

August 30th, 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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS FOR TODAY: Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

Prayer: Merciful Father, since You have given Your only Son as the sacrifice for our sin, also give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 the Word for Prayer (With One Voice hymnal supplement, 1998);

Hymns: “The Wonderful Cross”; “Come All You People”; #550--“Your Only Son”; #806--Give Thanks; #702—“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

Musician: Susanne Anderson

Last Sunday Attendance: Aug. 23rd— 9 a.m.- 29; 11 a.m.- 34; Total:66

Louise’s Children’s Message today is located on Youtube address: https://youtu.be/6uiKIs_oaBo

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.

Since we are now worshipping in the building at Christ on Sundays, we are still “gathering the scattered” and will continue offering online YouTube messages which will be posted online Sunday afternoons. We pray the Lord richly bless all who are connected to the church as we find strength in our COVID days and look forward to seeing everyone in the weeks and months ahead. Peace be with you."

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. 30th message is: https://youtu.be/6uiKIs_oaBo

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 of important updates & upcoming events. Thank you to Karen & Lisa for your diligence in keeping us updated!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Nick Hoeffs from Mom, Dad, brother and sister as he turns 17 this Saturday, September 5. Wow! The years have gone by so fast!

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?

As we continue services at Christ Lutheran Church we will hold two blended services at **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** 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.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday: Jas. 5: 13-18

Friday: Mark 5: 22-43

Tuesday: 11 Kings 20: 1-7

Thursday: Matt. 9: 35-38

Saturday: Luke 4: 38-44

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Epistle: Romans 12: 9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-28

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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.

Fall Worship Schedule

9 A.M. — Contemporary worship
11 A.M. — Traditional worship
Beginning September 13th, 2020

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 17, 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, 2020)
- G** "GOD IS OUR REFUGE and strength a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1 (May 31, 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 14, 2020)
- J** "JESUS CHRIST is the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb. 13:8 (June 21, 2020)
- K** "KNOW that the Lord is God, it is He who made us." Ps. 100:3 (June 28, 2020)
- L** "LOVE THE LORD your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind." Luke 10:27 (July 5, 2020)
- M** "MY SOUL finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from Him." Ps. 62:1 (July 12, 2020)
- N** "NOW FAITH is being sure of what we hope for & certain of what we do not see." Heb. 11:1 (July 19, 2020)
- O** "O GOD, You are my God, earnestly I seek you." Ps 63:1 (July 26, 2020)
- P** "PRAISE THE LORD all my soul, all my inmost being, praise His holy name." Ps 103:1 (Aug. 2, 2020)
- Q** "A QUIET and gentle Spirit is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Pet 3:4 (Aug. 9, 2020)
- R** "REJOICE in the Lord Always and I will say it again rejoice." Phil 4:4 (Aug. 16, 2020)
- S** "SALVATION belongs to our God. He is my mighty rock, my refuge." Ps. 62:7 (Aug. 23, 2020)
- T** "THE LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid." Ps. 27:1 (Aug. 30, 2020)

Something Special: Psalm 130 reminds us of our dependence on God. We are ever so aware of our sinful state and we are equally reminded of His forgiveness. *This is a new composition from Jeff.* May we always rest our Hope in Him.

<https://youtu.be/OIyZwCQgLpg> (Ctrl & click) Praying this blesses you as you listen!!

A BIT OF HUMOUR: A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

Last Sunday Attendance: Aug. 23 -- 9 a.m.- 29 11 a.m. – 34 Total: 66					
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ / (-)</u>
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 Doris & Mike Harmer and family in loving memory of Helmut Eppinger.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign your name and special occasion on the bulletin board schedule in the Narthex, or 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.

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 clickbox to follow the link**)

[LISTEN NOW >>](#)

[DOWNLOAD THE APP >>](#)

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR: LHM—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org

Sundays at 8:00 am on: WDCX 99.5FM or 970AM

Sunday, September 6th, "**Jesus in the House**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler: Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors--three signs of a spiritually vibrant household. (Luke 19:1-10)

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.



*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 21, 33-42*

