

September 6th, 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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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**LESSONS FOR TODAY:** Ezek. 33: 7-9; Rom. 13: 1-10; Matt. 18: 1-20

**Prayer:** O Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us without all doubt to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth and the Life that, following His steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 Prayer and Preaching (adapted from LSB 260ff);

Hymns: "Great Is Your Faithfulness/Your Grace is Enough"; "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

[Old Testament canticle] "God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"; "Our Paschal Lamb Sets Us Free" [New Testament Canticle]; & "This Little Light Of Mine"

**Musician:** Mayumi Munoz

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Aug. 30th— 9 a.m.- 42 ; 11 a.m.- 27 ; Total: 69 (Ctrl & click)

**Louise's Children's Message** today is on you-tube address: <https://youtu.be/jXDyIiK5Jpg>

**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.

**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 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

Starting next Sunday, we will continue services at Christ Lutheran Church with **9:00 a.m.- Contemporary and 11:00 a.m.- Traditional services**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> but we will continue to practice the highest level of safety to protect all of our members and guests.

**GREETERS/VOLUNTEERS** - In order to maintain the health and safety measures related to COVID 19 when we return to the Contemporary Service at 9 a.m. and the Traditional Service at 11 a.m. on September 13th, we are going to need additional greeters and volunteers to usher, record attendance, temperature check and assist with sanitizing between services. If you can be of assistance please contact [judyling48@gmail.com](mailto:judyling48@gmail.com) to confirm when you are available and which service you will be attending. The goal is to set up a schedule a month in advance.

**REMINDERS:** Our own **WEBSITE** ([www.christlutheransca.com](http://www.christlutheransca.com)) 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

**"Since we are now worshipping safely in the building at Christ on Sundays,** we are still gathering the scattered and will continue offering the online YouTube messages published Sunday afternoons. We pray the Lord richly bless all who are connected to the church as we find strength in our COVID days which are still among us 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 September 6th message is: <https://youtu.be/jXDyIk5Jpg>



Beginning September 13th, 2020

- 9 A.M. — Contemporary worship
- 11 A.M. — Traditional worship

**Spread the word - Tell the news - Bring them in - Gather the scattered**

**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 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)

**G** = "GOD IS OUR REFUGE and strength a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1 (May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

**H** = "HE ALONE is my rock and my salvation." Ps 62:2 (June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**I** = "I PRAISE YOU, because I am fearfully & wonderfully made." Ps 139:14 (June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**J** = "JESUS CHRIST is the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb. 13:8 (June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

**K** = "KNOW that the Lord is God, it is He who made us." Ps. 100:3 (June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**L** = "LOVE THE LORD your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind." Luke 10:27

(July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**M** = "MY SOUL finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from Him." Ps. 62:1 (July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**N** = "NOW FAITH is being sure of what we hope for & certain of what we do not see." Heb. 11:1

(July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**O** = "O GOD, You are my God, earnestly I seek you." Ps 63:1 (July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**P** = "PRAISE THE LORD all my soul, all my inmost being, praise His holy name." Ps 103:1

(Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020)

**Q** = "A QUIET and gentle Spirit is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Pet 3:4 (Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**R** = "REJOICE in the Lord Always and I will say it again rejoice." Phil 4:4 (Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**U** = "UNDER HIS WINGS you will find refuge, His faithfulness will be your shield." Ps. 91:4

(Sept. 6, 2020)

## **SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Jas. 2: 1-13

Wednesday: Zech. 7: 8-14

Friday: Heb. 2: 11-18

Tuesday: Matt. 10: 40-42

Thursday: Exod. 22: 20-26

Saturday: Jer. 2: 13-19

## **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS:**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezek. 33: 7-9**

**Ezekiel 33:7-9:** So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

**Epistle: Rom. 13: 1-10:** Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Holy Gospel: Matt. 18: 1-20** At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling-blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling-block comes! 'If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire. 'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

<b>Last Sunday Attendance: Aug. 30th -- 9 a.m.- 42 11 a.m. – 27 Total: 69</b>					
	<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	

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC

### 1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:

During these uncertain times, it's important for members to keep in mind that expenses continue to accumulate. Expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue. 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.

### 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.

**POWERPOINT** -. It would be extremely helpful if we had a third person, or even a fourth, to assist with preparation of the Sunday PowerPoints, particularly during the Christmas and Easter seasons. If you would be interested in assisting please speak to Pastor, KathyKuhl, Valerie Stark or any member of the Worship Committee.

**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.

**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*)

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Sunday, September 13: "**Fireplace Spirituality**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Our relationship with God is not something to "set and forget" like a thermostat. (Acts 2:37-47),

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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

