

June 7th, 2020

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

THE HOLY TRINITY

Readings for this week: Psalm 8; Genesis 1:1-4a; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20

Almighty and everlasting God, since You have given us, Your servants, grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith, and to worship the true Unity in the power of Your divine majesty, keep us also steadfast in this true faith and worship, and defend us ever from all our adversaries; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live and reign, 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 (almost here). 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kyle & Karlene McCumber on the birth of their second son, **Cohen**

Donald, baby brother to Campbell. Grandparents are Mark & Karen McCumber and Judy &

Sterling Wood. God's rich blessings to you!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN:

The Holy Trinity:

The **Trinity** is difficult for us to understand in human terms. One illustration I have used over the years is that of an apple. You take an apple and find three parts. The skin is apple, the flesh, is apple, and the core is apple. One apple three parts, this is an imperfect way to describe our Triune God but may help. There are other illustrations you may have heard over the years.

The following is taken from a part of a sermon by Dr. Wallace Schulz, Lutheran Hour Speaker on May 26, 2002

“In a somewhat similar way, for centuries philosophers and theologians have been trying to figure out the Trinity. These attempts however have always been futile. The story is told about the great theologian St. Augustine who lived 354-430 A.D. As Augustine struggled with this question of how to understand or how to explain the Trinity, he claims to have had a dream, his dream was this. One day St. Augustine was walking along the seashore. During his walk, he came upon a little boy. This young lad had dug a hole in the sand and was dipping water out of the ocean into the little hole in the sand. After watching the boy for a while, Augustine finally said to him: “What are you doing?” The little boy said, “Sir with this pail I am going to dip the water of the entire ocean into this hole in the sand.” “But”, said St. Augustine, “you will never be able to do that. It is too foolish!” “You are right, “said the child. “And it is just as foolish for you to try to empty the mysteries of the infinite Triune God with the little dipper of your mind.” Yes, because the doctrine of the Trinity is so un-understandable, so unexplainable and so far from the grasp of the human mind, and because the Holy Trinity is so powerful in enabling and protecting God’s children in their mission, this is why for centuries the Christ church has sung with great joy:

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit three we name thee; thought in essence only one, undivided God we claim thee, And, adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery. After setting forth the Biblical understanding of the Trinity exhaustively and from every conceivable point of view, the Athanasian Creed, one of the oldest Christ-centered confession of the Christian faith, closes by affirming, ***“This is the faith which except a man believe faithfully and firmly he cannot be saved.”***

On Trinity Sunday it is a practice to include the Athanasian Creed in our service. If you have a hymn book at home you will find it on page 319 of our Lutheran Service Book. If not you may have another hymn book where you may find it. Take time to read it over if you can. One of my favourite Trinity hymns is Holy, holy, holy (words to follow).

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Love in Christ,

Pastor John and Linda

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Deut. 6: 4-13

Wednesday: Eph. 4: 1-6

Friday: Eph. 1: 3-14

Tuesday: Col. 2: 1-9

Thursday: 1 Tim. 3: 14-16

Saturday: John 5: 17-23

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***

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY, Friday, June 12th and Friday June 26th at 7:00 p.m. Our Right Now Media. Discover with us who Jesus is through the unique perspective of women in the Bible. For an invite contact Louise (905-329-8579)

“ROCKY RAILWAY; Jesus’ power pulls us through” **V.B.S.** *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. **VBS will be held week of July 20th to 24th.**

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.

ALPHABET OF BIBLE VERSES (Weekly Bible Verse 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)

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 10th, 2020)

E = **“EVERY GOOD** and perfect gift is from above.” James 1:17 (May 17th, 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 24th, 2020)

G **“GOD IS OUR REFUGE** and strength a very present help in trouble.” Ps. 46:1 (May 31st, 2020)

H **“HE ALONE** is my rock and my salvation.” Ps 62:2 (June 7th, 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.

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 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 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.

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.

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!**

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

REMINDERS: Our own **WEBSITE** (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!

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. Thank you!

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION:

Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org
LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays on CHAM 820 at **8:00 a.m.** Next Sunday, June 14th — **"What You're Getting Into"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- Many of us know what it's like to try out for a team, for a role in a play, or first chair in the band. We might have been chosen first. We might have been chosen last. We might not have been chosen at all. We might have been cut. So, how does God choose His team? (Matthew 5:17-20)



Prayers requested for Nicaragua amid pandemic

NICARAGUA – The pastors and deaconesses have informed us of the exponential increase in potential cases of COVID-19, occurring over the past few weeks in Nicaragua. Though the official government numbers in Nicaragua show a low number of cases – with 7 recovered cases and 8 deaths as of May 20, 2020 – recent conversations with our brothers and sisters suggest that there may be many more infected at this time, not yet verified by testing.

It is for this reason that I humbly covet the prayers of us all at this time. Let us pray:

For those who are ill from different illnesses; for those who may already be infected or who are at risk of infection from COVID-19 in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras, especially for our brothers and sisters among the Lutheran Church Synod of Nicaragua (ILSN) membership, church workers and front-line volunteers.

For those in the churches and local communities who are anxious; those who have lost jobs; those who can't bring food to the table; and for those who struggle to find their daily bread.

Knowing the many factors that make social distancing and proper sanitization nearly behind the bounds of possibility in Nicaragua, let us pray for the individuals, families, businesses and all care facilities: That they may be able to obtain all necessary personal protective equipment and supplies; that they be willing and quick to learn and implement all precautionary measures to lower personal risk and possible escalation of infections.

Let us also pray for the medical personnel and support-workers, that they may be blessed with strong health and sharp minds to help according to the best practices known at this time.

As unaccustomed constraints increase the possibilities of social unrest and domestic violence, let us pray that the peace of the Lord will reign sovereign over human emotion in each and every place of meeting, congregation and household.

For the ILSN Feeding programs in Matagalpa, Jinotega and Ranchería, we are thankful that the deaconesses and volunteers are able to continue distributing pre-packaged food items to the houses of the most impoverished children and families in their communities on a weekly basis. Be it our prayer that those who give and those who receive be kept safe at all times as they buy, handle, prepare, deliver and receive these goods. May children and families be blessed by the assurance that this physical bread

they receive is provision from the loving heart of our heavenly Father Himself through the loving hands of those who donate, buy, prepare, and deliver it to them.

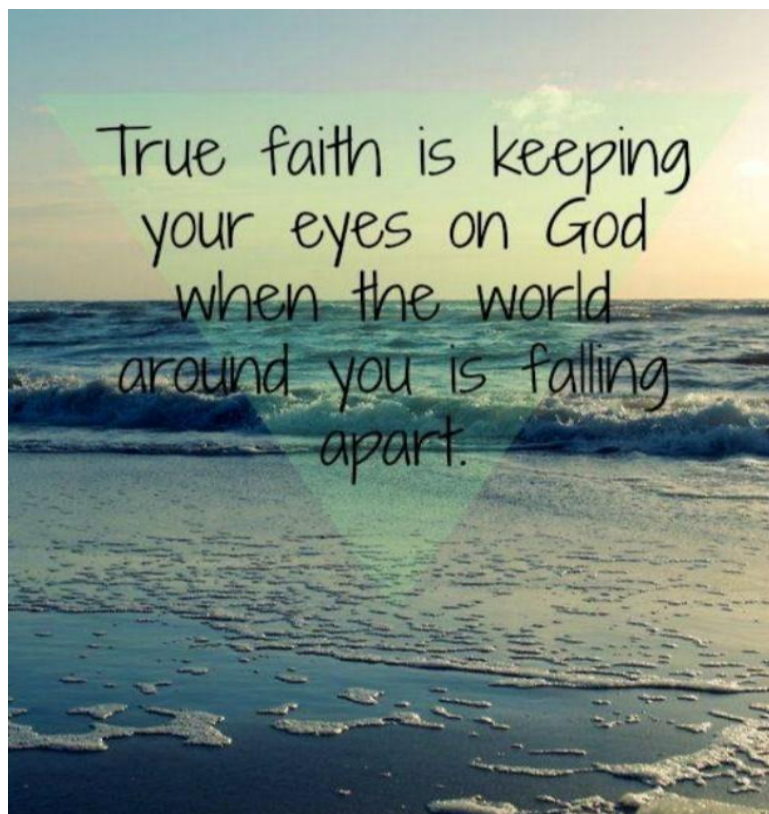
Let us also pray for the servants of ILSN and LCC's mission in Chinandega and its staff. Lord, we thank you for the many years that you faithfully have blessed our brothers and sisters in the ILSN at large and those that serve at the Mission Centre's office in Chinandega, as they have committed themselves to serve together and assist the congregations and missions of the ILSN in the name and by the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

According to Your will, Lord, help the ILSN pastors and deaconesses and the Mission Centre's workers to be bold witnesses of your love and mercy among your people, especially in these testing times. Protect them from all danger; grant them wisdom in their decisions and discernment as they protect themselves and others, leading by example. Assist them as they seek to follow your directions and conduct the work of Your church according to Your will and as You have taught us in Your Word of grace, mercy, and love.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you – Jeremiah 29:12

...the LORD is our light and our salvation—whom shall we fear? The LORD is the stronghold of our life—of whom shall we be afraid? – Psalm 27:1

Deaconess Olga Groh is Lutheran Church Canada's Diaconal Coordinator for Central America.





Kids Lectionary Learning PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost Christians rejoice in the gift of the Spirit to God's people from all times and all places and we give thanks to God for giving us His Spirit and Grace.



*"And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting
AND DIVIDED TONGUES AS OF FIRE
APPEARED TO THEM AND RESTED
ON EACH ONE OF THEM. AND THEY
WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY
SPIRIT "*

Day of Pentecost Readings:

- Num. 11:24-30
- Psalm 25:1-15
- Acts 2:1-21
- John 7:37-39

-Acts 2:2-4

Turn in your Bibles to John 7:37-38 and fill in the missing words.

1. On the _____ day of the _____ the
great day, Jesus _____ up and cried
_____ "If anyone _____ let him
_____ to me and _____ Whoever
_____ in me, as the _____ has said,
'Out of his _____ will flow _____ of _____

heart out, water." drink.
rivers Scripture thirsts,
believes feast, stood living
come last

