

SOLA

ESSENTIALS OF THE REFORMATION

NOVEMBER 5, 2023
8:00AM WORSHIP





**CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**



VETERANS DAY *Chapel*

Join us for scripture readings, prayers,
and songs that honor our military
members, give thanks for our freedoms,
and celebrate our great God!



All San Diego area military children, spouses, and
active/former military service members are
encouraged to attend.



WEDNESDAY

8 NOV 2023

8:45 AM



**The Class of 2024 will host a brunch for all active and
former military and/or their families who attend
following the chapel service.**



*Please extend invitations to your family, friends, and
neighbors who are veterans.*



Join us in celebrating
the Consecration of

Jacob Sitze
as a Deacon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023
8:00 AM

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AS WE GATHER

Welcome to worship! Today we conclude our “Sola” series on *Solus Christus: Christ Alone!* We also celebrate “All Saints Day” – a day to remember those whom God has called to heaven. On this day, we remember that Christ has won for us eternal life and that it’s through *His* merits alone that we will enter the heavenly realms.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

LSB 790, PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so
prepare ourselves to celebrate God together.

(A time of silence for confession)

Pastor: For the times we've sinned against you in thoughts, words, and
actions, Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For what we have done, and what we have left undone, Christ
have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: For not loving you with our whole heart, and not loving our
neighbors as ourselves, Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

REVELATION 7:9-17
PEW BIBLE PAGE 1756

Reader: Our first reading is from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-3
PEW BIBLE PAGE 1739

Reader: Our second reading is from first John, the third chapter.

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-7
PEW BIBLE PAGE 1535

Pastor: To honor the words and works of Jesus, please stand.

People: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

+ Jo Ann Knutson, September 12, 1930–January 17, 2023 +
+ Timothy Schwartz, October 18, 1992–March 21, 2023 +
+ Dennis Kelso, September 4, 1939–May 2, 2023 +
+ Jo Wittrock, December 10, 1931–June 30, 2023 +
+ Rev. Dr. Richard Burkey, June 11, 1959–July 10, 2023 +
+ Pat Johnson, March 5, 1941–July 31, 2023 +
+ Betty Hayes, January 14, 1934–September 22, 2023 +

Pastor: St. John, in Revelation 14, communicates to us a scene in heaven. He says that he heard a voice from heaven saying:

People: “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

Pastor: “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!” In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

(After each name is read, a single bell toll is heard, and a candle is lit. After the reading of each name, the congregation replies with “Salvation belongs to our God.”)

Pastor: We call to memory...

People: Salvation belongs to our God. (Revelation 7:10)

Pastor: Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy Church. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

LSB 677, FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE HYMN

LSB 526, YOU ARE THE WAY; THROUGH YOU ALONE

You are the way; through You alone can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed His heart and will and mind.

You are the truth; Your Word alone true wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind and purify the heart.

You are the life; the empty tomb proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win whose joys eternal flow.

MESSAGE

SOLUS CHRISTUS: CHRIST ALONE

OFFERING

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

IN CHRIST ALONE

SOLO *In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand*

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God, in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, as we remember those who have gone before us into glory today, we also thank you for those who have been given another year of life. We especially thank you for **Dave Ehlen, Robin Fiege, Tara Flannery, Richard**

Mello, Carol Viskas, TJ Flannery, Steve Viskas, Bill Whitehouse, Mikki Winkler, Martin Bitterling, Aaron Lieber, Annabelle Lieber, Keith Yost, and Luke Rall. Continue to bless them all the days of their life. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: We thank You for the Church and that You have granted to her the glory of You abiding presence, the power and truth of Your Holy Spirit, and the communion of her Savior Jesus Christ. Keep the Church steadfast in Your Word and Sacraments, faithful to her mission, and obedient to the command of Your Son to proclaim the Gospel to every part of the earth. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant unto us, O Lord, such trust in Christ for our redemption that we may, with all who have died in Him, receive at last the crown of life, inhabit the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for us, and come to those unspeakable joys which the mind of man cannot imagine nor the tongue of man describe. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Comfort the aged and the infirmed with the blessed hope of Your rest; strengthen the weary and the burden by Your grace; give the spirit of power, love, and a sound mind to the fearful; heal the sick and the wounded by engrafting in them a true faith in Your holy Name; restore the sin-laden and conscience-stricken by the redeeming grace of the cross; set thy holy angels to watch over the imperiled and by the companion of the lonely; and console the sorrowing and the bereaved by the promise of the resurrection. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Now, Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22; COLOSSIANS 3:1

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right and good... evermore praising You and singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

ISAIAH 6:3; MATTHEW 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

MATTHEW 26:26-28

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

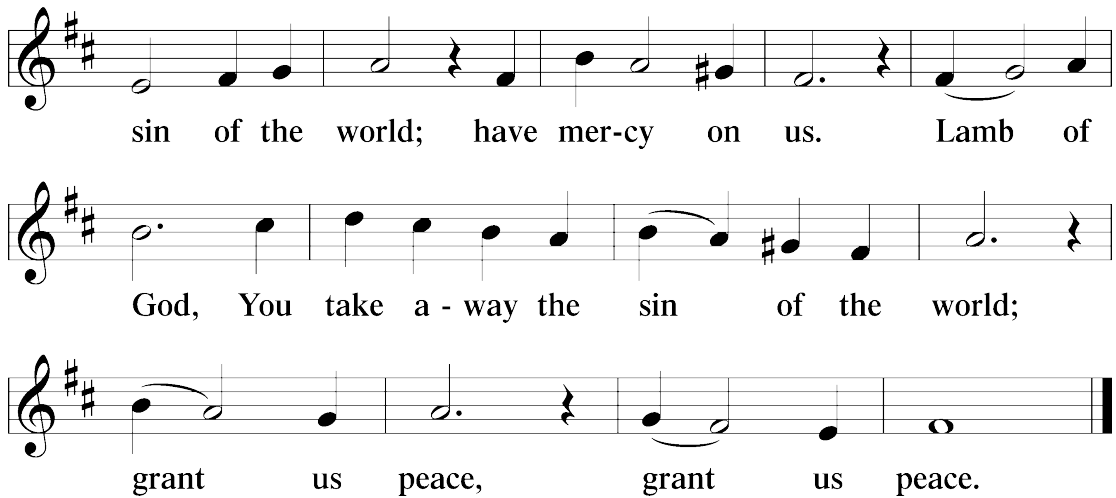
People: And also with you.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

JOHN 1:29

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



(Please be seated)

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and confidence that our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust in the words "my body... my blood... for you", repent of all sin, and seek to live by the Lord's ways.

If this is not your belief, are a child who has not taken the First Communion Class or are unfamiliar with the belief of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed so that we can give you a blessing by making the sign of the cross over you. We also encourage you to talk to one of our pastors after the service if you have questions.

HYMNS

LSB 622, LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED

Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared this feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, and at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, we come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although You did to heav'n ascend, where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true; all things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, may prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace and day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

LSB 644, THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 813, REJOICE, O PILGRIM THRONG

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Praise Him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP AT 8:00AM

Celebrant & Preacher

Children's Message

Acolyte & Reader

Music Leader

Organist

Worship Partner

Communion Assistants

Pastor Travis Ferguson

DCE Cheri Selander

Abigail Rall

Kathy Barkett

Joan Rollins

Terry Gland

David Blackford

Bob Maass

Mike Maass

Kent Schwartz

Dave Wutke

Eric Berg

Craig Barkett

Hannah Maass

Alissa Cott

Abigail Cott

Emily Cott

Jeff Paape

Erik Selander

Livestream Technician

Sound Technician

Media Technician

Welcome Team

**If you are looking for a place to serve
here at Christ Lutheran, we have a spot for you!**

For more information go to christlamesa.org/serve

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY | November 5

- ❑ 8:00 am—Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- ❑ 9:15 am—Sunday School
 - 3yrs -Grade 6—CLS Back Entrance
 - Confirmation—Room 202
 - Confirmation Parent Connect—Room 202
 - Senior High—Youth Center Room 3
- ❑ 9:15 am—Christian Education Hour
 - Focus—Room 101
 - Bereans—Room 203
 - Village—Lucas Hall
 - Grace—CLS Teachers' Lounge
- ❑ 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship
- ❑ 11:00 am—Novemberfest—Upper Terrace and Gym

MONDAY | November 6

- ❑ 7:00 pm—Adult Pickleball

TUESDAY | November 7

- ❑ 7:00 pm—High School / Young Adults Open Gym
- ❑ Alcoholics Anonymous—Youth Building Room 1

WEDNESDAY | November 8

- ❑ 8:45 am—Veteran's Day Chapel (all members of the Armed Forces are invited to attend)
- ❑ 9:30 am—Women's Bible Study—Lucas Hall

THURSDAY | November 9

- ❑ 9:30 am—Insights—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—Al Anon Meeting—Fireside Room

FRIDAY | November 10

- ❑ 6:30 pm—Singles Over 50 Game Night—Lucas Hall

SATURDAY | November 11

- ❑ 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study in Lucas Hall

JOIN A TEAM

If you are looking for a place to serve here
at Christ Lutheran, we have a spot for you!



First Impressions Teams
Worship Teams
Youth Education Teams
Music Teams (Adults)
Music Teams (Kids)

For more information go to christlamesa.org/serve

JOIN US FOR

PICKLEBALL



WHERE: Christ Lutheran Gym

WHEN: Every Monday from 7-9 pm

WHO: Church and school family, friends,
neighbors, community members -
18 years and older

CONTACT: Tiffany Giles at tgiles@clslm.org
OR Matt Rochester at mattrochie7@gmail.com

No registration necessary

Equipment provided OR bring your own

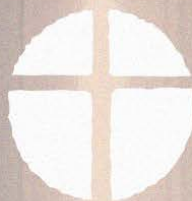
SOLA

Date: November 5, 2023

Message: Solus Christus

Text: Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; John 14:1-7

A note to begin: *Solus Christus* orders the other solas, as Christ is the source and giver of salvation. We are saved by grace alone (*sola gratia*), from the Father through the work of Christ alone on the cross (Romans 5:21). Further, we receive this grace through faith alone (*sola fide*), but our faith is simply the receiving of Christ's gift of grace. In other words, Christ's life and death are the means of our salvation from beginning to end. His work is sufficient, insofar as we need nothing further for salvation. In addition, it is exclusive, as salvation cannot come from another. Christ's exclusive identity as God and his atoning work is the only way to salvation. This sola does *not* mean that God the Father and the Holy Spirit are not part of the salvation of believers too. Christ's work on the cross is the atoning sacrifice, but this is not to the exclusion of the work of the Father and Son. Throughout the Scriptures, the salvific work of God is discussed in trinitarian language.



SOLA

Why does our culture often find exclusive religious claims offensive?

Read John 14:1-7 together. In John 14, Jesus makes a bold claim. He says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." What do these titles mean for our lives, and the lives of those who desire *more* than what this world offers?

Some people may find Jesus' statement in John 14:6 exclusive or narrow-minded. How can we understand and explain this exclusivity in a way that allows us to live in a world with many other belief systems in an evangelistic, rather than crusader-istic (yes, that's a made up word), way?

In what ways have you experienced the significance of Christ alone in your own faith journey or life experiences?

How can the understanding of "Christ Alone" foster unity among Christians, despite denominational differences or theological nuances?

How does the concept of "Christ Alone" align with the other *solas* we've talked about (grace alone, scripture alone, faith alone)?

End your time praying for one another.

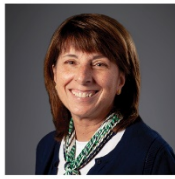




Travis Ferguson
Pastor



Patti Maass
Director of Operations



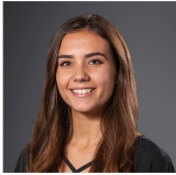
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Director of Youth Ministries



Brandon Heath
Minister to Youth



Kathy Barkett
Director of
Worship and Music



Sarah Kusel
Assistant Director
of Music and Worship



Xavria Schwarz
School Principal



Melissa Payne
Preschool Director



Stuart Gardner
Director of Community
and Communications



Craig Barkett
Director of Facilities



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Administrative Accountant



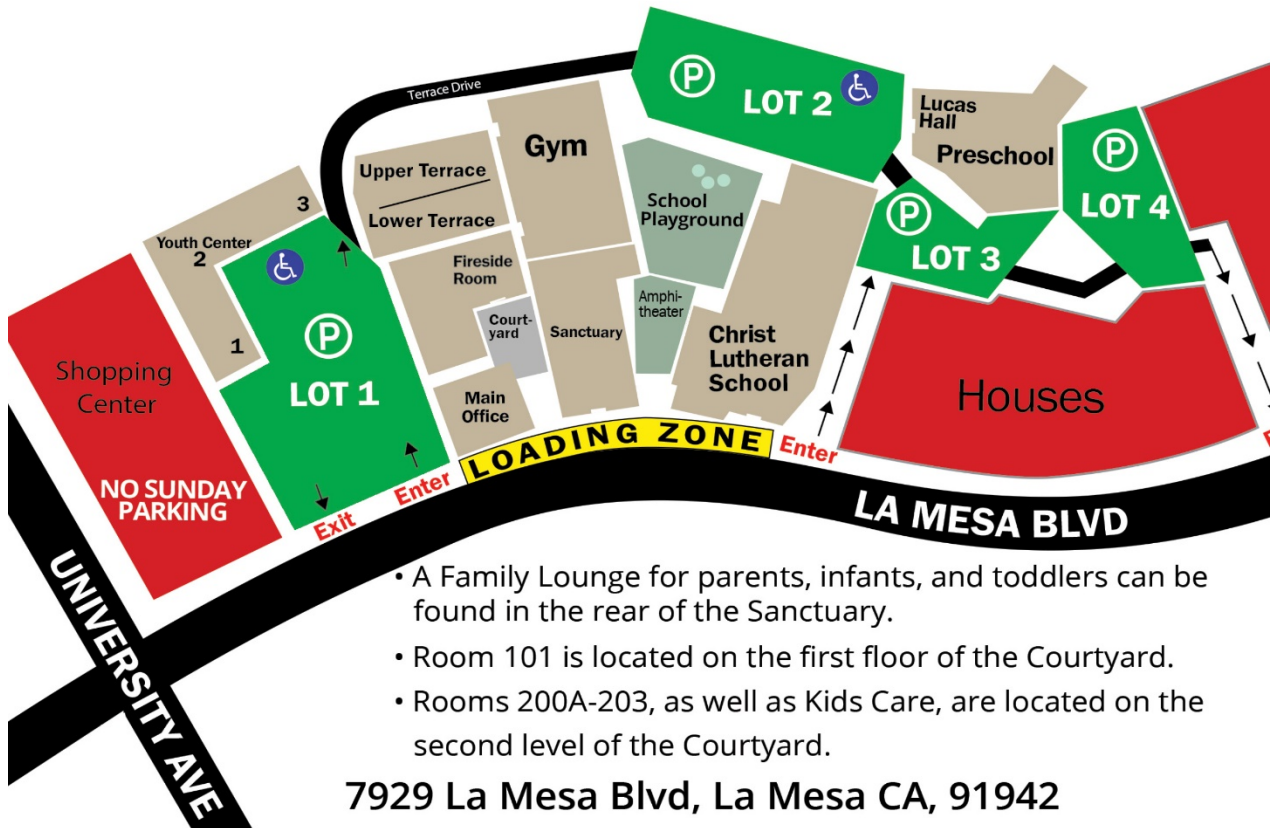
Emily Lieber
Human Resources Specialist



Kathy Johnson
Worship and Music Assistant



Kim Voss
Administrative Assistant



- A Family Lounge for parents, infants, and toddlers can be found in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Room 101 is located on the first floor of the Courtyard.
- Rooms 200A-203, as well as Kids Care, are located on the second level of the Courtyard.

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