

CyberServant for 10/4/2026

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**Christ the Servant***Find Hope • Make a Difference • You Matter!*

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

Matthew

12:23

Jesus enters Jerusalem healing and preaching as he goes when he is challenged by the chief priests and elders. Seeing is not enough for them, and they continue to pester Jesus. Access to his father's kingdom is easy, Jesus says, everyone is welcome and everyone is invited. All it takes is one simple thing. Find our Sunday what it is. On line or in person!

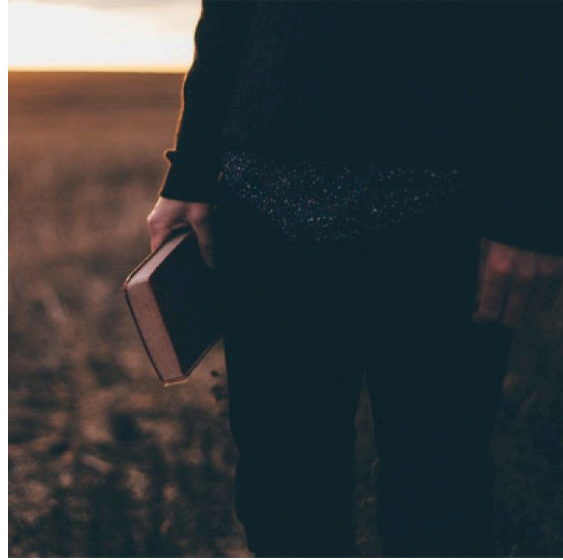
Our Service Schedule

Sundays 9:30 am

If you cannot join us in person, we offer a live broadcast of our service every Sunday starting at 9:20 AM on Facebook and on YouTube.

[Watch on Facebook](#)

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Church Office Hours

The church office is open
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**However, the week of Oct. 4, the
office will be open Tues., Oct. 6 and
Wed., Oct. 7. The office will be
closed Thurs., Oct. 8.**

Call 972-727-3191 if you have any
questions. Calls will be returned as
soon as possible during office hours.



Sunday School - Topics will be:

Elementary: Joseph, Part 3

Confirmation: Theology of the Cross/Theology of Glory



Trunk & Treat!

October 17 | 4:00–6:00 PM

Get ready for an afternoon of treats, costumes, and fun! We're looking for people to **decorate a trunk and hand out treats**. Interested in participating? Please sign up on the Trunk & Treat sign-up sheet in the narthex. Come decorate, bring the candy, and let's make it a fun night for everyone!



**Notice of Congregational
Meeting on Sunday,
October 18
Immediately after the service**

A congregational meeting will be held on October 18 immediately after the church service to vote on funding the repair of the fire and smoke doors in the Educational Wing. The City of Allen recently added an annual inspection of the fire doors. CTSLC failed the inspection in May. The fire doors must pass the inspection to allow Little Texans to operate the daycare. The approximate repair cost is \$20,000. Our constitution requires congregational approval of unbudgeted items greater than \$10,000. ***An information session will be held on October 11 during the Sunday School hour for those who are interested in the details.***



Grief Work

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Our church family will host a weekly Grief Support small group Thursday evenings ***beginning Thursday, October 1*** from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the church library. This 8-week gathering will provide a safe, confidential space where your stories are honored, your tears are welcome, and your faith is anchored—TOGETHER, we will look to God's promises for comfort in community... plan to join us.

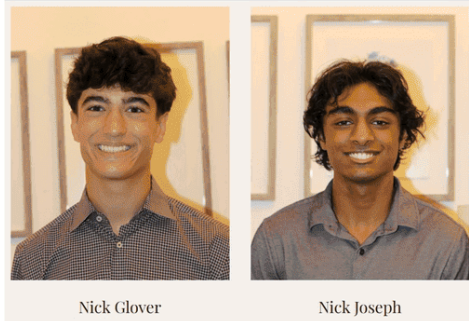


Altar Guild Training

Sat., Oct. 3, 10 am

There will be a short training class for those who would like to serve in the Altar Guild. It will be this Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 am. If that time does not work for you, please reach out to Laura Kibby, lggyQueen@aol.com, and she will make arrangements to meet with you at a time that is mutually convenient.

Special Guests This Sunday, October 4



Join us Sunday after worship to learn from Nick and Nick from Allen who started Hope for the Holy Land because the oldest Christian communities on earth are disappearing and almost no one is talking about it. What began as a single parish presentation has grown into a mission to raise awareness and direct real support to persecuted Christians in Gaza, Iraq, and refugee communities in Turkey. We speak at churches, share their stories, and make sure the help reaches the people who need it most.



Answering Pastor Cheryl's Call
On Sunday, September 27, during the "Joyful Servant Podcast", Pastor Cheryl made the statement *"All churches need Volunteers!"*

Well, here is your chance...on **Saturday October 10, 2026**, CTS LC is hosting a "Fall Fix Up Event". This is an opportunity to help maintain our property - both inside and outside. We will start at 8:00 am until noon (or so). There is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the Narthex and a list of projects. You are welcome to adopt a specific project(s). We hope to have the appropriate equipment available; however, to ensure things get done, please bring what is needed to accomplish your adopted task. If you have any specific questions, please contact Lou Federle or Bob Peeler.



All Saints Day Chair Drapes
in memory of loved ones who have passed can be ordered now through Sunday, October 11th. There are order forms with the ushers and on the table in the narthex. You may also contact the church office.



Current Giving & Generosity Presentation – Sunday, October 11th

Everything that we have is a gift that God places in our care during our lifetimes. We each have the privilege, responsibility, and joy of being good stewards—caring for our loved ones, supporting God's creation, and providing major gifts for Christian ministry.

As you consider your personal giving goals and how to make a lasting impact, the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest (LFSW) is here to assist. LFSW provides comprehensive gift planning and management, personalized to your goals and unique financial situation.

Join us on Sunday, October 11th as our NT-NL Synod gift planner with the Foundation visits Christ the Servant Lutheran Church to share ideas, strategies, and possibilities for supporting our church's mission through current major gifts and legacy generosity. All foundation services are provided to members at no cost and with no obligation.



Wreath Fundraiser

**Order form in Narthex or visit our website
for a link to order online.**



Are You Prepared to Vote in November?

VITAL - BEFORE OCTOBER 5

It is vital for everyone to check their VOTER STATUS - to be sure the voter status is correct or make any changes, that they are eligible to vote, or register to vote.

Check your voter registration status at <https://www.texas.gov/living-in-texas/texas-voter-registration/>.

Monday, October 5, 2026 - Last Day to Register to Vote or Make a Change of Address

Monday, October 19, 2026 - First Day of Early Voting

Friday, October 23, 2026 - Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail Application

Friday, October 30, 2026 - Last Day of Early Voting

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - Vote in person

- Mail Ballot Can Be Delivered in Person by 7 PM

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 - Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail



Church Worship Song Suggestions

As we celebrate Christ the Servant's 45th Anniversary this year, we would love to hear music from our history and music for our future. This is where you come in! Please share a favorite tune we can weave into a worship service this fall by using the link below:

[Church Worship Song Suggestions](#)

New Church Management System Transition Update



All Members: We have changed our email process to help in delivery to your Inbox. You should have received an email from the church regarding North Texas Giving Day dated Sep 16, 2026 around 10:00 AM. It would have come from: areidmiller57_rt+gmail@email.breezechms.com. If you did not get this in your normal Inbox:

- Please check your Spam / Junk / Promotion email folders. You can also do a Search All mail for emails that end in @email.breezechms.com
- All email systems (gmail, yahoo,...) have ways to mark these emails as NOT Spam/Junk or Promotions. Please see your specific email system's guidance to set this up your inbox.
- You can also contact Alan Reidmiller at [214-551-7257](tel:214-551-7257) if you need assistance.

Ways to Serve



TUESDAY, Oct 13, 2026 - ALLEN MINISTRIAL ALLIANCE (AMA) SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

Christ the Servant will cohost with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints the AMA Luncheon at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Tuesday, October 13. Volunteer Sign-up sheets will be available for the congregation to:

- ☐ 1. Provide 9x11 inch cakes
- ☐ 2. Assist with setup, takedown of the table coverings, serving cakes (if volunteering, please wear your yellow "God's Work Our Hands" t-shirt)
- ☐ 3. Donate door prizes.

A highlight of the event is the door prizes. We are asking for donations of small door prize items - small baskets, coupon holder, cups, tote bags, note cards, after shave, scarves, picture frames, playing cards, word/crossword puzzle books, etc. There has always been quite a variety of items. Please place items in a gift bag inside the marked plastic container in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your help with this community outreach to our senior citizens.

Questions? Shirley McDowell 713-412-4419



House of Hope Beginning Sunday, October 4

Last year we supported House of Hope with Tom and Sharon Brian by sending large Ziplock bags of items to children in Honduras for Christmas. These are the same children that receive our packed bags of food through Kids against Hunger. There was such a positive response that we decided to participate again this year.

Throughout the month of October beginning October 4th the church will be providing the 16 by 20-inch Ziplock bags to interested parties to fill as directed by a handout. Also, due to import requirements, monetary donations of \$5 per bag are needed to purchase some toiletry items in Honduras.

The bags and further instructions will be provided on October 4th after the church service. Completed bags will need to be returned to the church by October 25th. They can be dropped off in the grey bin labeled House of Hope Christmas Bags in the donation station. For questions, see Ann Reidmiller.



AMA Needs Your Help!

Household cleaning items
requested by the
AMA Food Pantry:

September All Purpose
Cleaner
October Shampoo,
Deodorant, Toothpaste

Fun & Fellowship



Crafters' Coalition
Sat., Oct. 3
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Bring your craft and your lunch to the church and share some fun as you work on your project!



Game Night!
Sun. Oct. 4, 6-8:30 pm

Meet for fellowship and fun in the Fellowship Hall. Bring snacks and any games you'd like to play or just come and play a game you've never tried before!

NTNL SWO Retreat



October 23-24 2026
St. Matthew Lutheran
Church
800 N. New Road
Waco, TX 76710

NTNL SWO Retreat

2-days: Early Bird ends 10/2/26 \$35,
Registration Ends 10/16/26 \$40,
At the door \$45,
Sat Only \$30

Register for the retreat at:
<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/11349211>



Coming in January! Used Book Sale

Save your used books. Watch for an announcement on when to bring them in.

The History of Christ the Servant

In celebration of our upcoming 45th anniversary as a church, Lennie Gunderson is putting together some articles of our church history, decade by decade, based on documents from the past. This is the first such article.



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church History The First Decade 1980 -1989

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church's story in the 1980s begins with a bold and hopeful experiment in mission. In **1981**, under the guidance of **Mission Pastor David R. Asplin**, members and leaders fanned out across Allen, visiting **2,200 homes** and making **350 additional contacts**, laying the groundwork for a new congregation rooted in outreach and welcome. On **November 15, 1981**, Christ the Servant was formally organized with **122 baptized members**, drawing together lifelong Lutherans, returning members, and many from non-Lutheran backgrounds. The early years were marked by steady growth—reaching **147 members by the end of 1982**—and by a deepening sense of identity as a “servant church,” committed to sharing the Gospel and carrying faith into the community. As one passage notes, the congregation embraced the reminder that “like salt, light, and yeast, the church was meant to reach beyond itself.”

By the mid-1980s, Christ the Servant had become a thriving and increasingly confident congregation. New families joined, ministries expanded, and members began to imagine a permanent home of their own. The pastoral transition of **1984**, culminating in the call of **Pastor Paul E. Hoffman**, strengthened the congregation's unity and clarified its mission. In **1985**, Christ the Servant became fully self-supporting and launched plans for a capital appeal, signaling a new maturity and readiness for long-term ministry. The dream took visible shape in **1986**, when the congregation reached **300 baptized members** and neared completion of its first church building—a milestone described as “the fulfillment of a vision begun years earlier by the Synod.”

The late 1980s brought both celebration and transition as Christ the Servant entered a new era. In **1987**, the congregation dedicated its first permanent home, welcomed significant growth, expanded youth and music ministries, and completed its first seminary internship. Participation in preparations for the formation of the **ELCA** connected the congregation to a wider Lutheran story. The years **1988 and 1989** were marked by pastoral change, renewed commitment to service, and the adoption of updated governing documents. In 1989 the church called **Pastor Dale Gregoriew**. Along with the new pastor, the membership embraced the future with hope, preparing itself for the next chapter of ministry in Allen—a community strengthened by faith, service, and the steady conviction that its mission extended far beyond its walls.

Book/Bible Studies



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday school meets in the church library after Sunday service at 11:00 am in the church library.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This Zoom Bible Study meets on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00. Join us this month for a new Bible Study series - *Paradoxical People: The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)*. For more information, please contact Ginny Grundei at ggrundei51@gmail.com.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

meets in the church library 7-8 pm. All are welcome! For information, please contact Tina Lewandowski or the church office.



WoW - Women of the Word

meets in the church library Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact Paula Edwards at ped129@yahoo.com.



Da Guys' Book/Bible Study

2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8:30-10 am.

Next meeting, Oct. 10th

To participate, contact [Steve Secora](#) or [Lennie Gunderson](#). You may also contact the [church office](#) for information.

Other Ways to Serve



Lawn Mowing Teams

Oct 4—Team Hundtofte
Sat., Oct 10—Fall Fix Up
Oct 18—Team Reidmiller



Assisting Ministers

Oct 4 Julia Whannell
Oct 11 Doug Egner
Oct 18 Linda Federle
Oct 25 Bill Henke
Nov 1 Cheryl Lindberg
Nov 8 Larry Lutz
Nov 15 Kathryn McCord
Nov 22 Tim McCord



Rehearsals:

Lutherings Bell Choir
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays, 7:30 pm



Mini Parish Schedule 2026

October G1 - One Way
November G2 - Sunday Servants
December G3 - Spirit Seekers

Leaders:

One Way	K. Miller/K. Smith
Sun. Servants	Sedlacek/Whannell
Spirit Seekers	Wang-Jones/Wilson

The entire schedule for 2026 is posted on the kiosk in the narthex. The schedule is also posted through December 2026 on the website under

[Resources > Worship Leaders](#)

For questions, call Ceci Gunderson in the office 972-727-3191 during office hours.

Prayer List



Tom Anderson
Doris DeNamur
Kennedy
Bill Linam
Chris McCullom
Pflueger family
Ginger Pickett
Karen Whannell
Ashley
Marlette
Sarah
Shante

Continuing Prayers for:

Chrissy Andrews, Ellen Andrews, John Andrews, Betty, Mary Blitt, Kent Bode, Macey Boland, Jerry Cardenes, Alec Chavez, Chris, Chuck, Clouse family, Patricia Collis, Mazie Conarty, Bishop Yehiel Curry, Brenda Daily-Brooks, Deborah, Doug, Glenn & Caroline, Alex Gonzalez, Grundei family, Rob Harris, Linda James, Jessica, Karrell Johnson, Kimberly Judy, Julie, Kelly, JR Lawson, Leischski family, Chad Lindberg, Sue Long, Mark, Lucy Markovich, Richard Marquez, Bob Morgan, Jane Morgan, Weston Offield, Deloris Olson, Doris Schmidt, Ken Schmidt, Jack Terry, Whitney, David Wilson, Ashleigh Wright, Mac Wright

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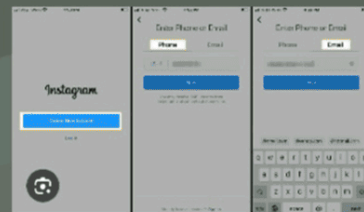
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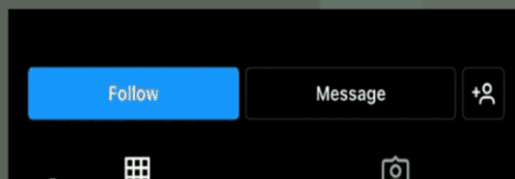


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2. Once your account is created, click the search button to enter our instagram account name and follow !

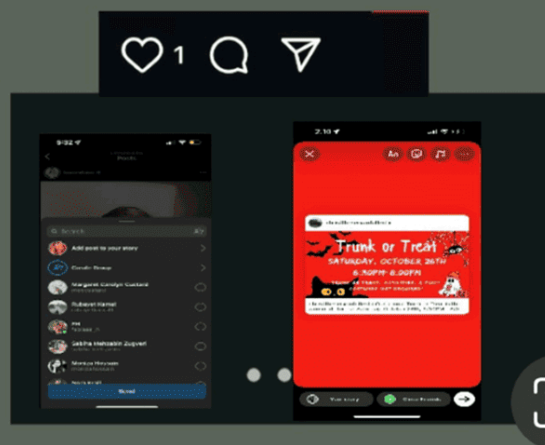


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