

August 16th, 2020

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS FOR THIS SUNDAY: Isaiah 56:1; Romans 11: 1-2a; 13-15, 28-32; Matt. 15: 21-28

Prayer: Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. –New Morning Praise [Lutheran Church of Australia 2000]

Hymns: “Blessed Assurance”, “There is a Redeemer”; “Oh Sing To The Lord”, “Here I Am, Lord”

Musician: Susanne Anderson

Last Sunday Attendance: Aug. 9th— 9 a.m.-30; 11 a.m.-22; Total: 55

WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! If this is your first time with us please sign our Guest Registry in the back of the church by the double doors. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

A BIT OF HUMOUR: “Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, “*Good morning, Lord,*” and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good Lord, it’s morning.”

WE’RE BACK! How wonderful it has been to see our family at Christ gather again to worship and to greet Pastor Hoefs and his family. A quick reminder to everyone to make certain each and every week before you attend the worship service that IF you can answer “YES” to any of the following Public Health questions, please stay home:

- Fever/chills
- New cough or a cough that is getting worse
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath (even when sitting or walking regularly)
- Sore throat
- A runny or congested nose
- Unusual level of fatigue
- Unusual headache
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite
- Feeling unwell for an unknown reason
- Have you been in close contact with someone who is either sick, has been sent for testing or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days?

Stay safe and healthy everyone and let’s keep our family at Christ safe and healthy.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: 1 Tim. 2: 1-7

Wednesday: 1 Pet. 2: 13-16

Friday: Jer. 18: 1-6

Tuesday: Neb. 4: 1-15

Thursday: Romans 13: 1-7

Saturday: Rom. 9: 1-5

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church

As we resume services at Christ Lutheran Church we will hold two blended services at **9:00 am and 11:00 am**. To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone we wish to assure you that all of the guidelines and protocol provided by the Ontario Government and Public Health which allow for 70 people in our sanctuary (including the balcony) will be followed.

- Please maintain **Social Distancing** upon arrival and when leaving. You will find all the signs and markings that you have likely already seen around the city. Pews and various areas of the church will be appropriately marked or taped off.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entry and exit points. Please sanitize your hands upon entering and exiting the church. All areas of the church have been sanitized and will be sanitized between services.
- Masks will be available and we are asking that everyone entering the church wear a mask at all times with the exception of the Pastor, organist and soloist(s). Masks will not be required if you have breathing issues as per provincial regulations
- Enter only at the South-West (double glass doors) entrance. Inside the doors you will be asked the basic questions relating to wellness and travel prior to entering and your attendance will be recorded before being ushered to a pew. We will seat you from front to back pews.
- Following the service you will be ushered out from the pews, starting at the rear of the sanctuary. Families may sit together, singles will be placed 3 to a pew. Please keep in mind that it is unlikely that you will sit in your usual pew.
- The washroom in the narthex will be available, however we would ask that it only be used if absolutely necessary. It will be sanitized after each use.
- Please do not gather in groups in the narthex or parking lot before or after the service, continue to observe social distancing of at least 2 metres or 6 feet.
- Offering baskets will be placed at entrance/exit to the sanctuary
- Bulletins and Portals of Prayer (when they become available) will be available for pick up as you leave.
- For the time being there will be no choir

We are not planning to begin Holy Communion for the time being. You will be advised when we are prepared to add that to our active church practices.

It is possible that changes to the safety guidelines and protocols may occur prior to August 2nd but we will continue to practice the highest level of safety to protect all of our members and guests.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We will have 2 services, one at 9 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. In order to comply with the government and public health recommendations, we will need the assistance of volunteers for both services to usher, record attendance, temperature check and assist with sanitizing between services. If you can be of assistance or have any questions, please contact Judy Slingerland at [judysling48@gmail.com](mailto:judy sling48@gmail.com) or 905-688-3867. Thank you.

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 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 (905-329-8579) or send an email.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We invite you to join us **Friday, August 21st** for our **ZOOM Bible Study** as we look at "**NOT ALONE: A study on friendship**" with Jeanie Allen, through our "Right Now Media" site. In the beginning, God created Adam and in God's sin-free, beautiful world, something wasn't right. Adam was alone. The creation of Eve isn't just the story of marriage, it's the beginning of community. God exists in trinity and we were made in His image. Join us as we discover our need for friendship, biblical examples of friendship, joys, challenges and even how to rebuild broken trust. Let's celebrate the encouragement, wisdom, and love that only comes when you're not alone. For more information text Louise at 905-329-8579.

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)
- I** = "**I PRAISE YOU**, because I am fearfully & wonderfully made." Ps 139:14 (June 14th, 2020)
- J** = "**JESUS CHRIST** is the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb. 13:8 (June 21st, 2020)
- K** = "**KNOW** that the Lord is God, it is He who made us." Ps. 100:3 (June 28th, 2020)
- L** = "**LOVE THE LORD** your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind." Luke 10:27 (July 5th, 2020)
- M** = "**MY SOUL** finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from Him." Ps. 62:1 (July 12th, 2020)
- N** = "**NOW FAITH** is being sure of what we hope for & certain of what we do not see." Heb. 11:1 (July 19th, 2020)
- O** = "**O GOD**, You are my God, earnestly I seek you." Ps 63:1 (July 26th, 2020)
- P** = "**PRAISE THE LORD** all my soul, all my inmost being, praise His holy name." Ps 103:1 (Aug. 2nd, 2020)
- Q** = "**A QUIET** and gentle Spirit is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Pet 3:4 (Aug. 9th, 2020)
- R** = "**REJOICE** in the Lord Always and I will say it again rejoice." Phil 4:4 (Aug. 16th, 2020)

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!**

MARY MARTHA / LWML: "A special thank you to all who have donated buttons for the mask mate ear savers. There are some complimentary mask-mates available at the welcome table at the entrance."

We are pleased to present the Mary Martha/ LWML-C Executive for 2020/2021. We are very grateful for their continuing willingness to serve!

President:	Lorraine K	Christian Growth:	Mary S
Vice President:	Carole P	Mission Service:	Gloria M
Secretary:	Naomi H	Social Convener:	Kathy D
Treasurer:	Ivy P		

We will continue to meet in 2020/2021 on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (following Public Health guidelines). Please feel free to contact any one of us on the Executive if you have any suggestions for our society or program.

Our first event will be on Tuesday, September 15th.

"Let us fix our eyes of Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

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!

The Lutheran Hour

Hear God's Word at the click of a button on Lutheran Hour webpage or on their super convenient app! **(Just hold your "Ctrl" button down and click the box to follow the link)**

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Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, "As of August 1st you can now hear The Lutheran Hour by tuning in to **WDCX 99.5FM or 970AM**. This Buffalo station covers our friends in Buffalo and Niagara Falls New York, but the catchment is actually focused on us up North of the border. We now are able to reach our friends along Lake Erie (which was not previously covered by a Canadian station) -going from Port Colborne, over to Fisherville, up to Cambridge, past Barrie-over to Peterborough and including everything in between."

Next Sunday, Aug. 23rd, 2020 — "**A Wrong Comparison**" Guest Speaker: Dr. Wallace Schulz
How do you compare to your next-door neighbor, your brother-in-law, or the person you were five years ago? Comparing ourselves against God's requirements can prompt us to turn in repentant faith to Jesus, the Savior beyond compare. It's "Archives August".

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others.

Have them, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or

Google Home. Seasonal Devotions for Advent and Lent are also available in both English and Spanish. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family and friends.



FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Tim & Elly Reck; and by Andy & Bette Vasko and family in loving memory of John Vasko Jr.

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.

Right Now Media: Hopefully since COVID you have had some time to look at our video library site at <http://www.rightnowmedia.org> . If you don't have an account, connect with Louise to receive an invitation. If you have suggestions to share with others, please let us know. Here are some new picks for August. !

COUPLES: Time Starved Marriage

GENERAL: The Art of Neighbouring

FAMILY: Bible Unearthed

CHILDREN Micah's Super Vlog

The Mr. Phil Show

WOMEN: What the Women Saw

MEN: Whole hearted men

YOUTH: Shaken