38:1-2, "Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?" At the voice of God Job can only do one thing, and it's the same thing every human in Scripture does at the voice of God — he cowers in fear and repentance. Job, and all of mankind with him, gets what he really wants: the revelation of God, through His Word.

By this revelation we now know God. We know His nature. We know how He operates. He works through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the revelation of God become flesh. Jesus is God's hedge that now covers us. Christ's righteousness is the hedge that keeps Satan from having his way with us. The hedge is always there. Yes, you are hearing me correctly. The hedge in the book of Job, is none other than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and without that hedge Job was as good as dead.

Do not conjecture to know or understand anything about God outside of Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we know God and have heard God and have seen God. We thank You Lord, for the hedge of protection that surrounds us, even our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**"I know not  
the way God  
leads me,  
but well  
do I know  
my Guide."**

**~ Martin Luther**



	<b>For the Month of April</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
April Giving .....		\$74,830	\$58,363
Monthly Budget .....		\$63,800	\$65,431
Year to Date Giving .....		\$288,236	\$260,743
Year to Date Budget .....		\$271,150	\$278,080
YTD Expenses.....		\$253,674	\$246,790

**Building Fund Contribution:**

April receipts: \$33,615.50

Balance: \$1,589,962.63

What brings warmth and shelter to families by becoming a bed, room divider, backpack, and at times even a home???

# QUILTS



## HOW CAN YOU HELP??

We need help in purchasing the fabric to make the quilt tops. Each quilt costs approximately \$25 to make. Donations marked "LWML quilts" can be dropped in the mite box or put in the offering plate.

Prayers for our quilt program are needed plus prayers for the recipients of our quilts. These quilts are sent all over the United States as well as the world!



Cut Squares

The quilters meet every Tuesday at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

Tie Quilts

Sew Squares

Join us !! We would appreciate your help!

Assemble Tops

## South Tulsa Community House Awareness Sundays

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we will observe a special awareness of the needs of South Tulsa Community House by placing the grocery cart at the north entrance for your donations. Regular weekly donations will still be continued throughout each month at the collection center near the south entrance.



Donations needed include food, toiletry, and household items as well as empty prescription bottles. Let's keep filling the grocery cart, sharing God's blessings with those who are less fortunate.

## LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Due June 15

The current price will be announced in early June. If you would like to receive the magazine, please let the church office know and drop a check in the offering plate made out to CTR with 'Lutheran Witness' on the memo line .



You can sign up to provide altar flowers, which you may take home following the late service. On the sign-up sheet write your name by the date and the special occasion for the flowers. Drop your \$50 check in the offering plate, with ALTAR FLOWERS on the memo line.

### June:

7: by John & Sally Neas in celebration of their anniversary

7:

14:

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21: by Beverly Woodard in celebration of her birthday

21: by Kathi Lohse in memory of Art

28: by Mary Ann Meckfessel in memory of Charles

28:

### July:

5:

5:

12:

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19: by Mary Ann Meckfessel in memory of her father, Edward Fleske

19:

26: by John & Lori Meinders in celebration of Robbie's birthday

26:



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Congratulations and God's richest blessings to all of our couples as they celebrate their wedding anniversary!*

John & Lisa Baumann	June 1	29 yrs
Tom & Nancy Kirby	June 2	47 yrs
Tyler & Amber Kollock	June 2	8 yrs
Josh & Kim Davis	June 3	14 yrs
Jordan & Myrthe Flasch	June 4	2 yrs
Nathanael & Lindsay Rake	June 4	4 yrs
Dale & Cheryl Davison	June 5	49 yrs
Jim & Teri King	June 6	22 yrs
Gordon & Jerrie Shaiebly	June 6	45 yrs
Jerrold & Brandi Johnson	June 8	13 yrs
Justin & Carri Cline	June 9	19 yrs
John & Sally Neas	June 10	54 yrs
Cameron & Darbi Newman	June 14	23 yrs
Bill & Patti Ross	June 14	46 yrs
Jon & Sherry Weaver	June 19	27 yrs
Dale & Cyndy Malwick	June 21	23 yrs
Jonathon & Ashley Huff	June 23	2 yrs
Dick & Linda Hamilton	June 26	49 yrs
John & Sharon Campbell	June 27	28 yrs
Shaun & Melissa James	July 3	16 yrs
Norm & Bernie Zanter	July 3	55 yrs
Tim & Valerie Zwosta	July 4	23 yrs
Greg & Connie Schadel	July 7	30 yrs
Bob & Gayle Wagner	July 7	13 yrs
Rob & Carmen Koch	July 11	33 yrs
Floyd & Angela Lemons	July 16	26 yrs
Bob & Marilyn Rains	July 17	27 yrs
Joshua & Suzy Brakhage	July 18	5 yrs
Larry & Lisa Bellmard	July 20	24 yrs
Harold & Colene France	July 24	55 yrs
Tim & Kayla Kuehnert	July 24	21 yrs
Roger & Nancy Witte	July 26	56 yrs
Ryan & Melanie McVey	July 29	14 yrs



The Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) will not meet until we are comfortable with the safety issues for everyone involved.

We look forward to our fellowship luncheons in the near future.

## LISTEN EVERYWHERE

CTR now has Listen Everywhere as an app for your Apple or Android smart phone that will assist you in your enjoyment of the worship service. We also have devices available if you don't have your phone. Please see an usher or elder for further assistance. For those members/visitors that have an apple or android smart phone AND digital hearing aids, this application allows our service to stream directly into their hearing aids.

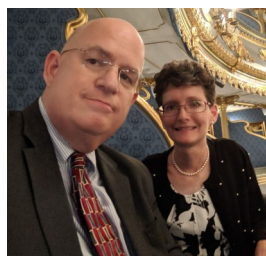


Young People - we need you!  
Come serve the church as an acolyte.  
You can sign up by the library.





## Mission News Update



The coronavirus kept us all at a distance—not only from others, but also from our own team members here in the Czech Republic. Therefore, it was a cause of great rejoicing for us all to be in one service together on 10 May, even with those hot masks on! We thank God that we all have re-

mained virus-free and that we have survived the current situation and are beginning to get things going again as we begin re-engaging with people to whom we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prague at this time of year is usually filled with international tourists, especially in the old city with its famous sites: Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, etc. We usually have tourists come to our congregation for worship—often LCMS members who find out to their surprise there is an LCMS congregation here in the city. This has hurt this important part of the Prague economy and, by extension, many people who make their living from that economy. Even now, as the restrictions are being eased, the only visitors seen around the city are Czech citizens because the borders are not open. The other day we took a tram to visit some members. It is always full, usually standing room only. But we were literally the only passengers on the tram. As you can imagine, this has hampered our outreach to the city. We are hoping, now that things are freeing up, we will find new ways to invite people to know Jesus and the peace He has come to bring. Please pray for us. Ask God to help us see new opportunities. And ask God to give us the Holy Spirit, that our words may be filled with grace and power so that many might come to the faith, to the praise and glory of God.

One of the reasons we came to work in the Czech Republic was to work with Martin Damašek. I am to train him for the pastoral office. Right after arrival, he was ordained a deacon in the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (ECAV). Our work has gone more slowly than I expected. Martin is a busy guy. He teaches English in school, serves on city council, and is working on a Ph.D., on top of what we are doing. It has been a true joy and pleasure to work with him. Martin has assisted with catechesis with a member who is Czech and whose English is not up to the task. (Her English is better than our Czech!) He preaches about every 6 weeks. He helps in pastoral care of members. And he is an invaluable source of language help, cultural help, ministry help, and just a wonderful friend. He is a blessing to the ECAV as well as to us. Please keep him in your prayers.

Our family has fared well during this pandemic. Dale's mother and aunt are both in good health. Our older son's (Joshua) wife, Sarah, is expecting their second child in October. Their daughter, Rachel, is so cute and getting big. Our daughter, Gretchen, is also pregnant with her and her husband's (Thomas) second child, due 9 June. Their son, Isaiah, is doing well. Our younger son (Jonathan) put on sergeant stripes in the US Air Force. We are hoping to arrange a home visit later this year to meet the two new grandchildren.

Now that the Hoffmanns, who lived in Olomouc, have returned to the States, our trips east to minister to our two lay missionaries will take us to the town of Haviřov. There we can meet with Ben and Chelsea who are doing great work among the youth of that area. The trip will be a little longer, as it is farther, but we are looking forward to seeing some areas we have never been to, as well as supporting these two servants of Christ. Our first trip will be 7-9 June.

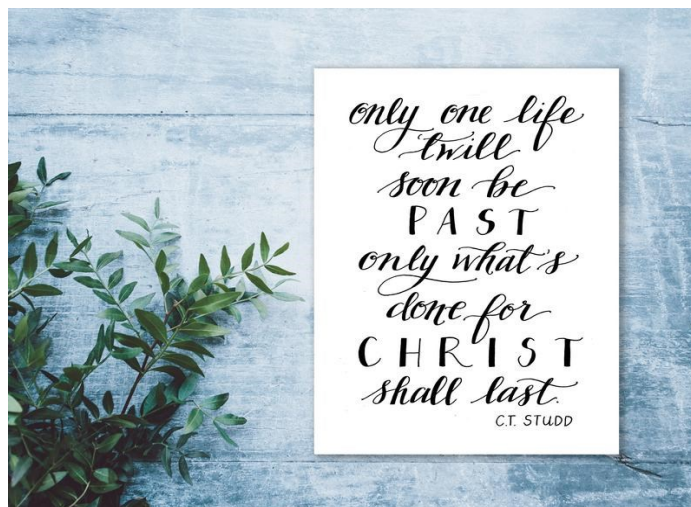
Please pray for our ministry team here in the Czech Republic, as well as our visa renewal.

The peace of Christ be with you!

Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster  
Your Missionaries in Prague, the Czech Republic

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# Seminary News

To friends dearly loved by the Brakhages and by our Lord Jesus Christ:

We're going to be Oklahomans again!

Call Day 2020 came with the great surprise that we were heading back to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmond, the site of our vicarage last year. It is not unusual for a congregation to bring back a former vicar as their pastor. What is unusual is that our seminary journey brought us from Oklahoma to St. Louis to Oklahoma back to St. Louis and back to Oklahoma again! I think the Lord recognizes Oklahoma is such a special place to call home. We are looking forward (joyfully!) to calling Oklahoma home again.

It was truly a surprise. Since Call Day was an online pre-recorded service this year, I've had people ask whether we knew in advance about where we were going. The answer is no. I even asked the Seminary if we would be getting in advanced warning – given the complicated state of the world and the fact that we all have to move soon – and I was told “absolutely not!” Some traditions can't be broken by COVID-19.

We managed to find a house in Edmond about 3.5 miles from the church. It's in a good neighborhood with a community pool and playground. Suzy and I are most excited about the garage! We've been parking our cars outside for the past 4 years; it'll be good to get them back inside. We are going to experiment with giving Graham and Luke their own rooms. With their sleep routines, that's what makes sense right now, but Suzy is eager to see if they have success sharing a room when Luke is beyond the newborn phase. Please note our new address at the end!

Going back to a place like Edmond means Suzy does not have to start from scratch finding work. She has already been in contact with old employers and will also return to serve the kids at Holy Trinity Lutheran School. Graham will go to preschool at Holy Trinity two mornings a week. He is eager to be around kids again after this extended social distancing. And we think preschool will serve Graham well at encouraging him to understand and appreciate structure and boundaries.

As for me, I'll be serving as the associate pastor for congregational care and discipleship. I will be in charge of adult education, junior confirmation, new member classes, small group ministry, pastoral visitation, and congregational events. Additionally, I will preach and lead worship on weekends. When not crippled by pandemic, Holy Trinity has four Sunday worship services, bringing together between 500-600 each weekend in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

When things are back to *normal* – whatever that means – Suzy will likely return to singing with the adult choir and helping with the church nursery, VBS, and Sunday school. Graham will be happy to be back in a community filled with music and friendship. Many of our old friends will be looking forward to greeting Luke, who was still in Momma's tummy when we left.

We will also be glad to be so close to our family of faith at CTR! I know we had the chance to see some of you over our vicarage year – either in our trips to Tulsa or yours to OKC – and I expect that we will continue to bump into one another. I've gotten used to seeing Suzanne and Pastor B at Oklahoma District church workers' conferences. And I am as eager as you to see the building project come together and to see how the Lord uses the expanded space at CTR to serve more people with the Gospel. I am glad that we will have the opportunity to remain connected after all you've done to invest in our seminary preparation.



This is our last newsletter article. Along with all the articles that preceded it, this letter to you is written with the acknowledgement that none of this would have happened without you. You are a priceless, inseparable part of our family's journey. I tear up when I'm given the chance to answer the question: “So what made you want to become a pastor?” The encouragement of our CTR family always features prominently in the retelling. Questions like “Have you thought about being a pastor?” became “*Would you think about being a pastor?*” as brothers and sisters at CTR became instruments of the Spirit's leading.

You have never failed to make us feel supported. From the generous gifts, to the notes of encouragement, to the many prayers, you've taken care of us financially, emotionally, and spiritually. You've given us this space to offer updates from our adventures and you've cared for Luke and Graham as if they have always belonged to CTR. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Please receive our meager appreciation, knowing that through Christ working in you, you have brought us to the point of ordination. We could never repay your generosity, but we will never *forget* your generosity.

The best ways I can think to honor your great contributions to our family is to tell others, and to encourage you to continue in generosity. One from your midst is about to undertake the same journey into ministry. Deon Hull and his wife, Debra, will soon be moving into the same apartment complex we just left. They will know the joys of classroom discoveries, the struggles of term papers and language labs, and the heartache of being separated from family. And just as we have, I pray they will know the comfort that comes from having a church family investing in their journey: prayerfully, encouragingly, and financially.

The need for pastors is real and immediate. Recruiting candidates for pastoral ministry is the job of each congregation in our church body. For every pastor serving today, we need to recruit a future pastor to carry on when his pastoral ministry ends. And that's only if we are satisfied with the status quo.

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**... SEMINARY NEWS, continued...**

If we want to see the Gospel spread in new ways, in new places, and to new people, we are going to need even more pastors to guide God's people in growth and service. To that end, CTR inhabits rarified air within North American Lutheranism. Not many congregations can brag that they put a member through Seminary only to immediately turn around and send another.

By supporting Seminary education, you are giving a selfless gift – not to the student – but to your fellow Christians. You'll likely never see a direct return on your investment, but you've made sure there's a pastor who will be there to lay a grandmother to rest and to comfort a grieving family. You've made sure a young boy experiences the love of Jesus

through songs he'll sing for the rest of his life. You have made sure someone who is wandering through addiction, adultery, or other sin will be met with the forgiveness of Jesus and will have a pastor saying, "Welcome home."

I am so proud that I was a member of CTR, where being the church means supporting those beyond your walls. Go. Grow. In Christ. See you soon.



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**Blake Apfelbacher** graduated from Thomas Edison Preparatory. He will attend Tulsa Community College in the fall and will major in Criminal Justice.

**Holly Baumann** graduated with her BS in Biology in 3 years from College of St. Mary, Omaha, NE. She has completed the first step of the 5-year Physician's Assistant program, and she will remain at the College of St. Mary for another two years to complete her Masters of Physicians Assistant Studies.

**Joshua Brakhage** graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary St. Louis. He will be the Associate Pastor for congregational care and discipleship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmond, OK.

**Alexander Brown** graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor in Landscape Architecture.

**Abigail Campbell** will graduate from Auburn University with Honors with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Spanish. Her ceremony was

scheduled for May 2 but has been postponed to join the summer ceremony on August 8 and 9. Abigail has been accepted into OU Medical School in OKC and will start Medical School in August. She wants to be an OB/GYN.

**Grace Campbell** will graduate from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. Her ceremony was scheduled for May 9 but has been postponed to December 12 to join the fall ceremony. She plans to be a Police Officer and is currently working through the very lengthy process with a few Cities to join an academy in the Fall/Winter. However, all departments have suspended the testing process due to Covid-19.

**Reid Lemons** just completed his Associates in Culinary Arts at OSUIT. The graduation was originally May 17 but will most likely be this summer. He just completed his internship with Union Public Schools in the Child Nutrition Department and he is hopeful to join the school full time sometime this summer.

**Zoe Losacco** graduated from Jenks May 18 (the virtual graduation). The rescheduled date is June 26th if all the social distancing guidelines are lifted. She plans to go to University of Oklahoma in the fall. Her major is still undecided.

**Ainsley McFarlin** graduated from Bixby High School. She will attend Oklahoma State University in the Fall and will major in Accounting.

**STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT FUND**

Pursuing a career in service to the Lord through the church is a fulfilling opportunity, but it is not an inexpensive choice. Those who pursue professional church work many times incur educational debt, just like anyone else may do. Repayment of educational debt is often made more difficult by the more modest salaries of church workers, compared to other professions.

In order to encourage and retain our professional church workers here at Christ the Redeemer, several years ago the congregation established a fund to assist our Pastors, DCEs and other synodically-trained church workers in repaying their student loans. This fund relies on the donations of our members here at CTR. The fund is currently in need of additional funds. Please prayerfully consider a designated donation to this cause. You may place your gift in the weekly offering with a designation of "Student Loan Fund" or you may give your gift directly to one of the Elders, and we will ensure that it is deposited in the correct fund.

Thank you for your past generosity and for ongoing support.

– Jim Holt, Elder Chair



DCE Suzanne Watt

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jr. High (6-8th graders)**

**Sr. High (9-12th graders)**

<http://www.ctrtulsa.org/youth-5-12-grade/>



*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8*



### 6TH-8TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on Zoom each Sunday morning at 9:45 AM for a Zoom Sunday School class. We are currently finishing the 30 Lessons in Apologetics book and then will continue through the summer on a new topic. Each week the Zoom information will be sent to your household email address.

### HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT

Every other Wednesday evening at 5:30 PM, join us for a High School Hangout on Zoom. We talk connect, fellowship and even have music! Each week the Zoom information will be sent to your household email address.

## DIGITAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE FOR A DIGITAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE! EACH WEEK A VIDEO LESSON WILL BE LOADED ALONG WITH ACCESS TO PRINTABLES.

[WWW.CTRTULSA.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL](http://WWW.CTRTULSA.ORG/SUNDAY-SCHOOL)



**FOR KIDS IN  
PREK-5TH  
GRADE**

### FLORIDA TRIP UPDATE

The Florida Service Trip has been moved to the week of June 21-25, 2021. We will leave Tulsa on June 19 and return to Tulsa June 27 with a stay in Florida from the 19-26 and an extra day for travel back

We are sad that this decision had to be made, but pray that God would work in our communities in the coming days, weeks and months and lead us to a new opportunity next summer. Hope on the Beach and the Santa Rosa Beach community are excited to host us in 2021!





**Jacob Drengler**  
**Music Director**

Many of the great hymns of the Christian faith originated during times of upheaval, either personal or societal. Consider the work of Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676), perhaps the finest German hymn-writer of the seventeenth century. Seventeen of Gerhardt's hymns appear in *Lutheran Service Book*,

including "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (LSB 438), "Upon the Cross Extended" (LSB 453), "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" (LSB 467), "Evening and Morning" (LSB 726), and "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow" (LSB 880).

Gerhardt endured remarkable difficulties throughout his life. His early years were marred by plague, the death of both parents, and the ravages of the Thirty Years' War. His adult life was marked by the death of his wife and four of their children and periods of intense religious conflict. In spite of these almost unimaginable circumstances, Gerhardt's hymn texts radiate sure and certain confidence in the goodness and mercy of God and the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

Consider the hymn "Evening and Morning".

*Evening and morning, sunset and dawning,  
wealth, peace, and gladness,  
Comfort in sadness: these are Thy works;  
all the glory be Thine!  
Times without number, awake or in slumber,  
Thine eye observes us,  
From danger preserves us,  
causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.*

*Father, O hear me, pardon and spare me;  
calm all my terrors,  
Blot out my errors that by Thine eyes  
they may no more be scanned.*

*Order my goings, direct all my doings;  
as it may please Thee,  
Retain or release me;  
all I commit to Thy fatherly hand.*

*Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;  
though billows tower,  
And winds gain power, after the storm  
the fair sun shows its face.*

*Joys e'er increasing  
and peace never ceasing:  
these shall I treasure  
And share in full measure  
when in His mansions  
God grants me a place.*

*To God in heaven all praise be given!  
Come, let us offer  
And gladly proffer to the Creator  
the gifts He doth prize.  
He well receiveth a heart that believeth;  
hymns that adore Him  
Are precious before Him and to His throne  
Like sweet incense arise.*

A *Dictionary of Hymnology* by Anglican clergyman John Julian (1839-1913) rather delightfully describes this as "a splendid hymn of our poet, golden as the sun going forth in his beauty, full of force and of blessed peace in the Lord, full of sparkling thoughts about God." As typically Victorian as Julian's glowing description is, Gerhardt's language in the second and third stanzas, "*calm all my terrors, blot out my errors*" and "*Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me*" bring to mind the words of Jesus in John 16: "*In this world you will have trouble.*" While we know this to be true, we also know that it is not the end. Jesus went on to tell his disciples, "*Take heart! I have overcome the world.*" The One who has overcome the world is our source of joy and peace.

Even as we move through days of uncertainty and doubt, we cling to the One who is our Rock and our Redeemer. Gerhardt knew this and expressed it in the final stanza of his Christmas hymn, "All My Heart This Night Rejoices."

*Dearest Lord, Thee will I cherish.  
Though my breath fail in death,  
Yet I shall not perish,  
But shall dwell with Thee forever  
There on high, in that joy which  
can vanish never.*

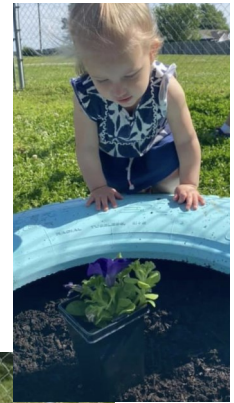


# ECC

We got to do some gardening and then had a Mother's Day parade. Picking up their treats from the car this year wasn't the same as our annual Mother's Day breakfast - but it was fun!

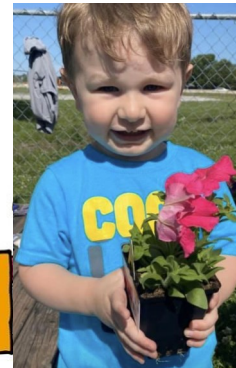


**Nikki Witt, Director**



## Amazon Smile!

Help support ECC by shopping on Amazon Smile. Simply select Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church and .5% of your purchase will be given back to the ECC.







## Lutheran World Relief



Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits of Care are a reminder to families that even in the midst of crisis, they are not alone.

Though the coronavirus outbreak is forcing all of us to adapt and change our routines for a time, the mission of the LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry remains as strong as ever.

During the month of June, we will be accepting donations of items for the Personal Care Kits. Items included are light weight bath towels, 4-oz bars of soap, large sturdy combs, combination nail file/clippers and toothbrushes. For additional information and videos on how to assemble, see [lwr.org/personalcarekits](http://lwr.org/personalcarekits).

During the months of July and August, we will be collecting items for School Kits. The items needed include 70-count

spiral notebooks, large erasers, 48-count crayons, #2 unsharpened pencils, blue and black ink pens (no gel ink), rulers with centimeters included, blunt-tip scissors and pencil sharpeners. The Outreach Ministry at CTR has purchased 300 bags for us to fill. For additional information, please go to [lwr.org/schoolkits](http://lwr.org/schoolkits).

We have received a Thrivent Action Team grant to help us begin collecting supplies for the Personal Care Kits. We will possibly organize a Zoom workday at some point during the summer if our building is unavailable. Please watch for details in the e-blast and bulletin.

If any of you would like to donate but prefer not to shop for the items, you may give money to Lynne Kollock or Carol Fruehling, and they will be happy to shop for you.

We are in this together; and we are praying for your health, your provisions and your peace. Thank you for being the kind of community that reminds one another that, much like the people we serve, we are not alone.

CTR LWML and Outreach Ministry

Questions? Contact Lynne Kollock @ 918-298-0717



## Congratulations!

The Early Childhood Center is celebrating  
**40 years on June 1!**  
You have blessed many families  
through the years!

# Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church - Cornerstone, June/July 2020



The LCMS has prepared a three-year plan of daily Bible readings. It will take you through the entire Old Testament one time in three years. Psalms are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years.

JUNE 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jer. 7:1-29;</li> <li>Ps. 120-121;</li> <li>Acts 4:23-31</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jer. 7:30-8:17;</li> <li>Ps. 122;</li> <li>Acts 4:32-37</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jer. 8:18-9:11;</li> <li>Ps. 123;</li> <li>Acts 5:1-16</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jer. 9:12-26;</li> <li>Ps. 124;</li> <li>Acts 5:17-42</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jer. 10:1-10;</li> <li>Ps. 125;</li> <li>Acts 6:1-7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jer. 10:11-25;</li> <li>Ps. 126;</li> <li>Acts 6:8-15</li> </ul>
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**Sunday School Offering  
for April - June  
Community Food Bank  
of Eastern Oklahoma**

The **second quarter** Sunday School offerings have been designated to the **Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma (CFBEO)**. In the 24 counties where the CFBEO distributes food, 1 in 6 people struggles with hunger—1 in 4 children struggles with hunger.

It is easy to believe that these numbers will be higher with the unemployment brought on by job losses during the Covid-19 pandemic and with the children out of school for the summer and many families facing food insecurity. Christ the Redeemer also regularly supports South Tulsa House and Harvest House who provide limited emergency food help. Visit the CFBEO website for more information and stories of those who have been helped by donors like you! [www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank/community-food-bank-of-eastern-oklahoma](http://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank/community-food-bank-of-eastern-oklahoma).

**First Quarter Sunday School Offering Update**

Tulsa Saints Foundation was the recipient of your very generous Sunday School offerings from the first quarter of the year (January, February, and March).

Here is an update from Michael Bryan.

"We actually expanded beyond the bus stop to doing street ministry with all the displaced people. The existing shelters dropped to 1/3 capacity with limited personnel onsite. I've been personally down next to John 3:16 and Salvation Army. Neither one is able to keep up with sanitation issues and the homeless just congregate around the entrances to the day centers because they can't let them in. We've been driving around handing out supplies and lots of prayers. It seems like water is in very short supply to the homeless right now and sanitation access. We try to stop underneath the bridges where many are sheltering, as well. We've also been going out multiple nights a week to try to help out as well, since most other groups have stopped. With the better weather we are going to be visiting the Sand Springs River Camp and see if Abba has something for us to assist there as well. Thank you for asking it's been eye-opening to see what happens when society kind of breaks down. The homeless took it on the chin. I sure miss Sunday Bible Study." Follow the Tulsa Saints Foundation on their Facebook page or their webpage.

*"Therefore, we should be guided in all our works by this one thought alone—that we may serve and benefit others in everything that is done, having nothing before our eyes except the need and advantage of the neighbor."*

Martin Luther—Freedom of a Christian (1520)

Camp Lutherhoma has announced a shortened summer schedule! If you applied for a camp rebate from CTR and your camp week has changed, please let us know your plans. For those still registering, we do still have CTR Camp Rebates available!

# SUMMER 2020

## UPDATED Schedule

JUNE 21-26	Force 3, Rock and Ride
JUNE 28-JULY 2	Force 4, Kinetic 2
JULY 5-10	Force 5, Energy 3
JULY 10-12	Mommy/Daddy & Me
JULY 12-17	Force 6, Energy 4
JULY 19-24	Dynamic

# CAMP LUTHERHOMA

## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please add these individuals to your church directory or change the information that is currently printed.



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# Confession

## CORNER

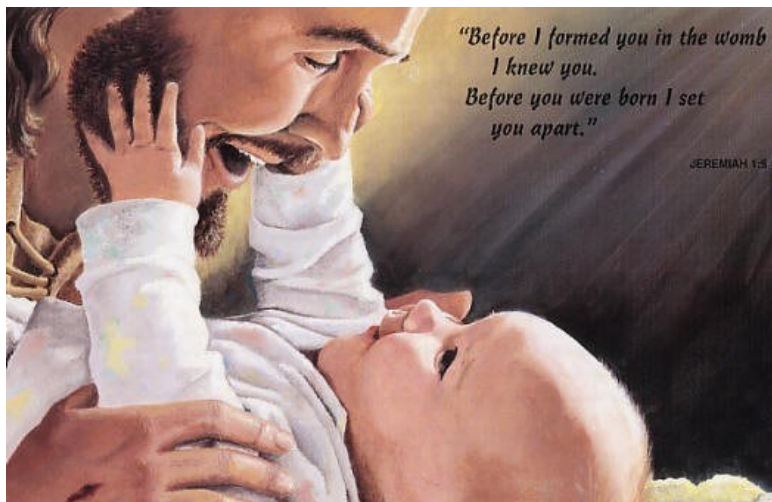
### Article XXII: Of Both Kinds in the Sacrament

1] To the laity are given Both Kinds in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, because this usage has the commandment of the Lord in Matt. 26:27: Drink ye all of it, 2] where Christ has manifestly commanded concerning the cup that all should drink. 3] And lest any man should craftily say that this refers only to priests, Paul in 1 Cor. 11:27 recites an example from which it appears that the whole congregation did use both kinds. 4] And this usage has long remained in the Church, nor is it known when, or by whose authority, it was changed; although Cardinal Cusanus mentions the time 5] when it was approved. Cyprian in some places testifies that the blood was given to the people. 6] The same is testified by Jerome, who says: The priests administer the Eucharist, and distribute the blood of Christ to the people. Indeed, Pope Gelasius 7] commands that the Sacrament be not divided (dist. II., De Consecratione, cap. Comperimus). 8] Only custom, not so ancient, has it otherwise. But it is evident 9] that any custom introduced against the commandments of God is not to be allowed, as the Canons witness (dist. III., cap. Veritate, and the following chapters). 10] But this custom has been received, not only against the Scripture, but also against the old Canons 11] and the example of the Church. Therefore, if any preferred to use both kinds of the Sacrament, they ought not to have been compelled with offense to their consciences to do otherwise. And because the division 12] of the Sacrament does not agree with the ordinance of Christ, we are accustomed to omit the procession, which hitherto has been in use.

#### **DON'T TRASH THOSE COUPONS!**



Military personnel and their families stationed at major overseas bases in Europe and Asia can use those manufacturer's coupons up to six months after they have expired. A box marked "Coupons for the Troops" is located at the south entrance.



"Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you.  
Before you were born I set  
you apart."  
JEREMIAH 1:5

### For all our Fathers...

Fathers teach their children about Christ. A father's role is to bring up his children in faith and to do so with love and patience, not with anger or provocation.

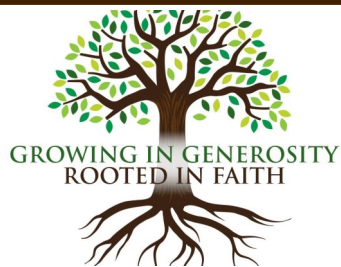
Deuteronomy 6:5-7 *"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you to-day shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."*

Proverbs 22:6: *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."*

The Word of the Lord endures forever, especially in the heart of a child who has come to know and love Christ with the help of a wonderful father who leads them by example.







### **Endowment Fund Report**

As of March 31, 2020 the Morningstar account balance was \$782,419.19. The brokerage account balance was \$99,167.81. This is a total Endowment Fund balance of \$881,587.00.

The Endowment Fund trustees wish to thank the following donors who have contributed over the past several years:

#### Direct Contributions:

Carol Fruehling, Brad & Janice Young, Angela Tipton, Jerry & Diane Morlock, Del & Jan Dreyer

#### Gift of Real Estate:

Leon Thomas

#### Memorial Gifts:

Judy Hale, Del & Jan Dreyer, Jerry & Diane Morlock, Kathi Lohse

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to receive and invest funds for future use by the congregation. As a general rule, the trustees use income generated by the fund for unbudgeted existing church facility repairs, renovations, up-keep and maintenance needs, while striving to grow the principal. In 2019, the Board of Trustees committed to providing \$4,842 toward installation of new LED lighting in the gym.

The Endowment Fund provides a means for us, as Christian stewards, to express in a tangible way, our deep gratitude for God's many gifts and blessings. A gift to the Endowment Fund is a reflection of our faith and Christian love over and above our normal regular support for the ongoing mission and ministry of our church. The trustees continue to encourage all members to consider charitable gifts to the Endowment Fund as part of their long term financial and estate planning. In addition, gifts to honor the memory of loved ones or celebration of special occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays and graduations are appreciated.

Questions can be directed to any of the trustees: Janet Jamison, Rob Koch, Ed Fager, or Frank Thomas.

**Keep up with coming events, announcements, and updates about recent events by joining CTR on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter!**



The public events Facebook page is:  
**facebook.com/ChristTheRedeemerLutheranChurch.**

The private group **facebook.com/groups/ctrltusa/** is an information page for members only.  
To join the private group, click "Join Group" or email [communications@ctrltusa.org](mailto:communications@ctrltusa.org).

Instagram account: Follow **ctrltusa** or go to:  
**www.instagram.com/ctrltusa/**

Twitter account: **@PastorBe\_CTR**

To  
God  
*be the*  
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*Great Things He Hath Done!*

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