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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Good Shepherd Sunday

**Readings for this week:** Acts 2:42-47; 1Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Almighty; merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow Him that sin and death may never pluck us out of Your hand; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer:** *“Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of great distress. In mercy put an end to the coronavirus epidemic that is afflicting many people around the world. Grant relief to those who are suffering, and comfort to those who mourn the death of loved ones. Sustain all medical personnel who are attending to the sick, and bless the efforts of those who are working tirelessly to discover a treatment for this disease. In these times of affliction and distress, strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit to continue steadfast in the one, true, saving faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our suffering Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”*

**Pray also for** *all of our congregations and Pastors in LCC and all people in Canada and throughout the world dealing with this **Covid 19**. I have been in contact via messenger with many people throughout the world. Africa, South America, Mexico, England and the population of the whole world is dealing with it, and some governments like in Uganda are just ignoring it, there are going to be millions of people wiped out because of this. We know God is in control but also that sin and mankind has brought this upon ourselves. He is our Refuge and Strength and ever-present help in trouble. ...Pastor Makey*

**REJOICING AND THANKING GOD IN PRAYER:** We thank God for our wonderful shepherds Pastor John Makey & Linda as they continue their work among us during our vacancy. We rejoice also with Pastor Todd and family at the purchase of their new home here in St. Catharines. Their intention is to move for July. May God continue to give each of these gifted pastors His wisdom, discernment and compassion; and may He keep them and their families safe and healthy during this time of crisis.

**OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS** to the family and friends of **Martha Schinkel** who passed away, April 27th and funeral held Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Hulse and English Funeral Home by Pastor John Makey

**NOTE:** If you have something that you would like added to the bulletin, please send to Pat by Thursday morning as usual at, [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca). Thank you!

**ANNUAL REPORT:** It's that time again. Please send your annual reports to: [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca).

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN:

**Dear Friends in Christ**, this Sunday is my favourite Sunday of the church year next to Christmas and Easter. It is **Good Shepherd Sunday**, and I am sad at heart that we can't celebrate it together in person. However, our Good Shepherd is with us, His flock, and He watches and cares for us.

There are various pictures of the intimate relationship between Christ and the Christian: We are the branches in Christ the vine, members of His Body, His bride, stones in the spiritual temple. However, the most familiar picture of all is that of the Shepherd and His sheep. John 10 is known as the Good Shepherd Chapter as the whole chapter is dedicated to Jesus as our Good Shepherd.

There are two main teachings that come out of the first 10 verses of the chapter.

- First is that Christ is the door. He came to give His life for the sheep, and He is the only door. It reminds us of Christ's words, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*
- Second, Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He calls His sheep by name. He gives them safety in the sheepfold (the Church). He feeds them and waters them. He has given us God's Word to feed our hunger and quench our thirst. It is in God's Word we hear the voice of our Good Shepherd. We hear the warnings of the Law and the encouragement of the Gospel. In our God given faith we listen and follow our Good Shepherd knowing He will never fail us and that He has prepared for us a heavenly sheepfold where we will never hunger or thirst, and we will be under His protection for eternity. ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.***

I have another hymn to share with you again this week. It is one that we don't often hear in Lutheran circles, but I feel it expresses the love and devotion of Jesus Christ as our Good Shepherd:

***"There were ninety and nine that safely lay"*** - Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane\* (1830-1869).

- 1 There were ninety and nine that safely lay  
In the shelter of the flock,  
But one was out on the hills away,  
Far off in the cold and dark;  
Away on the mountains wild and bare,  
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.
- 2 "Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine;  
Are they not enough for Thee?"  
But the Shepherd made answer: "This of Mine  
Has wandered away from Me;  
And although the road be rough and steep,  
I go to the desert to find My sheep."
- 3 But none of the ransomed ever knew  
How deep were the waters crossed;  
Nor how dark was the night which the Lord passed through  
Ere He found His sheep that was lost.  
Out in the bleak desert He heard its cry—  
All bleeding and helpless, and ready to die.

4 “Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way  
That mark out the mountain’s track?”

“They were shed for one who had gone astray  
Ere the Shepherd could bring him back.”

“Lord, whence are Thy hands so rent and torn?”

“They’re pierced tonight by many a thorn.”

5 And all through the mountains, thunder-riven,  
And up from the rocky steep,

There arose a cry to the gate of heaven,

“Rejoice! I have found My sheep!”

And the angels echoed around the throne,

“Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own!”

This was one of eight hymns by Clephane printed after her death in *The Family Treasury*, a Scottish religious magazine, in 1874 under the general heading of ‘Breathings on the Border’ (she had lived in the Border town of Melrose). It became very popular when set to the tune (sometimes called CLEPHANE) written by Ira D. Sankey\* and published in his *Sacred Songs and Solos*. The hymn’s dramatic rendering of the parable from Luke 15: 3-7 is said to have been occasioned by the news of the early death in Canada of Clephane’s oldest brother George, the black sheep of the family.

May Jesus our Good Shepherd keep you each in His tender loving and protecting care this week.

***Love in Christ, Pastor John and Linda***

**“For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body --- whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free --- and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:13, 27**

**Prayer for the Tragedy in Nova Scotia:**

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent tragedies, and especially the horrific senseless deaths in the province of Nova Scotia. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the days ahead. Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of all the community. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGES** are available on our church website or on our Facebook page.

**Precious Moments** is also online. If you or someone you know would like to receive these please text Louise (905-339-8579) or send an email.

**IMPACT:** So during this time of isolation how are you making an impact on your family, on your neighbours, on those around you? Colossians 3:12, 16 & 17—As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts whatever you do, do it in the name of Jesus.

## **SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Eph. 4: 17-24

Wednesday: 1 John 4: 7-14

Friday: 11 Cor. 5: 16-21

Tuesday: Eph. 4: 25-32

Thursday: Acts 17: 22-23

Saturday: Rom.1: 18-25

## **SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC**

### **1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:**

During these uncertain times, it's important for members to keep in mind that although the Church is closed for services, expenses continue to accumulate. Expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue whether we hold services or not. We have an awesome tool available to us in the form of EFT donations. Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation continues to facilitate this service for us. To assist you in continuing your financial support to your church during these troubled times, we encourage you to fill out the form that is available for printing on Christ's website, (PDF form under "*Coming Events*" tab --> "*Bulletin Board*" tab --> *LCC-ED-EFT Authorization Form-Parishioner*) or follow the link: [http://christlutheransc.ca/?page\\_id=96](http://christlutheransc.ca/?page_id=96) and then mail the form along with a voided cheque to:

Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation  
275 Lawrence Ave.  
Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3  
Attn: Darryll Holland

### **2. BY MAIL:** cheques can still be mailed to:

Christ Lutheran Church  
140 Russell Ave.  
St.Catharines, ON  
L2R 1W1

or dropped in the Church mailbox at the East entrance.

### **3. ONLINE VIA LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA:**

Lutheran Church-Canada has opened a web portal that allows parishioners to donate directly to their home church. Just visit LCC's website: [www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca](http://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca) and click on the "*Support My Home Congregation with Online Donations*", select "*St. Catharines-Christ Lutheran-30950*" from the drop down menu, enter the amount of your donations and LCC will transfer your donation to Christ. Donation is via VISA or Mastercard. Tax receipts will be issued by LCC (not Christ).

This opportunity will be in effect until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

**V.B.S**—Mark your calendars now—Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>!

**ART ENTHUSIASTS:** We are asking members to share a favourite Bible Verse. You may choose to make a Bible Verse poster, you may choose to display it in the window of your home, write it on your bathroom mirror, get out some chalk and write it on your sidewalk or driveway; however you choose to display your Bible Verse, please take a picture and share it with us, and we will put it on our Facebook page. This is a great opportunity to get the entire family involved and a wonderful way to impact our community. May God continue to help us **GROW IN HIM!**

## **All LWML-C / Mary Martha Events are paused for now.**

Please remember: Church on-line - Not Cancelled  
Quiet Time with God - Not Cancelled  
Praying for the Sick - Not Cancelled  
Praying for the lonely - Not Cancelled  
Checking in on a friend - Not Cancelled  
Helping Others - Not Cancelled  
Being the Church - Now more important than ever  
Remember it is physical distancing (not social distancing).

***"Come let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."*** (Lorraine Kaija)

**HAVE YOU TAKEN THE CHALLENGE?** While we are in self isolation, take this time to memorize a Bible Verse. Each week we will be encouraging you to learn a Bible Verse. Each week will focus on a different letter of the alphabet. You might be a part of the entire challenge or you might just pick and choose. It's up to you. Encourage each other to take up the challenge!!

**A** = **"Ask** and it will be given to you, Seek and you shall find, Knock and the door will be open to you." Matthew 7:7 (April 19, 2020)

**B** = **"Blessed** are those who have not seen and yet believe". John 20:29 (April 26, 2020)

**C** = **"CAST** your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you." 1 Pet. 5:7 (May 3, 2020)

### **LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION:**

Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—[www.lhmcanada.org](http://www.lhmcanada.org)

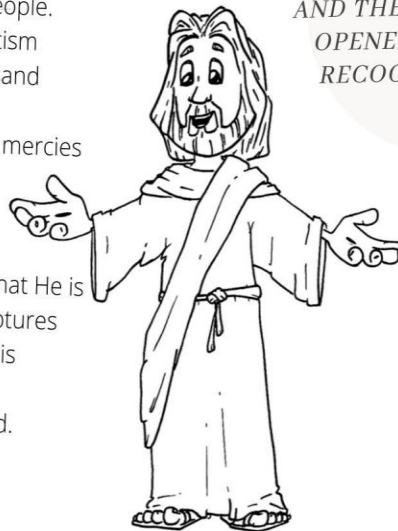
**LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR**, Sundays on CHAM 820 at 8:00 a.m. Next Sunday, May 10th — **"Stand a Little Taller"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When someone special pays you a visit, you stand a little taller in their presence. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about dignity, humility, and life in the presence of God. (Exodus 18)

(Some Bible Learning Puzzles and Colouring Pages for  
the Children (and the Adults ☺)



## Kids Lectionary Learning THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today in our readings we  
hear and see the risen  
Jesus making himself  
known to His people.  
We hear of baptism  
and three thousand  
coming to faith.  
We read of God mercies  
and how He is  
our strength.  
And we see  
Jesus revealing that He is  
the one the Scriptures  
speak of and He is  
revealed in the  
breaking of bread.



*"When he was at table with them, he took  
the bread and blessed and broke it  
and gave it to them.*

**AND THEIR EYES WERE  
OPENED, AND THEY  
RECOGNIZED HIM."**

- Luke 24:13-35

### Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-14  
1 Peter 1:17-25  
Luke 24:13-35

### A Game for the Family

(21 Questions)

21 Questions is a game where one person thinks  
of something and the others have to guess  
what it is by asking 21 questions or less.

Try thinking of something from the Bible readings,  
or something that reminds you of Jesus, and then  
explain it to the others after they guess.



Children's Lectionary Learning  
Third Sunday of Easter



IN OUR READINGS TODAY WE ARE REMINDED THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL AND HE COMES TO US. HE HEARS OUR PRAYERS AND HELPS US WHEN WE ARE IN NEED. HE HAS GIVEN US SALVATION.

Though there may be things we are worried about, God provides and blesses us in many ways.

Below, can you draw or write a list of some of the great things God has given or done for you?

Tab's is thankful for her backpack, her glasses, and for the Bible that shows us God's love.



Sometimes we may become worried or anxious because of what is happening in life or things we are scared of.

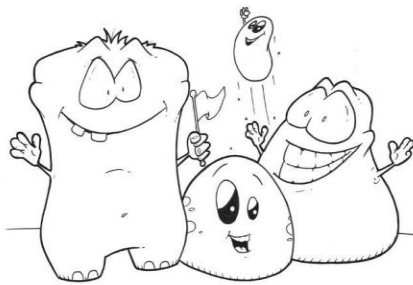
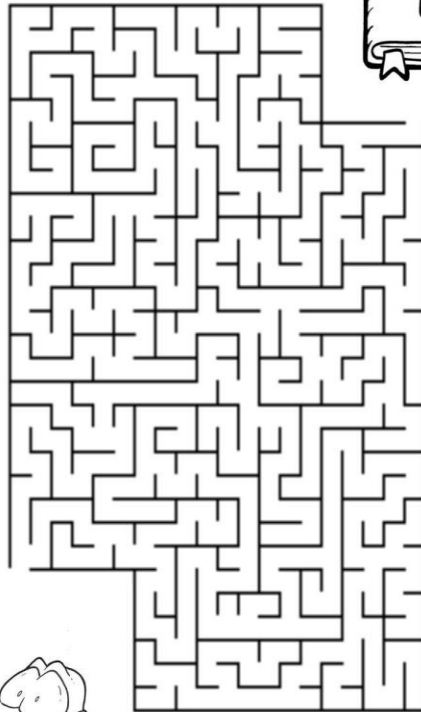
In our Psalm reading the psalmist reminds us that God is with us and that He hears our prayers.

"I love the Lord,  
because he has heard  
my voice and my  
pleas for mercy."  
(Ps. 16:1)



God promised a Savior for the world; this Saviour is Jesus.  
Jesus washed away our sins on the cross so that we may  
have eternal life. This is the Easter news

The Grubs love  
to hear about  
Jesus and how  
He loves us and  
promises to  
always be  
with us,  
no matter what!





TODAY'S GOSPEL READING TELLS US OF JESUS MEETING AND WALKING WITH TWO MEN ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS. THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE HIM, BUT HE SHOWS HIMSELF TO THEM IN THE SCRIPTURES AND IN COMMUNION.



Ivan is amazed that Jesus walked on the road with the two men and they didn't recognize him. Yet, Ivan knows sometimes we don't always recognize God in all the blessings we have been given.

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| 1. ummsEa     | _____ | verse 13 |
| 2. lmeJuasre  | _____ | verse 13 |
| 3. stSrperuci | _____ | verse 27 |
| 4. gRzeonecdi | _____ | verse 31 |
| 5. eBrad      | _____ | verse 35 |
| 6. Bsidsee    | _____ | verse 30 |
| 7. Resni      | _____ | verse 34 |
| 8. suJes      | _____ | verse 15 |
| 9. odRa       | _____ | verse 32 |
| 10. iglkaTn   | _____ | verse 15 |



Can you colour Ivan and help him unscramble the words to from our gospel reading.

Dear Jesus, thank you for Your Holy Word and for walking with us. Help us to walk by faith and to always trust and see You in our life and world. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Here are some ways to brighten someone's day if you know they are confined to home all alone.  
(from Lutheran Laymen's League)

# Suicide safety and the Church

Positive and supportive social relationships and community connections help during times of isolation or loneliness.

Here are some simple things you can do to connect and show love.

## PHONE A FRIEND



Not just for game shows, a simple phone call can make a huge difference for someone. Perhaps create a phone list or call group in your church

## WRITE A LETTER

A good old fashioned letter can brighten someone's day. Spend time writing a letter to encourage or say "thanks".



## GATHER ONLINE



Technology can be a great blessing. Try finding or creating an online meeting or group to "meet" with.

## PRAY

God calls us to pray for one another. Spend some time in prayer, or call them up and pray with them. God is good and there is power in prayer.



Please reach out or call a friend, pastor, or trusted person that you can talk to. If you are in need please call a suicide helpline at:  
1.833.456.4566 (in Canada)



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