

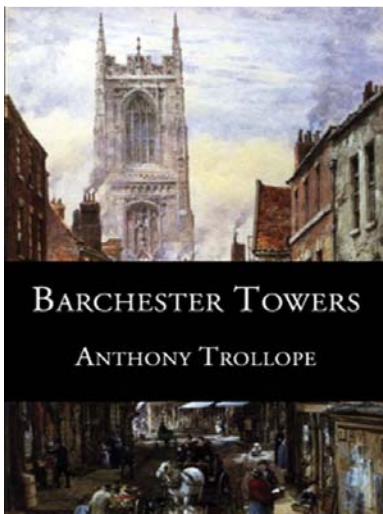


FOOTNOTES

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**The Reverend
Peter Bastien,
Pastor**



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As a preacher of the Gospel, I worry a lot about what happens when I get up to preach. I really want it to be worth your while. Years ago, I read Anthony Trollope's novel, *BARCHESTER TOWERS*, and this paragraph terrified me and has remained with me:

There is, perhaps, no greater hardship at present inflicted on mankind in civilized and free countries than the necessity of listening to sermons. No one but a preaching clergyman has, in these realms, the power of compelling an audience to sit silent and be tormented. No one but a preaching clergyman can revel in platitudes, truisms, and untruisms and yet receive, at his undisputed privilege, the same respectful demeanour as though words of impassioned eloquence, or persuasive logic, fell from his lips. Let a professor of law or physics find his place in a lecture-room and there pour forth jejune words and useless empty phrases, and he will pour them forth to empty benches. Let a barrister attempt to talk without talking well, and he will talk but seldom. A judge's charge need be listened to perforce by none but the jury, prisoner, and gaoler. A member of Parliament can be coughed down or counted out. Town-councillors can be tabooed. But no one can rid himself of the preaching clergyman. He is the bore of the age, the old man whom we Sindbads cannot shake off, the nightmare that disturbs our Sunday's rest, the incubus that overloads our religion and makes God's service distasteful. We are not forced into church! No: but we desire more than that. We desire not to be forced to stay away. We desire, nay, we are resolute, to enjoy the comfort of public worship, but we desire also that we may do so without an amount of tedium which ordinary human nature cannot endure with patience; that we may be able to leave the house of God without that anxious longing for escape which is the common consequence of common sermons.

All Christian denominations have sermons and, I assume, take preaching very seriously, but for Lutherans sermons have an almost sacramental status. Luther called the sermon "the living Word of

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Prayer Concerns

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Joe Wheeler
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Please notify the church office (301-977-0285, Prayer Concern box, or wcgarvey.comcast.net) if you would like anyone removed or added to the prayer concern list. Names will be removed after a six-week period if no update is received.

God." It is the pastor's job to make the text of the Bible come alive in the ears of his/her congregation. But Trollope reminds me (very forcefully) that we preachers often fail to achieve anything close to "living" Word. Often it is inert and boring, which may be worse than being wrong. At least with wrong, the congregation has something to react to!

I have been fortunate that I have been blessed over the years with congregations who "listen well," to use Emerson's phrase. I want to thank you for that. I really never worry too much about being "right" in my sermons; I'm much more concerned to be honest, to engage the text existentially and to hope that in my wrestling with the text, in the context of my/our lives, that it will perhaps get you thinking about the text and your spiritual lives as well. We Lutherans believe in sinning boldly and trusting in grace alone to get us through. I trust that God will forgive my eccentricities as a preacher and that you will hear me kindly.

So, every once in a while I take down BARCHESTER TOWERS and let Anthony Trollope remind me of my responsibility, put the fear of God into me, but then I sit down and write the next sermon. It is what I have been called to do. Churches today are becoming more programmatic and entrepreneurial, but I am still an old-fashioned parson (albeit very progressive theologically) who believes that the heart and soul of church needs to be Word and Sacrament ministry. I try very hard, with the Holy Spirit's help, to make it Living Word. I don't always succeed, but I want you to know that your love and support are really important on those miraculous Sunday mornings when it does work and you do not leave church agreeing with Anthony Trollope.

In Christ,
—Pastor Bastien



Membership Assistance Fund

CTS has traditionally had a Membership Assistance Fund that is used strictly at the discretion of the Pastor to assist members or close friends of the congregation in a time of crisis. Typically, we try to keep between two and three thousand dollars in the fund in order to have money available in case of an emergency. Due to recent expenses from the fund, we currently have only \$327.14 remaining in the fund. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund you can speak with Ernie Graf or Doreen Foge, or you can place your contribution in the offering clearly marked for general Membership Assistance Fund use.

—Chuck Eater



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Sunday Readings

April 6—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (13)
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 13—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23 (1)
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

April 20—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (5)
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

April 27—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20 (8)
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Other Readings

April 25—Mark, Evangelist

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 57 (9)
2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18
Mark 1:1-15

Flower Chart Opportunity

There are a few Sundays in 2008 where the Sunday flowers need to be sponsored. Check the flower chart in the hallway.





Council Meeting Summary


March 10, 2008


Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Council

(The complete version is posted on the CTS hall bulletin board.)

 **Financial secretary's report:** Council welcomed Ernie Graf as the acting Financial Secretary. Ernie's report: When pre-paid amounts are excluded, the monthly budget goal for pledge income is \$11,591. The amount received for February was \$10,156. Loose plate/facility usage monthly budgeted income is \$700; the amount received in February was \$1050. Year to date pledge income has a shortfall of \$1706.

 **Treasurer's report:** For February 2008, we had a negative balance of \$690.11. This leaves us with a negative balance of \$163.59 for the year. The negative balance for February is not unexpected—it was a four-Sunday month with the quarterly insurance premium due and higher than normal utility bills because it is winter. The negative balance for the year is nothing to be concerned about at this point.

 **President's notes:** Joyce presented Council with a facility usage request from a group requesting the use of the sanctuary on Saturday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Council decided that more information is needed regarding the group's beliefs and mission statement, their insurance information, and how they plan to pay for the facility usage, before Council can decide to accept or deny this request. Further information will be brought to Council at the next Council meeting. Joyce also reminded Council that five council positions will be open in May: Dave, Jo and Mike will not be returning to council in the fall, Roger is still considering the possibility, and Sandy recently resigned. Joyce asked Council to consider who might be willing and able to fill those council positions; Tony Kerlavage has assumed the Service role for the rest of the year. Council yearly ministry reports are due by the 20th of April.

 **Time and Talent forms:** Council worked on revising and updating the time-and-talent forms; there will be a section on church cleaning for signing up for specific rooms and responsibilities. The time-and-talent forms will be available by the May Congregational Dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
—Polly Brody, CTS Council Secretary



About Worship

On Christian Worship: The Sign of the Cross and Greeting

"I, through the greatness of your love, have access to your house. I bow down before your holy temple, filled with awe" (Psalm 5:8). The pastor begins the holy Liturgy at the font, where, together with the people, he makes the sign of the cross. He/she says, "In the name of the Father and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit." The assembly answers with the first "Amen" of the Service: a seal of assent, a confession of faith, an expression of joy.

As the congregation begins the Entrance Hymn, the pastor goes to his seat, first reverencing the altar with a profound bow. On solemn occasions, he incenses it, together with the cross. After the hymn, the presiding minister greets the assembly. In this greeting, she acknowledges the presence of Christ in the midst of the church. At the same time, the greeting is a communication of the grace of Christ, the love of the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. In response to this greeting, the people acknowledge the presence of Christ in the person of the Pastor as priest who stands with them: "The Lord be with you. R: And also with you."

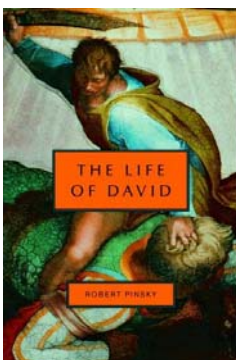
—From *Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons* by Mark Daniel Kirby, revised for Lutheran use by Pastor Bastien

CTS Book Club for April

The Life of David by Robert Pinsky, Sunday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., in the Parlor.

Poet, warrior, and king, David has loomed large in myth and legend through the centuries, and he continues to haunt our collective imagination, his flaws and inconsistencies making him the most approachable of biblical heroes. Robert Pinsky, former poet laureate of the United States, plumbs the depths of David's life: his triumphs and his failures, his charm and his cruelty, his divine destiny and his human humiliations. Drawing on the biblical chronicle of David's life as well as on the later commentaries and the Psalms—traditionally considered to be David's own words—Pinsky teases apart the many strands of David's story and reweaves them into a glorious narrative.

Under the clarifying and captivating light of Pinsky's erudition and imagination, and his mastery of image and expression, King David—both the man and the idea of the man—is brought brilliantly to life.



The Happiest of Birthdays to:

- Julia Rasnake 4/1
- John Severynse 4/1
- Adam Eastlack 4/2
- Eric Kabemba 4/3
- Sarah Greenstein 4/7
- Delores Petzold 4/7
- Nansi Kabonge 4/10
- Ed Gabriele 4/15
- Michelle Austin 4/15
- Marie Umali 4/16
- Natascha Larrabee .. 4/23
- Jonathan Lessen 4/25
- Barbara Holzapfel 4/29

Happy Anniversary to:

- Frank & Doreen
- Foge 4/4
- Bob & Melanie
- McMichael 4/24
- Mike & Cathy
- Kuchinsky 4/28



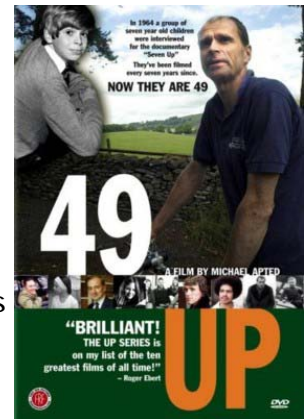
Forest Oak Film Buffs for April: "49 Up"

Join us on **April 20, 5:30 p.m.**, in the Parlor.

How do people change over the years? Can the adult already be found in the child of seven? What account would you give that child of the life you have lived since? These are the questions that have been explored, with mounting tension and surprise over four decades, in one of cinema's most remarkable enterprises, the Up series. Inspired by the Jesuit maxim "Give me the child until he is seven and I will give you the man," England's Granada Television began in 1964 what would become a unique record of English life and Western culture at the end of the 20th century.

In 1964, Granada's "World in Action" team, including a young Michael Apted (Coal Miner's Daughter, Gorky Park, Gorillas in the Mist), interviewed a diverse group of seven-year-olds from across England, asking them to describe their lives and hopes. The original "7 Up" was a beguilingly unselfconscious social self-portrait from a time when cinema was still young and television an infant—in fact, "7 Up" was television's first experiment in recording real people living their real lives.

Over the years, as Apted has tenaciously pursued the Up series, revisiting the children every seven years as they have grown up, navigating the divides between childhood dreams and adult reality, not all have participated in each succeeding film. Some have reacted against the series's intrusiveness. Others have embraced their roles. As "49 Up" revisits questions of love, marriage, career, class and prejudice—deftly inter-cutting footage from earlier films with contemporary interviews—it discovers surprising ruminations about the Up film series itself as well as unexpected turns in individual lives.



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Ramblin-On: The Travels of the Lashofs

Read about the Lashof's travels at www.ramblinon.sosblog.com.

—Beth Lashof



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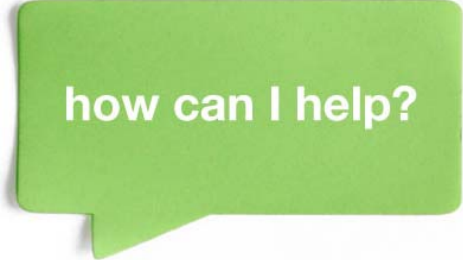


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How can I help?

At CTS, I hear this phrase all the time, "How can I help?" These four words express one's willingness to be of service to our congregation. I truly believe that we all want to be of help. As another council year rolls over, I have an answer for how you can help. You can volunteer to be a candidate for our CTS Congregational Council. All you need is a willingness to learn about what makes our small congregation run and a desire to help. And, in case you haven't already guessed, what makes our congregation run is someone like you who listens to the call to help. Let me or Tony Kerlavage know that you're willing to run to serve on your council. The election will be at the May 4th congregational meeting. We need your help.



Contacts: Joyce Backus (rbackus@comcast.net, 301-963-0438) or Tony Kerlavage (akerlav@comcast.net, 301-963-6236).

—Joyce Backus, Council President

Deepening the Journey: walking more intentionally with God

The last workshop for this season is *Engaged Spirituality: Putting Your Feet Where Your Faith Is*. Join us, Saturday, April 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. as we come together in community to grapple with being a spiritual person in a secular world. How does our faith inform our actions? How do our actions inform others about our faith?

Recovering Sabbath Rest: a quiet morning, Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Set aside time for a morning of silence in which to meditate and commune with God. Bring a bagged lunch as we will break silence over lunch.

Don't forget about the *Contemplative Movement* series. There are two dates left: March 30 and April 13. Your body is a temple; use it for prayer.

You *must* register in advance for all programs. There are flyers in the Narthex, or email Linda at RevLindaSHarrison@verizon.net for more information and to register.

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Faith Talk: Confirmation at Home: The topic of this spring's retreat is Lutheran doctrine. Let's continue the conversation by talking about what you think it means to be a Christian with a Lutheran understanding. Let's look at Romans 12: 1-3. What are some ways you conform to the ways of the world? What are the ways that you feel expected to conform to the ways of your church? Do you always agree? Do you think the early church members were always in agreement? How about the church during Luther's time? In verse 3, Paul also tells the church in Rome "not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think" (which is another way of saying "be humble"). How do you typically respond to controversy? Based on what Paul wrote, how do you think Lutheran Christians should respond to others about disagreements?

Shekinah 2008 - GRACE ALMIGHTY: Carson, James, Kayleigh, and Stephen joined Barbara and Tony for a weekend exploring what it means to live in God's grace which comes to us with no strings attached, with no questions asked and with no fine print. We brought back and posted in the hallway some of the prayers that were 'written' during one of the Small Group sessions. Be sure to stop and read them - and to talk with the youth about the weekend!

April Activities and Events

(in addition to Sunday School every week at 9:50 am)

Gaithersburg Help

April date - TBD, 4:30 - 7:00 PM

We need 2-3 youth to help with this ongoing service activity - please watch your email for the April dates and then call Inge Harman to let her know you'll be there to help!

Sheepdogs

Wed, Apr 2, 8:00 - 9:30 PM / H-K

Support group for parents of youth in Middle and High School. Please join us as we share with and encourage each other in our ministry to our children.

Senior High Koinonia / Agape Supper

Thurs, Apr 3, 6:30 - 9:00 PM / H-K

Open to all 10th-12th grade youth. Bring a can of soup (any flavor - just not one with a cream base) for the pot and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship with other Senior High youth.

Spring Confirmation Retreat Pre-Retreat / Session 1 Meeting **Sun, Apr 13, 1:00 - 4:00 PM / CTS**

All confirmands and their parents are invited / expected! We'll start with lunch - if someone wants to volunteer to coordinate so that we don't end up with all desserts, let me know! I'll bring the drinks and the paper/plastic products. We will be viewing and discussing the movie "Luther" as we begin our preparation for the Spring Retreat.

Spring Confirmation Retreat

Fri, Apr 18 – Sun, Apr 20

Topic: Lutheran Doctrine; Where: Summit Lake. More details at the Apr 13 meeting (above).

Shema - Walking Wet **Sun, Apr 20, 2:00 - 5:00 PM / Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence**

Metro DC Synod's annual Youth Ministry event for 3rd – 6th graders. Through an afternoon of activities, we'll explore what it means to love as a baptized child of God. Registration forms due Apr 5 - see Mike if you need one!

Film Night

Fri, Apr 25, 7:00 - 10:00 PM / H-K

We haven't had too many of these this year, so let's do one!! Suggestions for the movie are welcome, bring a snack to share - and feel free to bring a friend!

Upcoming Activities

Lutherpalooza

Sat, May 1, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Montgomery Conference road-trip event for Senior High youth! We'll start at St. Luke, Silver Spring and finish at Trinity, North Bethesda by way of Emmanuel, Bethesda. The highlight of the day is an afternoon service project - constructing toy/storage chests for 12 Habitat for Humanity families. Registration forms due April 20. Need one? See Barbara or download one from the Good Stuff page on the CTS Y&FM website.

De-Rally Sunday

Sun, Jun 8, 9:30 AM / CTS

Rehearsal for the Roaring Sheep on Sat, Jun 7 at 10:30 AM!

Chi Rho

Jul 20 – 26, 2008

Metro DC Synod's annual work camp event for youth, returning this year to Neon, Kentucky. Registration forms and \$100 deposit due to Barbara by May 1 (YM Funds available to cover balance). Need a form? See Barbara or download one from the Good Stuff page on the CTS Y&FM website.

Don't forget about our new website - <http://web.mac.com/arkerlav> - and check your email for news and updates!

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2008

as of Mar 10, 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups April Fools Day | 2 12:00 PM -1:00 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups 8:00 PM Sheep Dogs | 3 2:00 PM CTS/SHARP meeting 6:00 PM Sr High Koinonia | 4 6:00 PM Ethiopian Bible study group | 5 9:30 AM -3:30 PM Engaged Spirituality Workshop |
| | | Pastor Bastien - continuing education | | | | |
| 6 8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Pastor Bastien - continuing education | 7 7:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM ESOL 8:00 PM Worship Committee | 8 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups | 9 12:00 PM -1:00 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups | 10 | 11 6:00 PM Ethiopian Bible study group | 12 10:00 AM Seminar 1:00 PM Memorial Service (tentative) 3:30 PM -5:00 PM Luganda Academy |
| 13 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion 12:30 PM Pre-Confirmation Retreat meeting 4:30 PM -6:00 PM Contemplative Movement <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> | 14 7:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM ESOL 8:00 PM Parish Council | 15 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups | 16 12:00 PM -1:00 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups | 17 | 18 6:00 PM Ethiopian Bible study group | Spring Confirmation Retreat |
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| 27 8:30 AM Matins 9:50 AM Christian Education 11:00 AM Holy Communion 1:00 PM Letterboxing Hike 7:00 PM CTS Book Club <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> | 28 7:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM ESOL | 29 8:30 AM Montg. Conf. Pastors' bible 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups | 30 12:00 PM -1:00 PM NA group 5:30 PM -8:45 PM AA groups | | | |

SERVANTS' LIST FOR APRIL 2008

April 6, 2008
Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Robin Peterson, Stephen Muriel
Altar Preparation Wilma Garvey
Communion Assts Steve Garvey
Joyce Backus
Communion Bread Joyce Backus
Lector Vernon Toelle
Prayer Leader Frank Foge
Usher Vernon Toelle
Greeter Wilma Garvey

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Sarah Bender, Kayleigh Austin
Altar Preparation Bob Andersen
Communion Assts Chuck Eater
Polly Brody
Communion Bread Hope Walker
Lector Dave Larrabee
Prayer Leader Dave Larrabee
Usher Tony Kerlavage
Greeter Pat Huson
Hospitality Dave and Dave

Flowers given today by The Kabonges

April 13, 2008
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Matins

Acolyte Melissa Foge
Lector Ernie Graf
Usher Steve Garvey
Greeter Ernie Graf

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Heidi Petersen, Kristin Petersen
Altar Preparation Barbara Harner
Communion Assts Tony Kerlavage
Barbara Harner
Communion Bread Chuck Eater
Lector Barbara Harner
Prayer Leader Tony Kerlavage
Usher Chuck Eater
Greeter Frank Ndumbalo
Hospitality Joanne Eater

Flowers given today by The Grafts

April 20, 2008
Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Matins

Acolyte Michelle Backus
Lector Dave Larrabee
Usher Ron Backus
Greeter Joyce Backus

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes Brenden Austin, Jericho Martin
Altar Preparation Pat Andersen
Communion Assts Dave Larrabee
Roger Rasnake
Communion Bread Melanie McMichael
Lector Inge Harman
Prayer Leader Pat Andersen
Usher Paul Bender
Greeter Inge Harman
Hospitality Pat Bastien

Flowers given today by The Koehlers

April 27, 2008
Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Matins

Acolyte Carson Fehner
Lector Frank Foge
Usher Doreen Foge
Greeter Ernie Graf

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Acolytes .. Bridget Ndumbalo, Joel Ndumbalo
Altar Preparation Bob Andersen
Communion Assts Mike Mayer
Joann Eastlack
Communion Bread Joann Eastlack
Lector Roger Rasnake
Prayer Leader Joanne Eater
Usher Dave Larrabee
Greeter Kwan Koehler
Hospitality Christiana Carr

Flowers given today by The Kuchinskys

