



## +Christian Symbol+

### Plow

This farming implement is mentioned frequently in the Bible, often in verses about the harvest. Plowing symbolizes preparing the heart to receive God's truth, or the "seed" of God's word. The plow also represents commitment; Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, NIV). The prophet Elisha burns his plow to show his commitment to answer God's call (see 1 Kings 19:21).

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# Chapel News

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Indoor Worship Service on October 25th

On October 25, we will have our first indoor service since the beginning of March. In order to make an informed decision as to whether you will attend, here are the guidelines that we will follow for the health and well-being of all of us. Please arrive early to allow time.

- Remain in your car until you see an Usher outside the church door.
- Upon entering the church, your temperature will be taken and you will be asked to complete a health questionnaire.
- Based upon the mandated guidelines, we can only allow 25% capacity in the sanctuary. If we exceed that amount, you will be asked to proceed to the Family Room to listen to the service.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from others — exceptions are made if you are from the same family and living under the same roof.
- You must wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times while in the church building.

- No singing or verbal responses — Pastor Hayley and the Lay Assistant will be the only ones doing this.
- The Restrooms will **not** be available for use.
- Windows will be open before and during the worship service to allow proper ventilation...dress accordingly.
- Only open your own pre-filled communion cups/wafers — do not assist others.
- Socializing is not permitted inside the building before and/or after worship.
- You will be given a brown paper bag to put your bulletin and communion trash in — please take your own trash home — it is not to be comingled with other worshippers.

Please adhere to the above guidelines. It is our way of living as faithful neighbors and fellow siblings in Christ where we care for our own and each other's lives.



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# Letter from Pastor Hayley

We live in a time where our country is divided more than ever. People are arguing and fighting over who is right and who is wrong. We are experiencing a division much like water and oil — two things that will never mix together. But in the midst of these differences, I'd like us to look for the similarity. I do see the similarity, which is the love we all have for this country. The way we each love this country may differ from the next person, but at the core, the love we share and the hope for a better future for this country is the same for all.

Divisions, arguments, and conflicts were also prevalent during Jesus' time. Ever since the existence of humanity there were conflicts. Remember Cain and Abel? How many others were there? Different races, cultures, languages, religions, economies, genders, and so on become the reason for conflicts and divisions. Even within the same family we may have different opinions and disagreements that cause divisions. That is reality.

So the question is...what do we do as Christians in the case of conflicts?

The first step to resolve any conflict is to do it one on one. If you genuinely want to resolve a conflict for peace, instead of gossiping, talk to that person, confront that person, not to start a fight, but to start reconciliation.

The second step is to bring in others who can mitigate the situation. If trying to resolve things one on one doesn't work, don't walk away from the relationship.

Jesus says to bring others with you who can help mediate.

The third step is to consider others as gentiles and tax collectors. What does that mean? If trying one on one doesn't work, and bringing in others to mediate the situation doesn't work, the Bible says to treat the others like gentiles and tax collectors. Does this mean to treat them like strangers? Probably not. The fact is that Jesus' ministry was meant to be with gentiles and tax collectors, as well as with sinners. So instead of labeling them as outcasts or sinners, we should remember we are God's own redeeming people who have our own flaws and sins.

So I ask you...who are you? Are you the one who treats others as gentiles and tax collectors, or are YOU one of the gentiles and tax collectors?

Ah...our own sin is that we judge others like tax collectors and gentiles, but we feel they have no right to judge us the same way. Right?

So who are we? We are people clothed in Christ. We put on the armor of light through our baptism. We seek peace in Christ.

As the Psalms say, "Teach us, oh Lord. Give us understanding, oh Lord. Lead us in the path of your commandments, oh Lord. Incline my heart to your decrees, oh Lord. Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood, oh Lord. By your righteousness enliven me."

Are we praying for people who disagree with us? We should be. Are we praying for reconciliation or looking for more division? Which way do you think we should go?

In Christ, Pastor Hayley

God is Love

-1 John 4:16

## Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Karen Bartholomew, Kathleen Bhargava, Chris Brooks, Maggie Brower, Young Hee Choi, Lillian Cooper, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, Nora Edwards, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane Hesse, Jae Hee Kim, Terry Klotz, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Marie Lupinski, Dennis Marinkovich, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Carol and Sam Ralston, Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Robert Wiederschall, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

### And those serving in the military...

Ryan Coiley, Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Daniel Jaichner, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

### And those who can't always be with us...

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

*If you would like someone to be added to or removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138.*

## October

### Lay Assistant | Usher | Altar Guild Schedule

#### OCTOBER 4

10:30am

**Lay Assistant** Bill Jaichner  
**Usher** Ralph Braun  
**Altar Guild** Lore Braun

#### OCTOBER 11

10:30am

**Lay Assistant** Chris Nilsen  
**Usher** Linda Comery  
**Altar Guild** Marge Tomaselli

#### OCTOBER 18

10:30am

**Lay Assistant** Bob Denicola  
**Usher** Anne Carman  
**Altar Guild** Linda Polise

#### OCTOBER 25

10:30am

**Lay Assistant** Carrie Ralston  
**Usher** Linda Polise  
**Altar Guild** Gina Lally



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
November 1, 2020**

On November 1, 2020, we will celebrate All Saints Day in church. This is the time when we celebrate the communion of all Christians, around the world and throughout the ages.

It is our custom to remember by name those who have been baptized and those who have died this year. If you would like to have loved ones remembered by name on November 1 during the worship service, please use the form below to clearly print the name and date of death or date of baptism, then place it in the collection plate or send it to the church office. You are welcome to bring a picture of your loved one with you to worship on November 3. The funerals and baptisms handled by the church this year will automatically be listed. Please have this information into the church office by October 26. Thank you.

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Baptismal Date:

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Deaths:

Date of Death:

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*O God, whose tender care reaches the ends of the earth and beyond,  
we humbly beseech you to behold and bless those whom we love but see no longer.  
Defend them from all dangers of soul,  
and grant that both we and they, drawing nearer to you,  
may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit,  
and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Amen*

# OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage			1	2	3
4  Outdoor Worship Service (Lawn) 10:30am <i>Park in back lot and please bring your own chair.</i>	5 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am	6	7	8	9	10
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18  Outdoor Worship Service (Lawn) 10:30am <i>Park in back lot and please bring your own chair.</i>	19 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am	20	21	22	23	24
25  Reformation Sunday Indoor Worship Service (CH) 10:30am	26 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am	27	28	29	30	31  Halloween