

September 13th, 2020

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday—9 a.m. – 12 noon

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC](http://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC)

**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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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prayer:** Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 a.m. -- Contemporary Morning Praise: Thy Word Is A Lamp; Come Let Us Worship; Living Hope; God We Praise You; Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land

11 a.m. -- Divine Service Setting 1: Renew Me O Eternal Light; Chief of Sinners; The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve

**Musician:** Susanne Anderson

**BAPTISM:** JACOB ORVIL OSCAR KEMP, son of Brandon & Amy, grandson to Robert & Starlet Kemp and great-grandson to Frank & Ivy Parkhouse was baptized into the Kingdom of our God yesterday, Saturday, September 12th, 2020 at the family farm in Selkirk, ON. We look forward to welcoming this new little one in the family of Christ Lutheran Church.

**OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES** to all the family of Sue and Jeff Knoll as they mourn the loss of Sue's mother Doreen Wright, who passed away September 4<sup>th</sup>. May The Lord uphold them with His love; grant them His peace, and comfort them with His Spirit and the sure hope of the Resurrection. We pray the family can take refuge in Christ's perfect love.

**How wonderful** to see our family at Christ gather again to worship. . 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

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.

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 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.

## **SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Mark 1: 40-45

Wednesday: 11 Cor. 9: 10-15

Friday: Phil. 1: 12-18

Tuesday: 1 Tim. 1: 12-17

Thursday: 1 Thess. 1: 2-10

Saturday: Phil. 1: 19-26

## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS:**

### **The Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12**

[St. Paul writes:] Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 18:21-35**

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to [Jesus], 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**REMINDERS:** Our own **WEBSITE** ([www.christlutheransc.ca](http://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!

**"Since we are now worshipping in the building on Sundays,** we are still gathering the scattered and will continue offering the online YouTube messages published to our website "Worship" page on 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 (Children's Ministry 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.

**CHOIR THIS WEEK:** The choir will practise the next 2 Mondays at the usual time of 7:30 so that we can prepare to sing for the Installation Service on September 27th. Although it will be very challenging singing with masks while also being physically distanced from both each other and the congregation, we still wanted to take part in the Installation, and we pray for the congregation's understanding that it won't likely be up to our usual standard. But we still sing to the glory of God and in thankfulness of His many blessings, especially the gift of a wonderful new Pastor to lead us. We will "give it a little try" at both the 9 & 11 a.m. Services on Sunday, September 20th to see how it goes and then at the 3 p.m. Service on Sunday, September 27th.

**Choir Practices: Monday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, September 21, 7:30 p.m.**

**MARY MARTHA:** We are excited to start our new schedule for 2020/2021 even during these trying times. Our God is an awesome God, He reigns with power and might. Our first meeting will require masks, social distancing and bring your own drink (kitchen facilities will not be available for this first meeting.)

**Tuesday, September 15, 7 pm:** Opening devotion led by Mary, Introduction of Pastor Todd & his ministry. (please let Lorraine know if you will be able to attend this very special meeting!)

**Saturday, Oct. 3: *Niagara Zone Fall Rally at Christ - postponed until Spring 2021***

**Sunday, October 4:** LWML-C Sunday

**Tuesday, October 20, 7 pm:** Bible Study & assemble Living and Learning Kits

**Saturday, November 14:** Ontario District Retreat - Grace Lutheran Church - Kitchener

**Tuesday, November 17:** Bible Study -& Assemble Warm Feet for the street socks.

**Tuesday, December 15, 6 pm:** Advent /Christmas social, Prayer sisters. Mites

*\*Please note that all of the above activities are subject to change. God willing, we will continue with our schedule. If you have any business to bring up at this first meeting, please call me.*

Blessings, Lorraine

**INSTALLATION SERVICE OF PASTOR TODD HOEFFS:** Sunday, September 27, 3:00 pm.  
(See Insert for further information).

**VOTER'S MEETING:** Tentatively October 4, 2:00 pm

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**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)

**V** "**VERILY**, verily I say to you, he who believes has eternal life." John 6:47 (Sept. 13, 2020)

**POWERPOINT** - It would be extremely helpful if we had a third or even a fourth person, to assist with the preparation of the weekly overhead PowerPoint service presentation, particularly during the Christmas and Easter seasons. If you would be interested in assisting please speak to Pastor, Kathy Kuhl, 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.

<b>Last Sunday Attendance: Sept. 6th -- 9 a.m.- 26 11 a.m. – 42 Total: 68</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	7,555.00	125,213.86	(68,406.43)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	633.00	13,402.66	( 828.11)
Property Improvement			72.00	3,337.66	

**A MEMORIAL DONATION** has been given to Christ Lutheran Church from June Baker in memory of Irene Boyle

## **SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC**

### **1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:**

Some members are hesitant to return to in-person worship during these uncertain times, it's important for members to keep in mind that expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue to accumulate. 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, 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.

**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 >>**

LHM—all info.—[www.lhmcanada.org](http://www.lhmcanada.org)

**LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, On: WDCX 99.5FM or 970AM.**

Sunday, September 20: "*I Stand at the Door*" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- Jesus is the Guest who will become the Host for all who trust in Him." New Series "Households of Faith" (Luke 24:13-35)

### **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.



LUTHERAN  
HOUR  
MINISTRIES

*Pastoral*   
**Installation**

SERVICE FOR

**Rev. Todd Hoeffs**

Sunday, September 27, 3:00 p.m.

**OUTSIDE MEAL\* TO FOLLOW – WEATHER PERMITTING**

(\*INDIVIDUAL TAKE-OUT STYLE SERVINGS)

*\*\*\*All Covid-19 rules and regulations will be followed\*\*\**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, seating is limited

**You Must Reserve / Register no later than September 18**

PLEASE CALL

**905-685-8294**

(TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9AM -12PM)

OR EMAIL

**[SECRETARY@CHRISTLUTHERANSC.CA](mailto:SECRETARY@CHRISTLUTHERANSC.CA)**



Rev. Richard Juritsch of Grace Lutheran (St. Catharines) and Tracey Klages of Good Shepherd Lutheran (London) were joined in holy marriage at Good Shepherd on Sunday, May 17, 2020.

Rev. Siem Manna officiated. Serving as witness were Dr. Naomi Klages, the bride's sister, and Katherine Juritsch, the groom's daughter.

**Blessings to the happy couple!**