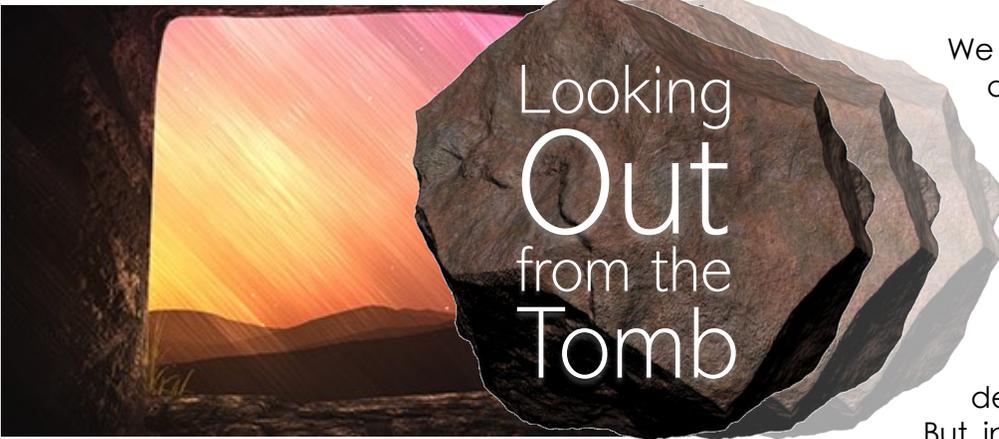


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# Christ ALIVE!



Looking  
Out  
from the  
Tomb

We are like the women who loved Jesus and came to the tomb wondering how they would move the massive stone. But, when they got there, the barrier had been removed. While they slept, forces beyond their knowing were at work.

St. Augustine once observed that, beforehand, the future seems to depend totally on us and what we do. But, in retrospect, we see that God's hand

holds us every step of the way. How many stones have been rolled away to smooth our paths?

Death itself seems like an impenetrable wall as we face it, but our Lord promises that death has become transparent to God's power. One day, we will look back and see this to be true.

Indeed, from our tombs there will be hymns of praise. Hymns of new life. As the popular Easter hymn extols:

*"Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: 'O grave, be open!'  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light."*

A Blessed and Joyous Easter to each of you!

*Pr. Twila*

In the winter of 1968, kidnappers seized college student Barbara Mackle very early in the morning, buried her in a box underground, and demanded a ransom for her return. Mackle would then wait in silence for over three days until she was rescued.

For 80 hours, she lay calmly in that tomb-like box – singing hymns – until rescuers located her unharmed.

Mackle's hope kept her alive. As she lay there singing, the vast network of law enforcement was at work. Far from where she lay, forces were set in motion to release her.

Are we able to sing in the tombs in which we find ourselves? When we worry about our futures? When we worry about our children's decisions? When we worry about the health of our spouse? When we worry . . .

## Staff Milestone Anniversary

*(In the most affectionate way possible, CLC staff overruled Pastor Twila's reluctance to this article.)*

May 30, 2022 will mark 10 years at Christ Lutheran for Pastor Twila. We celebrate her time with us, and the countless ways she has strengthened our ministry.

Twila often says that this congregation is one of the most caring and wonderful groups of people that she has served. While that is entirely possible, it seems apparent to us that she has modeled a reciprocal relationship. For her leadership, thoughtfulness, generosity, knowledge, mentoring, attention to detail, and myriad other attributes (you fill in the rest!), we give the highest thanks. You are a blessing, Pr. Twila – congratulations on your CLC anniversary!

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*



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# Check It Out!

"Check it Out" is our new monthly feature in which a staff member lifts up a favorite book in the PATHWAYS Library. This month, Pastor Twila's pick is Kathleen Norris's "Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith."

"When I began attending church again after 20 years away, I felt bombarded by the vocabulary of the Christian church. Words such as *Christ, heresy, repentance* and *salvation* seemed dauntingly abstract to me, even vaguely threatening. They carried an enormous weight of emotional baggage from my own childhood and also from family history. For reasons I did not comprehend, church seemed a place I needed to be. But in order to inhabit it, to claim it as mine, I had to rebuild my religious vocabulary. The words had to become real to me, in an existential sense. This book is a report on the process by which they did so."

- **Kathleen Norris**, Preface to Amazing Grace

This book is both the story of one woman's journey back into the life of the church. But, also, her delightful examination of words handed down to her makes the church accessible not only to her, but to others on their spiritual journey. Join her, as she examines and redefines words like *exorcism, idolatry, chosen*, and many others for the laity (and the clergy!) of the church! "Check it out" soon in the PATHWAYS Library!



## In the CLC Family

Thank you to Don Kinney, Mike Meinert, Howard Yakey, Sharon Brammel, and Lori Murphy for their part in creating the beautifully adorned Easter cross near our portico. What a glorious addition to our Holy Week and Easter celebration!



## Graduate Recognition

Do you know someone who is graduating from high school, college, grade school or trade school? We want to celebrate them! Please provide their name, the school from which they are graduating, and future plans to Deacon Laura no later than May 26.

We will recognize graduates in worship on June 5.

## Resurrection Celebration

CLC's first full Easter celebration in three years could not have been more inspiring. We give thanks to everyone for your faithfulness to see us through to this moment, where our ministry is flourishing in new, exciting ways and we are moving into a full program year. Here are just a few pictures from Holy Week; visit [facebook.com/Christ.Belvidere](https://www.facebook.com/Christ.Belvidere) to see our full photo album. *Alleluia!*



### May 1, 2022

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### May 8, 2022

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

### May 15, 2022

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

### May 22, 2022

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29

### May 29, 2022

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

## Service and Outreach

**Peanut Butter Rally:** Crunchy or creamy, Jif or Skippy, we'll take it all! It's time again for our annual Peanut Butter Rally. We are collecting peanut butter for Empower Boone (formerly Boone County Food Pantry) during the month of May. All donations will go to help provide students an additional source of protein during the summer months when access to free school meals is limited. Look for the collection bin in the gathering space.



**Young Adult Small Group:** Join us for Brunch and Bible Study twice in May! Our gatherings will take place May 1 and May 22. We will continue our study of Numbers.



it's a young adult thing

Plus, mark your calendars for a social event on Friday, May 20. Details are still TBD, but coming soon!

## Ancora Music Ensemble

Ancora, the small ensemble of the Nielsen Chorale, joins Christ Lutheran in worship on Sunday, May 22, at the 10:30 service with music for the service.

From the ensemble, "Thank you for the privilege of rehearsing in such a welcoming setting. May our worshipping together enrich our relationship with God and one another."

## Christ in Literature

### May 2

Bring your list of books to our last meeting of this spring. We will discuss Renee Spichel Larson's book, *A Witness*, and decide on our reading plan for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year.

All are welcome! Join us May 2 at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

## Vacation Bible School

June 13-17 •  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for our Rocky Railway adventure this summer! We'll explore all the ways that Jesus' power helps us every day!

Invite your friends to this FREE Bible School experience. Preschool through 5th grade students (as of fall 2022) are welcome to attend.

Register now online through the CLC website or fill out a paper registration form in the gathering space.

- Imagination Station
- Loco Motion games
- Bible stories
- Chew Chew snacks
- Sing-alongs

# ALL ABOARD!





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From Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 29) through Labor Day weekend (Sunday, September 4), Christ Lutheran returns to its summer worship hours. **Sunday worship will be held at 9:30 a.m.**, followed by fellowship hour. **Tuesday worship, "A New Creation," will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the labyrinth** or, in the event of inclement weather, in the gathering space by the sofas. "A New Creation" worship is designed by our staff and based on our past years' "Season of Creation," featuring new themes and scriptural readings. Grab your lawn chair and join us!

