

August 23rd, 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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS FOR TODAY: Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11: 33-12:8; Matt. 16: 13-20

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us the things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us the good things we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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. – Service of Baptismal Remembrance

Hymns: (All God's People Sing LCMS children's hymnal); I Love To Tell The Story;

All Who Believe & Are Baptized; The Summons; Jesus, Name Above All Names

Musician: Mayumi Munoz

Last Sunday Attendance: Aug. 16th— 9 a.m.- 29; 11 a.m.- 27; Total: 56

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Georgia Hoeffs from her mom, dad & brothers as she turns 13 this Friday, August 28. We can't believe where all the years went!



Beginning September 13th, 2020:

9 A.M. — Contemporary worship

11 A.M. — Traditional worship

How wonderful it has been to see our family at Christ gather again to worship and to greet Pastor Hoeffs and his family. A quick reminder to everyone to make certain each and every week before you attend 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 (not allergies)
- 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.

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.

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. The youtube address for Aug. 23rd message is: <https://youtu.be/tizppmiH1N8>

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Mark 9: 33-37 Wednesday: Luke 7: 1-10 Friday: Gal. 1: 11-24
 Tuesday: 1 Sam. 17: 40-51 Thursday: Acts 12: 18-25 Saturday: Eph. 2: 1-7

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	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Weekly Need</i>	<i>Last Sunday</i>	<i>Year To Date</i>	<i>+ / (-)</i>
Current:	272,115.00	5,232.98	946.00	107,931.69	(69,989.66)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	142.00	11,919.00	(1,157.92)
Property Improvement			82.00	3,024.16	

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Judy Slingerland.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to place a flower on the altar for a coming Sunday, please sign your name and special occasion or reason if you have one on the bulletin board at the back of the church, or you could email Pat.

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.

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 or 905-688-3867. Thank you.

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

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)

S "**SALVATION** belongs to our God. He is my mighty rock, my refuge." Ps. 62:7 (Aug. 23, 2020)

The Lutheran Hour

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LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, "Since **August 1st** you will 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. 30th, 2020** — "**Fear and Faith**" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus—Are you living in fear or living by faith? We present a classic message from Pastor Ken Klaus. It's "Archives August". (Hebrews 11:1)

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.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, peace be unto you from the great physician of body and soul.

The Lord tells us through St. Paul that we are the body of Christ and "*if one member suffers, all suffer together*" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

I am writing to you on behalf of one of our suffering brothers. Our esteemed colleague and brother, the **Revd. Dr. Roger Winger** has been diagnosed with an inoperable and aggressive brain tumour. He intends to undergo chemotherapy. While this will not offer any cure, it will help mitigate the effects in the short term for him. He has expressed to me how overwhelmed and humbled he is at the number of individuals who have reached out to him.

He is very much at peace content to remain in the care of our Good Shepherd. Ever the pastor, he indeed bears witness to St. Paul's admonitions in 2 Corinthians 4: 16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

That is his attitude as he looks forward to the unseen joys that await the faithful in our Father's Kingdom. August 17th he will move into a Retirement Residence. Because of COVID-19, visiting restrictions are extremely limited. He does, however, welcome and enjoy your calls and emails.

Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.

Blessings to you in the name of the One Whom we serve,

Pr. Marvin Bublitz

LCC, East Regional Pastor

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 19, 16-26*

