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CyberServant for 10/18/2026

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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!

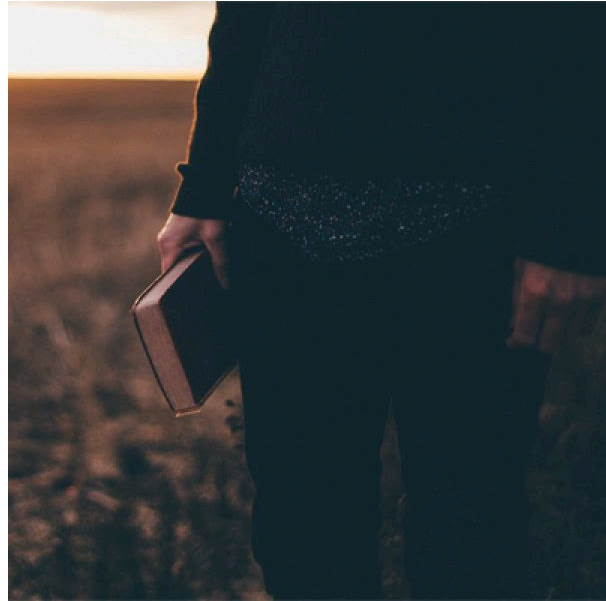
Our Service Schedule

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

**Reminder: 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. 18. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, Oct. 25

Confirmation: Sharing Your Faith



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UPPER ELEMENTARY FALL RETREAT

Early Bird
Registration
sign up by
10/10

**Saturday,
November 7**

**CAMP SONGS,
GAMES, ACTIVITIES
AND NEW FRIENDS!**



9:00AM - 4:00PM

Hosted at Advent Lutheran in
Arlington, TX

\$25 early bird
(by 10/10)

\$35 regular registration

Thank you Briarwood Legacy Foundation

Link for parents to sign up: [NTNL UPPER ELEMENTARY RETREAT](#)

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.



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

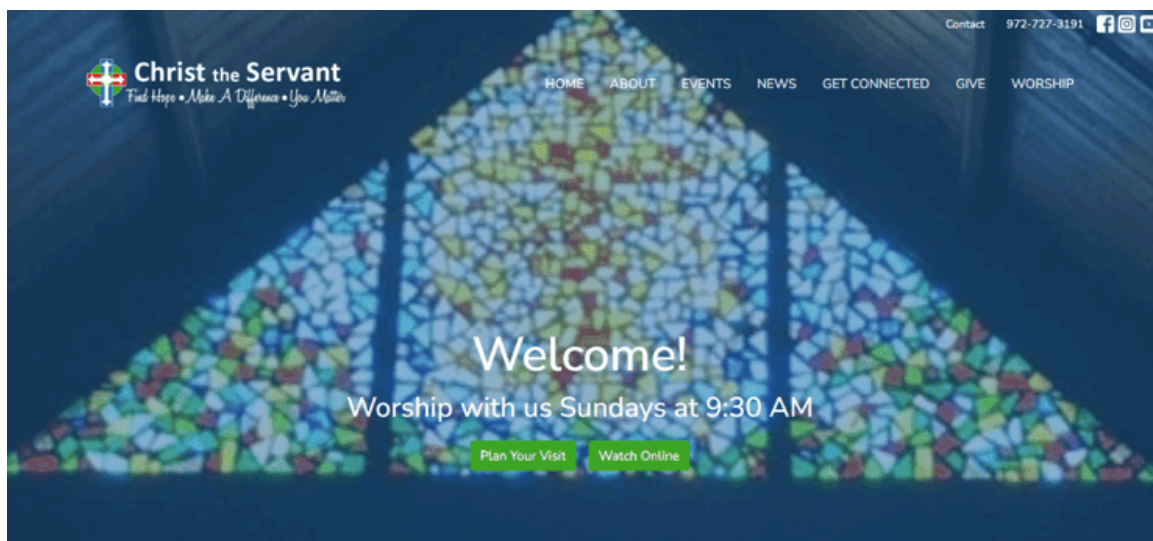


Church Worship Song Suggestions

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



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. If you choose to donate the \$5 mentioned in the flyer (or any dollar amount), please do so by putting it in an envelope marked for Send Hope Christmas bags and put it in the offering plate OR use the QR code on the flyer to donate directly. Do NOT put any monetary donation in the bag. Thank you so much. For questions, see Ann Reidmiller.



AMA Needs Your Help!

Household cleaning items
requested by the
AMA Food Pantry:

October Shampoo,
Deodorant, Toothpaste

Fun & Fellowship



Feast'n Friends
Thurs., Oct. 22
12:00 noon

in the Fellowship Hall



Empty Nesters
Fri., Oct. 23
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>



Performance by the Allen
Philharmonic Chorus
Sun., Oct. 25, 5:00 pm
in the Sanctuary



The Time to Celebrate is Approaching!

Sunday, November 15th will be the 45th anniversary of Christ the Servant! Prepare to celebrate! Please contact Pat Howard or Kelley Stewart if you have questions.



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 third installment.



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church History The Third Decade 2000 -2009

The decade of the 2000s marked one of the most transformative periods in the life of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. What began as a shift from building facilities to activating ministry soon became a decade defined by resilience, shared leadership, expanding outreach, and renewed spiritual purpose. Through preschool growth, youth development, worship innovation, pastoral transitions, and strengthened stewardship, the congregation deepened its identity as a servant church committed to discipleship, community engagement, and faith formation.

The decade opened with **2000**, a year of transition from construction to ministry activation. The preschool's opening fulfilled a decade-old vision for serving young children and their families, while expanded classrooms and growing youth participation strengthened the church's educational mission. Community service and fellowship broadened Christ the

Servant's identity beyond Sunday worship, even as attendance concerns prompted renewed attention to discipleship.

In **2001**, the congregation expanded its community impact through preschool growth, stronger youth programming, and hands-on service that reached families both inside and outside the church. Financial strain, personal losses, and the national uncertainty following September 11 challenged the congregation's confidence, yet these experiences inspired deeper reflection on mission and purpose. The formation of the Mission 2010 Task Force provided a forward-looking framework for discipleship, shared leadership, and outreach.

By **2002**, Christ the Servant demonstrated resilience and shared responsibility. Despite financial uncertainty, the congregation added a worship service, strengthened lay leadership, and supported a pastoral intern—clear signs of a church willing to invest in its future. Partnerships with the Synod and Perkins School of Theology connected local ministry with the wider church's work of preparing pastoral leaders. The year established a foundation for future growth by linking stewardship with worship, education, fellowship, and service.

The middle decade began with **2003**, a year defined by perseverance and adaptation. Despite financial hardship, Christ the Servant expanded youth programs, strengthened preschool ministry, enhanced music leadership, and added worship technology. Leadership additions to the Marks of Discipleship emphasized shared responsibility, demonstrating the congregation's ability to sustain ministry even under strain.

In **2004**, the congregation continued navigating financial difficulty while reinforcing its foundation for shared ministry. Pastor Dale Gregoriew's fifteen years of leadership provided stability, while fellowship dinners and the Discipleship Team gave members a stronger voice in shaping congregational life. Worship changes, active youth ministry, and new staff leadership helped prepare the church for renewed participation and stewardship.

The year **2005** brought a major leadership transition as Pastor Dale retired. Interim leadership under Pastor Terry Germann created space for reflection, relationship-building, and clarity about the church's future direction. Membership growth, increased pledging, and a shared vision demonstrated renewed commitment among members, laying groundwork for the next pastoral chapter.

By **2006**, Christ the Servant entered a new era under Pastor Gordon Illausky. Improvements to the sanctuary, a new approach to Sunday School, and renewed stewardship reflected the congregation's willingness to invest in its future. A comprehensive membership review provided a more accurate foundation for planning, while Pastor Gordon's emphasis on shared responsibility invited deeper congregational involvement. The year marked a turning point toward renewed direction and ministry strength.

The late decade opened with **2007**, a year of consolidation and renewed participation following the pastoral transition. Stronger relationships, an active committee structure, and committed council leadership helped distribute responsibility across the congregation. Investments in music, preschool education, and pastoral care demonstrated the breadth of ministry, while meeting all financial obligations strengthened confidence in future plans.

In **2008**, Christ the Servant maintained its ministries while welcoming new leadership and preparing for future growth. Changes in music and preschool leadership strengthened two important areas of congregational and community life. Baptisms, affirmations, and new members demonstrated continuing connections across generations. The year highlighted how much the church depended on everyday service—members' teaching, generosity, care, and outreach carried the mission forward.

The decade closed with **2009**, a year combining practical investment, renewed evangelism, and preparation for the future. The installation of a new organ and construction of the pavilion strengthened worship and fellowship, while loan refinancing and planned sign installation improved financial stewardship and community visibility. Reviewing Mission 2010

and looking toward 2020 connected past achievements with a continuing call to welcome, serve, and share the Christian faith.

In Case You Missed It



On Saturday, Oct. 10, members of Christ the Servant met for the annual Fall Fix Up

Fellowship Hall/Kitchen:

Linda Federle and Ann Reidmiller took on the task of cleaning, organizing, and purging



Flowerbeds:

Brad Sprague and Karen Whannell worked on trimming, thinning and shaping the plants in the gardens.



Windows:

Dana and Cris Lund made those windows sparkle!



The lawn was mowed and trimmed and the front entrance was spruced up; the sidewalk, benches and rugs were power washed.

Tom Whannell volunteered to mow.



And then there was 'Dirt Work': No one is exactly sure what Lou Federle and Bob Peeler were doing but it involved digging a hole and we can only assume it had something to do with the sprinkler system or outside lighting??

Photos courtesy of Cris Lund

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!



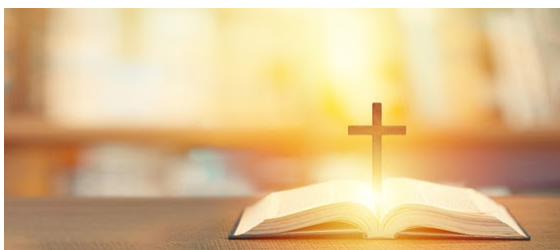
Adult Sunday School

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



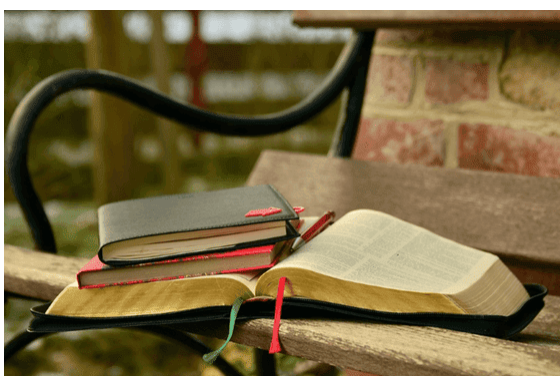
Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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. 24th

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 18—Team Reidmiller

Oct 25—Team Federle

Thank you to all teams!



Assisting Ministers

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

Dec 6 Doug Egnor



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
Bill Linam
Chris McCullom
Pflueger family
Ginger Pickett
Presler & Voga families
Karen Whannell
Ashley
Abe
Brittany
Doug
Kayla
Kim
Maddie
Mark
Pam
Sarah

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

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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