

May 24th, 2020

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send to [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca).

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Readings for this week:** Acts 1: 12-26; 1 Peter 4: 12-19; 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11

**Readings for Ascension Day** this past Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, we pray, leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth, whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with the Father 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** on the passing of Dorothy McFaul, Wendy Hyatt's sister. We pray for Wendy & James Hyatt, Wendy's sister Barb, and Dorothy's daughters, that they will be comforted as they mourn the loss of their sister and mother. May our Heavenly Father surround them with His love and grace and bring them His comfort and peace.

### **SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: John 14: 15-21

Wednesday: 1 Cor. 2: 12-16

Friday: Heb. 11: 32-40

Tuesday: John 15: 17-21

Thursday: John 7: 37-39

Saturday: Isa. 41: 17-

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN:

### **GOD'S WORD IS:**

Alive and Active	Hebrews 4:12
Authoritative	Luke 4:32
Consuming	Jeremiah 5:14b
Dependable	2 Samuel 22:32a
Divine	John 14: 24b
Eternal	Mark 13:31
Incomparable	John 7:46
Inspired	2 Peter 1: 21
Joyful	Jeremiah 15: 16b
Nourishing	Deuteronomy 8:3
Powerful	Romans 1:16
Reassuring	1 John 5:13
Rich	Colossians 3:16a
Truthful	John 17:17a
Useful	2 Timothy 3:16
Wonderful	Luke 4:22a

Celebrate the Bible! Can bring about a time of spiritual growth and joy to the people in the church. So much of the teaching contained in the bible is aimed at everyday life. Christian behaviour and responsibility, constant themes of the New Testament, are as important today as they were to the early Christians. This shows us how God wants us to live our lives for Him and others. However, we must not lose sight of the most important fact that the good news Gospel in the thread that runs through the whole of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. It is God's love that moves us to live for Him. It was God's love that moved Him to send our Saviour Jesus the Christ to shed His blood for our sins and rise from the grave to give us eternal life! And ascended to heaven for us to meet with Him there! And to return to take all believers to eternal life in a new heavens and earth.

***God Bless, Pastor John***

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We are continuing our study "***What the women saw***" through rightnowmedia. Feel free to join us for our next "***come as you are Zoom gathering***", ***Friday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m.*** (we meet every other week). For more information or an invite please contact Louise 905-329-8579.

**YOUTH & CONFIRMATION** are invited to join us for a **Zoom chat** on **Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.** as together we **IMPACT** those around us. "***By this everyone will know that you are My disciples if you love one another.***" John 13:35

**"ROCKY RAILWAY; Jesus' power pulls us through"** ***VBS*** is full steam ahead. Our plan is to offer a virtual experience this summer. Please continue to pray that the Lord will help us in implementing this special program to our families and those we can share God's Great love and power with.

## **Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise**

Hail the day that sees Him rise,  
to His throne above the skies;  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given,  
enters now the highest heaven!

There for Him high triumph waits;  
lift your heads, eternal gates!  
He hath conquered death and sin;  
take the King of glory in!

Lo! the heaven its Lord receives,  
yet He loves the earth He leaves;  
though returning to His throne,  
still He calls mankind His own.

See! He lifts His hands above;  
See! He shows the prints of love:  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow,  
blessings on His Church below.

Still for us He intercedes,  
His prevailing death He pleads,  
near Himself prepares our place,  
He the first fruits of our race.

Lord, though parted from our sight,  
far above the starry height,  
grant our hearts may thither rise,  
seeking thee above the skies.

There we shall with Thee remain,  
partners of Thy eternal reign,  
there Thy face forever see,  
find our heaven of heavens in thee,

**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.

**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!**

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Have you had a chance to start this challenge? Memorizing God's Word is ALWAYS a wonderful thing. You can do it as a family, couple or even as individuals while we are in self isolation. Some people are copying a verse and placing it on their kitchen table to read at each meal, or on their bathroom mirror. May you be blessed as you meditate and memorize God's Word and encourage others to do the same.

**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)

**D** = "DO NOT BE ANXIOUS about anything, (but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.) Phil 4:6 (May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**E** = "EVERY GOOD and perfect gift is from above." James 1:17 (May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**F** = "FOR GOD so loved the World that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

### **Right Now Media Video Picks:**

During this time of self-quarantine, we have opportunity to share videos from our [Right Now Media Streaming Video Library of Bible Studies](http://www.rightnowmedia.org) (www.rightnowmedia.org). Below are some videos to check out this week for the entire family. Some suggestions are:

**Children:** "Veggie Tales" or "What's in the Bible"

**General:** "Overcoming Anxiety during Covid 19" with Jonathon Pokluda

**Women:** "What the Women Saw" with Sadie Robertson Huff

**Men:** "This is the Day" with athlete Tim Tebow

**Youth:** "Different" with Jonathon Evans

**Couples:** "Ready or Knot"

This is the perfect time to be making use of this wonderful tool-site. For more information about how to join, feel free to text Pastor or Louise (905-329-8579). May God bless you as you continue to listen to and study His Word.

**REMINDERS:** Our own **WEBSITE** ([www.christlutheransc.ca](http://www.christlutheransc.ca)) and **FACEBOOK PAGE** (*Christ Lutheran Church in St. Catharines*) are both packed with useful information for ourselves and to share with others. They include sermons from Pastor Makey and Pastor Todd, Children's Messages, the bulletin and other resources as well as important updates and upcoming events. Thank you to Karen and Lisa for your diligence in keeping both of these updated!

**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.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** It's that time again. Please send your annual reports as they are ready to: [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca). I can work on them at home.

**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!

## **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.

(Please note: Donations will be collected during the month and deposited on the last day of the month.)

### **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.

### **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 31st — "**Jesus Doesn't Babble**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison – Jesus brings the Word of peace to those who have grown weary of all the babble. (John 14.....**They are working on a special Canadian program for the June 28th (Canada Day) broadcast so stay tuned!!!!**)



## CALL SERVICE 2020 - Online

As we recently announced, the seminary's annual Call Service will not take place as a public gathering in the usual way. In its place, we will hold a brief online event on **Friday, 29 May 2020, at 7.00 p.m.** *Note that this is a change in time from our usual Saturday afternoon service. In this way, both LCC seminaries will be able to release news of placements by Friday night.*

President Winger will lead Vespers from the seminary chapel while the faculty, students, and their families connect through an online meeting. In the course of the service, the placements will be announced. The event will be live streamed so that church members—particularly those waiting to hear whom they will receive as pastor or vicar—can watch. We encourage viewers to have their LSB hymnals on hand so they can join in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. You will find the live stream event on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/concordialutherantheologicalseminarystcatharines>

### ***Here again are the details of this year's Call Service:***

We are pleased to announce the students who are ready for their placements in May:

**Vishal Paul**, who is ready to be certified for the holy ministry, will be given his first congregational placement.

**David Zakel** will receive his vicarage placement.

The spring Call Service is also the occasion when other students are recognised for their academic achievements, and honorary awards are given. We intend to delay presenting these awards until such a time as the recipients can be present in person, most likely at the seminary's opening service in September. We are pleased, however, to announce and recognise these recipients now.

While we regret deeply that these placements and awards cannot be properly celebrated in the usual way, we ask you to pray for the students and to watch the live stream to learn of their placements. God be praised for His gracious gifts!



The faculty and Board of Regents have chosen:

**Mr. Carl Wathke** (Faith Lutheran Church, Desboro) to receive the Delta Chi (Servant of Christ) Award, the seminary's highest honour.

**Mrs. Mary Silver**, Christ Lutheran Church, will be given the **Friend of the Seminary** Award.

Both have a long CV of service to the church, which will be shared when the awards are given.

## Feeding Program in Nicaragua Continues Service Amid Pandemic

*“Whoever has a good eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9*

**NICARAGUA** – As a result of the pandemic, the Church in Nicaragua has taken precautionary measures to keep their members and communities as safe as possible. Even before the government issued any statements or mandates, the leaders of the Church began to encourage social distancing, suspending normal Church activities and projects, while also looking for ways for pastors and deaconesses to stay connected with the members of the Church. Although large Church gatherings have been put on hold for the time being, pastors are finding ways to continue to provide for the spiritual needs of their people by ministering the Means of Grace to small numbers of people at a time, providing Services and messages online, as well as sharing printed sermons and devotions.



Although the Children’s Education Program and many other activities have been suspended, the deaconesses and their assistants continue to provide for their communities through the Children’s Feeding Program. The communities where we have the Feeding Program are some of the poorest in the country, and the 3 or 4 meals a week that are offered may be the only source of a nutritious meal that many of the children in these communities will receive during the week. Because of the vital nature of this service and how essential these meals are to the children of their communities, the deaconesses and numerous volunteers that make this program possible have taken measures to ensure that this program can continue to operate safely.

**Their faith has opened their eyes to the needs of the people and has inspired and led them to find ways to address those needs, even in the face of a daunting pandemic. As a result, countless families have been and continue to be blessed.**

Although the children are no longer able to gather together in the church halls for a meal, the meals are instead prepared by a couple of volunteers, boxed up and placed in a designated area where one family at a time can pick them up.

Proverbs 13: 21 reminds us, *“Blessed is he who is generous to the poor.”* We see how blessed our deaconesses in Nicaragua are in their dedication and service to the poor in their communities. Their faith has opened their eyes to the needs of the people and has inspired and led them to find ways to address those needs, even in the face of a daunting pandemic. As a result, countless families have been and continue to be blessed. We give thanks to God for these blessings and for the faithful service of our sisters in the faith, and as members of Lutheran Church–Canada we can also give thanks to God for allowing us to be a part of this program. Thanks to the generous gifts of our members and partner societies and organizations we have been able to fund this vital and blessed program for many years.

May our gracious Lord lead us to continue to share our blessings with those in need, and to shine the Light of Christ before others, so that they may see these good works and give glory to our heavenly Father.

**The Children’s Feeding Program** provides several meals each week to over 700 children throughout Nicaragua, in some of the poorest communities in the country. For many of these children, it is their only source for a nutritious meal. LCC Missions is grateful for the generous donations that make this feeding program possible. Donations can be made out to Lutheran Church–Canada and designated to the Children’s Feeding Program.





# Kids Lectionary Learning SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In our readings for today we hear of Paul preaching in Athens, suffering for doing good, a reminder that God hears us, the Holy Spirit, and how baptism "now saves you" (1 Pet. 3:21).

Grab you Bibles and join with our pals Gumps, BB the Bible Bot and The Grubs as we grow in faith and love.

## Lectionary Readings:

Acts 17:16-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

*"For it is better to suffer  
for doing good,  
if that should be God's will,  
THAN FOR DOING EVIL"*  
- 1 Peter 3:17

Let us Pray!

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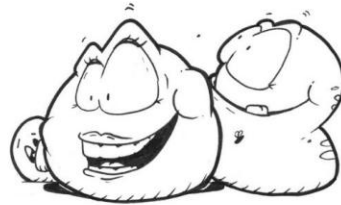
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## This Week with Your Family

In Psalm 66 we are reminded how God loves and hears us. With your family list some things or people you can pray for as well as items you are thankful for. Write them on the lines in the cross and then pray together.

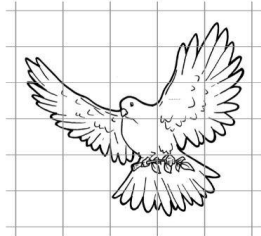


Kids Lectionary Learning  
Sixth Sunday of Easter





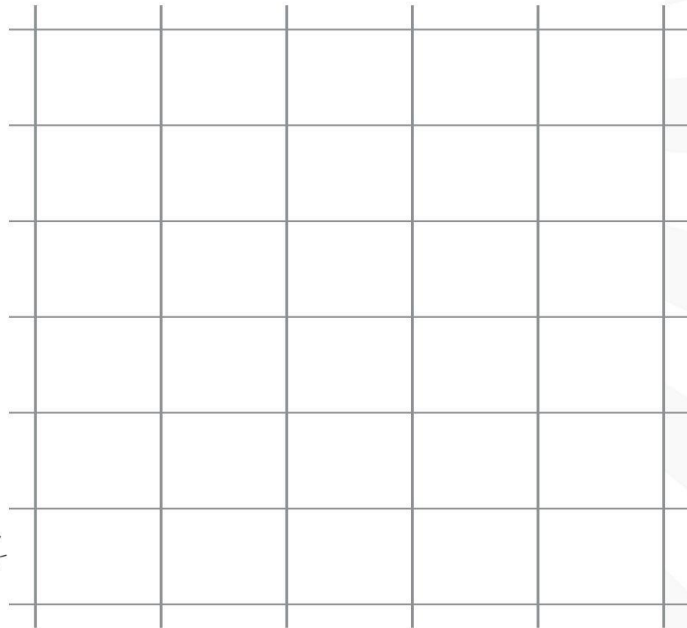
JOHN 14 GIVES US JESUS' WORDS OF COMFORT AND PEACE AND HIS PROMISES TO NEVER LEAVE US "AS ORPHANS". GOD HAS SENT US HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO BE WITH US "FOREVER".



After reading John 14:15-21 re-draw this picture of a dove with an olive branch in the bigger boxes below. Use the grid and boxes to help you draw the picture. Draw each box one at a time and when finished try colouring the dove as well as BB the Bible Bot.

### DOVE DRAWING

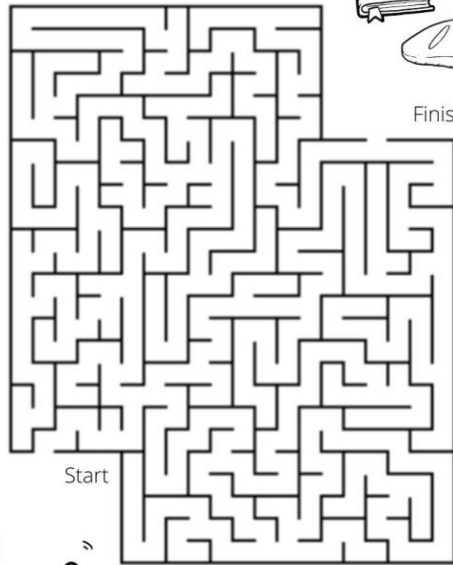
BB the Bible Bot loves to see what God has created. He also loves to see what kids like you can create.



OUR SECOND READING REMINDS US THAT IT IS BETTER TO SUFFER FOR DOING GOOD THAN TO DO EVIL. SOMETIMES LIFE CAN FEEL HARD OR OVERWHELMING, BUT GOD PROMISES TO BE WITH US. HE HAS GIVEN US HIS WORD AND SACRAMENTS TO GIVE COMFORT AND SALVATION.

Gumps is getting dizzy trying to balance the apple on his head. Sometimes life can feel a little dizzy or difficult, but God has given us what we need for this life and the next.

Help Gumps through the maze and to the blessings God has given us- His Word and Sacraments.



**Verse to remember:**  
"Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected  
my prayer or removed his  
steadfast love from me!"  
(Psalm 66:20)



IN ACTS 17 WE READ OF PAUL EXPLAINING WHO GOD IS TO THE PEOPLE OF ATHENS. PAUL PROCLAIMS THAT GOD IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS, AND THAT GOD IS NOT FAR OFF BUT THAT THROUGH CHRIST HE HAS COME TO US. WE REPENT AND IN CHRIST GOD "HAS GIVEN ASSURANCE TO ALL BY RAISING HIM FROM THE DEAD."



Find the words hidden in the Word Search from Paul's words to the people at the Areopagus.

LOVE  
KEEP  
COMMANDMENTS  
GIVE  
HELPER  
FOREVER  
SPIRIT  
TRUTH  
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Dear Jesus, we thank You that You have come to us and that You have given us Your Word and Spirit. Help us to trust in You in all things and to celebrate the love and grace You have won for us on the cross.  
In Jesus' name we pray, amen.



Kids Lectionary Learning  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

