

# Christ Lutheran Church

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ

June 2020

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**PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In Hebrews 12, after the writer has listed many of the great “heroes” of the faith from the past, he states: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Even in these difficult times, as our patience and resolve wears thin, consider the obstacles that our brothers and sisters in the faith of the past faced and overcame by the grace of God. Consider what our Lord and Savior Jesus endured and overcame in order to win for us a place in eternity with our heavenly Father. And consider that God uses hardship as a way to discipline us to prepare us for glory.

Though we are all dealing with a number of stressors and fears in our lives right now, it is not more than God has seen before nor more than He can handle. Remember all that He has done for His people throughout the ages, and what He has done for us throughout our lives too, so that “you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Have a blessed month,  
Pastor John



## Letter from the President

The Covid-19 pandemic might have stopped the world, but the word of God will not be stopped. We want to thank Pastor John, Jordan, Phyllis and Donn Trautner, Jo Kautz, Mark and Katy Herber and the HIS band for bringing us the word of God every week during this pandemic. I am happy to report that during the time that the church was closed, the roof repairs and replacement have been completed. Thanks to Phil for all his hard work and staying on top of this project. As for the sound system, that is scheduled for the first week in June. I am also happy to announce that due to several significant donations to both projects, the church was able to reduce the loan amount for \$50,000 to only \$25,000. Finally, don't forget to regularly check our website or follow us on Facebook (look for "Christ Austin 78704") for the latest information or to watch one of Pastor's sermons. We are also on Twitter (@ChristATX78704).

David Schaare  
President

### Mission Statement

***The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to connect people to Jesus through:***

- ✦ ***Inspirational Worship***
- ✦ ***Loving Service***
- ✦ ***Caring Fellowship***
- ✦ ***Relevant Education***

***So that they may know, and grow in, his love.***

### Christ Lutheran Social Media

- ✦ Go to Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Austin-78704-121095017909219/> especially to tune into Facebook Live streaming of our Worship services, and Pastor's Discipleship class
- ✦ Go to Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ChristATX78704> especially to read Bible verses that also get posted on Facebook during the week
- ✦ Go to [www.christaustin.org](http://www.christaustin.org) - click on 'YouTube' for videos of Pastor John's sermons and hymns from the previous Sunday; and be encouraged by "Songs of Our Faith"

### Stewardship

Thus sayeth the Lord:

*"I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High."*

Psalm 50: 9-10, 14

***We give to the Lord, not because He needs what we have, but because He has given us what we have. Our offerings to Him are sacrifices of thanks. May we all live in obedience to God's commands and continue to sacrifice our offerings to Him to thank Him for all that He has done and continues to do for us, whether we are worshipping at the sanctuary or not.***

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# Eunice Guild



This page is sponsored by the Women of the Eunice Guild.

St. Paul says in 2 Tim. 1:5, that Eunice, the mother of Timothy, was a woman of "sincere faith." She loved her Lord and Savior, and she lived her faith. It is our prayer that we may all be granted this same sincere faith. God be with you and bless you as you spend time in Meditation and in Cooking With Eunice.

## Meditation — "Cluck"

Sometimes, when you least expect it, a chicken walks into your life. She's not something you need, and there's not much to want. As chickens go, she looks elderly, and it appears butchering her would scarcely yield a small, tough meal. She's a poor egg-layer and can be aggressive. The neighbors have already chased her off of their properties. You try, but nobody wants her, not even the family across the pasture who has many chickens and a loudly proud rooster. It's stormy and cold, and you feel sorry for her, so you put hay in an old Rubbermaid doghouse and set it out with little hope that she will use it for shelter. To your surprise, she welcomes it and leaves an egg in thanks. You buy a bag of chicken feed at Tractor Supply, and when she rewards you by eating out of your hand and following you up the drive to help check on the mail - well, you give her a name. This is how "Cluck", an American Game Hen, took over our property, our lives, and our hearts. She saw something in our family that she wanted, and she adopted us. There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creatures in His glorious Creation. Psalm 104, a hymn of praise to the Creator, says simply, "How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures" (vs 24). Martin Luther prayed, "God, who . . . made all the creatures and ordered them for the benefit of man, You are worthy of praise." On the fifth day, God created the creatures that live in the water and those that fly. On the sixth day, He created those that move along the ground. Then He created man. He charged man with "ruling over," or being the steward, the keeper of all the animals of the water, the air, and the land. We are to take care of them and use them for our welfare, but only in such a way that brings Glory to God. What a beautiful day that must have been when God presented His magnificent creation to man. "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good" (Gen. 1:31)! It was just the way He wanted it, perfectly and purposely formed. Then man sinned. We are sinners in a sinful world, and as such, we misuse and abuse God's creation. But through Christ, we are forgiven. Our Savior dearly loves and takes care of His Creation. Even greater is His love and care for us, His children. Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them (Matt. 6:26). He said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father" (Matt. 10:29). Then He said to His children, "Are you not much more valuable than the birds?" "You are worth more than many sparrows." Our Lord is ever present in His Creation, and He is wondrously and fully in control of all things. Cluck added such joy to our lives for only seven short weeks. The day she died, she seemed to instinctively know of her Creator's charge to man - to us, concerning His precious animals. She found her way to our kitchen door, laid down and waited for us to find her. We sat with her as she lowered her head, closed her eyes and took her last labored breaths, and we thanked God for the gift of Cluck. The animals "look to [God] to give them their food at the proper time. When [God] takes away their breath, they die and return to the dust" (Ps 104:27, 29). It is God alone Who gives, sustains, and renews life. Job said, "ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you. . . In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of mankind" (Job 12:7, 10). In love, Duannah.

## Cooking With Eunice

### Easy & Delicious Peach Cobbler

1 stick butter  
3 (15.25 oz) cans sliced peaches  
1 cup flour  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 1/2 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
pinch of salt  
pinch of nutmeg  
2/3 cup milk  
1/2 tsp vanilla

Topping: 1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 tsp cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375°.

- Put the stick of butter in a 9x13 pan and place in the oven until the butter is melted.
- Pour in 2 cans of peaches WITH their juices.
- Drain the juice from the third can of peaches and add just the peaches to the pan.
- Sift together the flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg into a mixing bowl.
- Add the milk and vanilla, and stir to blend.
- Spoon this batter over the peaches - DO NOT STIR.
- In a small bowl, combine the topping ingredients and sprinkle over the batter.
- Bake 40 - 45 minutes until crust is golden brown.

This cobbler is so good just as is, but even better served with a dollop of whipped topping, vanilla ice cream, or simply a little Half 'n Half.



## June Birthdays

Ethan Scott Castille	6/4
Pamela Herber	6/5
Juliana Ramirez	6/5
Paul LaGrone	6/6
Dale Brodbeck	6/8
Katy Herber	6/8
Liz LaGrone	6/10
Deborah Bynum	6/12
Dolores Dunn	6/17
Paul Kern	6/18
Joe Cano	6/20
Gwendy Lewis	6/20
Pamela Hamil	6/21
Rosa Williams	6/22
Lucille Herrera	6/24
Jeremy Faulkner	6/26
Clyde Crow	6/27

## June Anniversaries

Jimmy & Mildred Westfall  
6/3/1961

Paul & Alicia Kern  
6/3/2005

Jim & MaryLou Moore  
6/7/1975

Andy & Shelbi Hentschke  
6/13/2009

David & Kimberly Schaare  
6/18/1994

Don & Gwendy Lewis  
6/21

Mark & Pamela Herber  
6/24/2000

Freddie & Dorothy Richter  
6/25/1960

Jerome & Yolanda Faulkner  
6/26/1993

David & Pamela Hamil  
6/27/1998

## Resuming Worship in our Sanctuary

As the state has relaxed some of its precautionary measures to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have decided to begin corporate worship in our sanctuary on Sunday, May 31st, at our 9:30 a.m. service time. We will also continue a live stream of our worship on our Christ Austin Facebook page, for the time being, to serve our members/friends who are not yet comfortable coming into a public setting. *(Note we will only have one worship each week currently while we gauge participation and consider cleaning issues.)*

Following our live stream worship there will also be an adult discipleship class live streamed at 10:45 a.m.

We ask all those who plan to attend the worship service or discipleship class to:

- ✦ Avoid all handshaking, hugging, or touching of any kind with those outside their family.
- ✦ Bring a mask and wear it at all times within our facilities (except when receiving the Lord's Supper).
- ✦ Maintain social distancing at all times while entering/exiting/attending our worship and/or discipleship class.
- ✦ Please do not touch/handle/use any of the hymnals for any purpose (hymns/liturgies will be printed in the bulletin).
- ✦ Please wash and/or sanitize your hands often while in attendance at Christ (i.e. entering the sanctuary, prior to Holy Communion, leaving the sanctuary).
- ✦ Please do not gather in the narthex, sanctuary, or hallways to talk before or after worship.
- ✦ Please wait for your row to be dismissed at the end of worship and proceed to exit the building (unless you are attending the discipleship study or using the restroom).
- ✦ Please do not attend worship if you have any signs of illness (i.e. elevated temperature, sore throat, coughing, body aches, etc).
- ✦ Err on the side of caution – be respectful of others' fears and precautions
- ✦ Come prepared to praise and thank God for bringing us back together, and continue to ask God to protect us as we once again gather for worship.