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CyberServant for 10/11/2026

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**Christ the Servant***Find Hope • Make a Difference • You Matter!**Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.*

2 Corinthians 9:11

NLT

Paul reminds his readers what Jesus often taught about generosity – when you give, it will be given to you.

It doesn't always make sense in a world focused on "more for me!"; but in Jesus assures us our heavenly father will provide all we need, and enough share.

Worship with us over the next two weeks to hear from a few of our congregation members on how they manage to be generous and what happens when they do.

Hope to see you Sunday, in house or on line!

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](#)

[Watch on YouTube](#)



Church Office Hours

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

**However, the week of Oct. 11, the
office will be open Tues., Oct. 13 and
Wed., Oct. 14. The office will be
closed Thurs., Oct. 15.**

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



Sunday School News:

Elementary: There will be no Sunday School this Sunday, Oct. 11. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, Oct. 25

Confirmation: Law + Gospel & Sinner + Saint



Church News



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 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.



Answering Pastor Cheryl's Call: Fall Fix Up

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**, CTSLC 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 this 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?

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

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

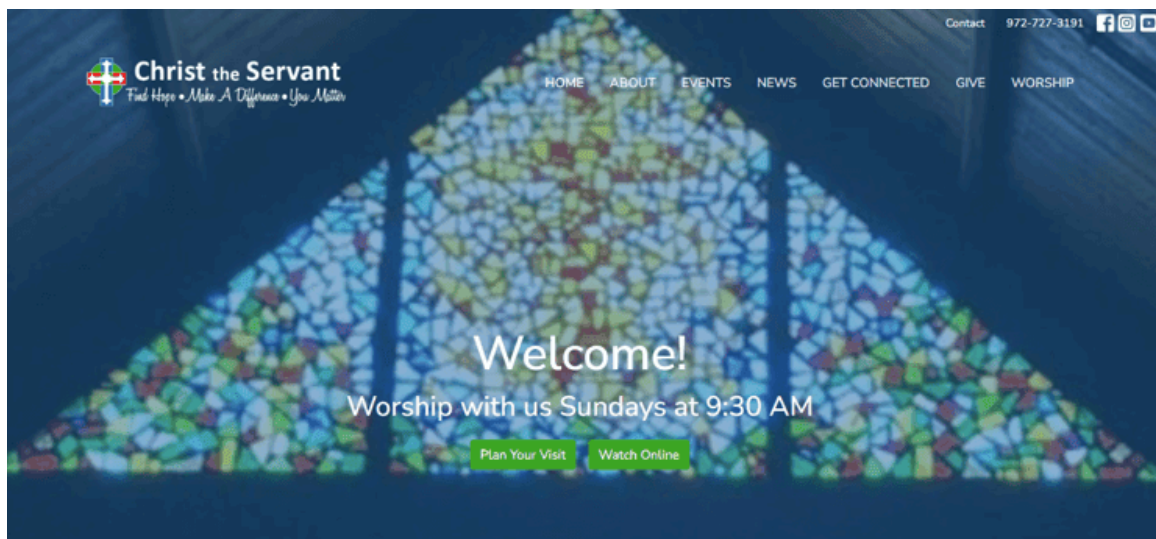


Church Worship Song Suggestions

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



Upgraded Church Website is here!

Our website is now integrated into the Tithely Church Management System! The layout and flow has been changed to integrate into Tithely but you will still reach it as normal at christtheservant.com. This integrated website will save us \$100/month as the site hosting costs are already included in the Tithely system subscription cost!

Please take a look and let Elizabeth Secora (emorgan816@gmail.com) know what you think! As you review, remember that the website focuses on information that the public would also find interesting and beneficial. However, you can see Member focused information (i.e. detailed calendar) by clicking on "Members" at the bottom of the page in the black footer.

Note that this is the initial release and it will continue to evolve with your help!

Coming Soon: CTSLC Mobile App

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.



Sunday, November 15th will be the 45th anniversary of Christ the Servant! The Anniversary Celebration Committee needs your help. We still need people to help monitor the trash cans during the lunch and a clean up crew for after the lunch. Please contact Pat Howard or Kelley Stewart.



Household cleaning items requested by the AMA Food Pantry:

October Shampoo,
Deodorant, Toothpaste

Fun & Fellowship



Fri., Oct. 9

2-4 pm

Meet in the church library



NTNL SWO Retreat

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. Here is the second installment.



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church History The Second Decade 1990 -1999

Throughout the 1990s, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church grew from a developing mission congregation into a mature, outward-focused community marked by expanding worship, deepening faith formation, and increasing service to others.

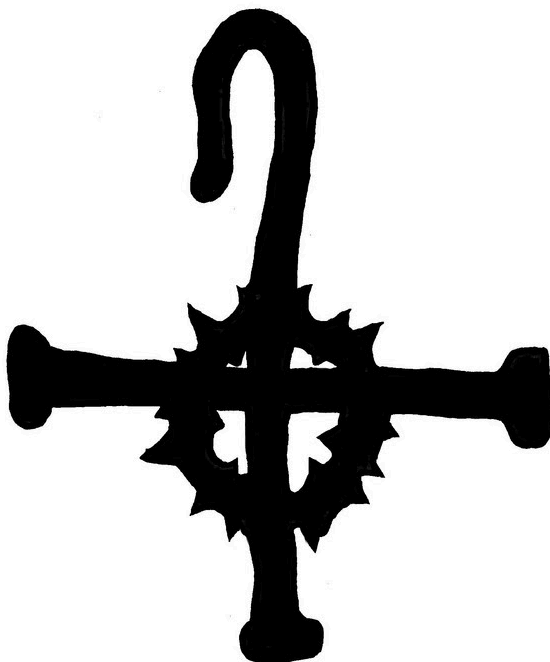
The decade opened with strengthened relationships, broader ministry, and a significant tenth-anniversary celebration that affirmed the congregation's identity and readiness for growth. In **1990**, the church strengthened relationships, expanded worship and learning, and increased its visibility in Allen. **1991** marked the tenth anniversary and a turning point toward greater stability, with expanded staffing, stronger financial systems, and deeper commitments to service and youth ministry. In **1992**, Mission 90 initiatives broadened outreach, fellowship, and worship, while new choirs, baptisms, and leadership milestones enriched congregational life.

Mid-decade challenges—including space limitations, financial pressures, and the need for reconciliation—led to lasting developments such as weekly Communion, Stephen

Ministry, small-group initiatives, and renewed commitments to care and share. As long-range planning matured, Christ the Servant broadened its vision through expanded education, caring ministries, ecumenical cooperation, and global mission partnerships. **1993** blended active ministry with thoughtful reassessment, prompting proposals for small-group care and renewed outreach. In **1994**, the congregation responded to challenges with weekly Communion, Stephen Ministry, and efforts to rebuild unity under the theme "Called to Care!" while **1995** expanded that care through small groups, stronger education, and generous outreach, laying groundwork for the next year's theme, "Called to Share." In **1996**, long-range planning, expanded worship and education, ecumenical cooperation, and global mission partnerships shaped a broader vision of service.

By the late 1990s, years of planning culminated in major construction and facility expansion, accompanied by generous stewardship, strong attendance, and growing outreach to families in Allen. Entering the new millennium, the congregation stood poised to use its strengthened resources, renewed purpose, and broadened mission to nurture faith and serve its community with lasting impact. **1997** joined physical expansion with renewed purpose, as fundraising, architectural planning, pastoral renewal, and strengthened lay leadership prepared the congregation to move "from maintenance to mission." In **1998**, construction began and a financial crisis sparked renewed commitment, while care ministries, outreach, and plans for youth and preschool programs continued to grow. Finally, **1999** brought the move into expanded facilities for education, fellowship, and service, positioning Christ the Servant to enter the new millennium ready to nurture faith and serve the growing Allen community with strengthened resources and renewed purpose.

Celebrating 45 Years!



Allen Texas 1981

Let's Build a Church
and
Let's Name It
"Christ the Servant Lutheran Church"



Prior to 1980, as the City of Allen continued to expand at a rapid pace, it became clear to a growing number of individuals that the community was in need of a Lutheran congregation. With a vision of need and growth in mind, the property at [821 South Greenville Avenue](#) in Allen was purchased in 1976. Rev. David Asplin was called as the congregation's Mission Developer Pastor in 1980, and a steering committee formed in January, 1981. By late March of 1981 a new congregation known as Christ the Servant Lutheran Church consisting of 30-40 families held their first worship services in the Reed Elementary School Cafeteria. As one member who participated in those early worship services remembered: "the first thing we noticed when we came to church was that it was Noisy! and this was a good thing because there were so many kids!" The original missions statement of the new congregation was: "We are the body of Christ the Servant, where human needs of hope, help and home are met by celebrating the love of Christ with the whole world through caring, sharing and teaching ministries" which served to provide focus and guide it on a path of growth. The current mission statement of the congregation is: "Chosen by God to serve all through Jesus Christ"



Book/Bible Studies



Online Daily Devotional Group

Join your friends at CtS for a daily devotional using the online YouVersion Bible App. Use the QR code on the right to download the application and contact Steve Secora to get added to the group!



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

Sat., Oct 10—Fall Fix Up

Oct 18—Team Reidmiller

Oct 25—Team Federle



Assisting Ministers

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

Nov 29 Julia Whannell



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
Presler & Voga families
Karen Whannell
Ashley
Abe
Brittany
Doug
Maddie
Pam

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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Scroll through the account to stay updated with our upcoming events!

Repost!

Click on the triangle under post and click "add to story" to share with your followers.

Important Notice to All

Our pastor and staff will never email or text asking for gift cards, money, or urgent help. If you receive a message like this, do not respond—instead we encourage you to call the church directly to verify.

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