

October 4th, 2020

## LWML SUNDAY

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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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### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prayer:** Keep, we pray You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Mission & LWML-C Focus

9 AM: Mission Scripture Service: Our God Reigns; Lord Most High; Seek Ye First; Cornerstone; Lord Jesus, You Have Called Us; Brothers & Sisters in Christ

11 AM Prayer & Preaching Service (1969 LCMS supplement) with Mission/LWML-C focus: Christ is our Cornerstone; Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng; Lord Jesus, You Have Called Us; Lift High The Cross.

**Musician:** Susanne Anderson

**Children's Message for this Sunday:** <https://youtu.be/n81986i2bNk>

**FLOWERS** have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Fran Porteous in loving memory of her parents Don & Anne Paulsen.

**COVID 19 – PROTOCOL:** Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church:

We have been blessed with a safe and successful re-opening of the church and, with the arrival of Pastor Todd, a return to a Contemporary service at 9 a.m. and a Traditional service at 11 a.m. As the number of cases of Covid are beginning to rise in the Province, let us not be complacent; we cannot let our guard down. Kindly continue to follow the safety measures and protocols that are currently in place. If you have any of the symptoms outlined by Public Health, please remain at home. Sermons are available online. If attending worship please:

- Wear a mask (covering both your mouth and nose) at all times
- Sanitize your hands frequently.
- Practice social distancing – 2 metres or 6 feet apart.
- Ensure you have a temperature check before entering.
- Ensure that your attendance is noted at the entrance doors

**With your continued co-operation, Holy Communion will be offered on October 11, 2020.**

**GREETERS/VOLUNTEERS** - In order to maintain the health and safety measures related to COVID 19, we 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.

## **SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Lam. 3: 22-33

Wednesday: Job 2: 1-10

Friday: Heb. 10: 35-39

Tuesday: Heb. 12: 4-11

Thursday: Eph. 6: 18-20

Saturday: Luke 21: 10-19

### **Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

### **Philippians 3:4-14**

[St. Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish,

in order that I may gain Christ<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,<sup>[a]</sup> the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ<sup>[a]</sup> and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;<sup>[a]</sup> but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved,<sup>[a]</sup> I do not consider that I have made it my own;<sup>[a]</sup> but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly<sup>[a]</sup> call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 21:33-46**

[Jesus says:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;<sup>[a]</sup> this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.<sup>[a]</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."<sup>[a]</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**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. This week: <https://youtu.be/n81986i2bNk>

**New for Sunday School:** <https://youtu.be/TAxVC5Gx8os> Although we might not be meeting yet, Mrs Louise is doing a bi-monthly online Sunday school series (geared for readers) on "***Fruits of the Spirit***". This link will also be available on the churches website.



## LWML Sunday

### Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of LWML Sunday, but it may be celebrated at any time. The theme for LWML Sunday 2020 is based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 that ... ***The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits.*** As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. In response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Kingdom People (in the LWML) Produce Kingdom Fruit for the season of our whole life on this earth.

**LWML SUNDAY:** A new video for LWMLC Sunday 2020. Watch it at the following link: <https://lutheranwomen.ca/resources/other-resources/videos> This video gives a very good explanation of the LWML-C. There are also copies of at the back of the church of ***"My Little Handbook"*** - Ontario District. We will be collecting "mites" for Missions. (There will be a collection basket in the narthex)

**The new LWML executive:**

President - Lorraine Kaija

Vice President - Carole Pink

Secretary - Wendy Hyatt

Treasurer - Ivy Parkhouse

Christian Growth - Mary Silver

Mission Service - Gloria Meyer

Social Convener - Kathy DeKouchay

Our sincere appreciation and thanks goes to Naomi Hohnberg who faithfully served us as our secretary for many years.

**VOTER'S MEETING:** TODAY, October 4, 2 p.m. There are 2 ways you can attend the voters meeting; in person or online through Zoom. To attend the meeting online through Zoom Contact Louise (905-329-8579), Don (905-685-8209) or another council member **to receive the link to the meeting.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Please note that the Church Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 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 meetings will require masks, social distancing and bring your own drink (kitchen facilities will not be available for this first meeting.)

**Tues, October 20th -7 p.m.** Bible Study

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

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

Details to follow

**Tuesday, December 15th - 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.\*\*\***

**NEXT MARY MARTHA MEETING on Tuesday, October 20,- 7 p.m.** — Please confirm attendance and please note our meeting is subject to change (*based on public health guidelines.*)

"But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." [2 Corinthians 12:9-10](#)

**SUMMER SAUSAGE** will still be offered to you this year, even though we will not be hosting our annual Bazaar. It will be the same summer sausage as in past years, coming from J Mar Meats in Mount Forest ON. **The price is \$17** and there is a limited number, so get your orders in quickly. Contact Gloria Meyer, you can email her directly at [gloryb@primus.ca](mailto:gloryb@primus.ca) or just let any of our Mary Martha executive know your wishes/order and we will pass it on. The sausage will be picked up on Thanksgiving weekend so will be available the following one, Oct. 18 (& possibly the next one as well) to get from Gloria after church (outside) If you won't be there, just arrange for someone else to pick yours up for you. Even though we can't hold our Bazaar as usual, we are trying to think of other ideas or come up with a creative solution to still help us raise at least some funds for the various missions we always support with the money we normally raise. The need is still there and maybe even to a greater extent. We are discussing options at this point so stay tuned! If you have a suggestion or opinion, we would be glad to hear it. Thanks, Carole

**LWML-C National Convention News - 2021**

**Theme Song/Hymn(s):**

Time is counting down – **October 31, 2020, is the deadline for submissions for theme songs or hymns for the convention.** The theme is “*Galatians 2:20 - Christ Lives in Me*”. Thank you to those who have already sent in submissions—it is exciting to see the immense talent of our members. Send to Becky Wandio, VP Communication at [vpcommunication@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:vpcommunication@lutheranwomen.ca)

**Mission Grant Proposals:**

Have you been sleeping for four months? Well, it's time to wake up. We have been experiencing challenging times. Now we can return to worship in the Lord's House. How we have thirsted for that. Convention 2021 is less than a year away. We have deadlines looming. We challenge every society to think about submitting a Mission Grant proposal. This is how our mites are spent. Start now, so the process is not rushed. Go to the LWMLC website and read the Mission Grant Submission Guide. If you need an idea, contact [vpchristianmission@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:vpchristianmission@lutheranwomen.ca). **The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2020.** That's less than four months away. Let's get cracking!

|  | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Weekly Need</u> | <u>Last Sunday</u> | <u>Year To Date</u> | <u>+ / (-)</u>   |
|--|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <b><u>Last Sunday Attendance: Sept. 27th -- 9 a.m.- 37</u></b> |               |                    |                    |                     |                  |
|  |               |                    |                    | <b>11 a.m. – 25</b> | <b>Total: 62</b> |
| Current:   | 272,115.00    | 5,232.98           | 1,023.00           | 129,854.86          | (79,464.37)      |
| Missions   | 20,000.00     | 384.62             | 143.00             | 13,877.66           | (1,506.96)       |
| Property Improvement   |               |                    | 205.00             | 3,737.66            |                  |

**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

**CAN WE MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY?** Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ I come to you again this week to ask you to pray and think about sponsoring and Iraq refugee family presently living in one room in a hotel in Greece. I have had a positive response from 4 members to form a committee to plan and guide this mission outreach. I have also had response from some other members who are willing to pitch in and help wherever the need may be once we can bring them to Canada. As I said last week we would receive help in the process of bringing them to Canada through Canadian Lutheran World Relief. I have spoken and been in communication with Jenn from the Waterloo office. She has been in contact with Kareem who is the husband and father of the family, his wife is Hamida and the children are Ameer soon to be 3 yrs old and Asser who is about 9 months old. Kareem is very appreciative of the fact that we would consider bringing his family to safety in Canada. We will be able to talk more about the process at our October 4<sup>th</sup> voters meeting. Getting through government red tape is not easy and CLWR has the experience needed for such an adventure as this. They are highly respected by the government and have often had the government match donations made by us members for special disasters like the recent one in Lebanon. All refugees have come from tragic situations and Kareem and his family are no different. I ask you to please pray about this opportunity to reach out with God's love in a very special way and a way in which we can make a difference in the life of a family. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at 289-407-7662, Sincerely. and in God's Love, Pastor John

## **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 Installation of Rev. Todd Hoeffs Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



**Left to Right Back:** Dr. Jonathon Grothe, Dr. Thomas Winger, Rev. Richard Juritsch, Dr. Harold Ristau  
**Left to Right Front:** Rev. Joe Das, Rev. John Makey, Rev. Todd Hoeffs, Rev. Kurt Lantz, Rev. Frank Silver

**A big thank you** to all of the members of Christ Lutheran church who offered time, energy, talents and resources into making last Sunday's installation a tremendous success.

Everyone put forth strong effort and helped create a celebratory worship of God. The outpouring of joy and welcome is truly appreciated. May the Lord continue to be our strength and our song as we look forward to the future and all that lies ahead. Peace to all, Pastor Todd & family.

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

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

**Sunday, October 11, 8:00 am: "Unscaled Heights of Empathy"** A king's dream, a mysterious statue with feet of clay, an unearthly rock that grows to fill all the earth, and God's empathy for a weeping world, embodied in Christ—it's all part of **Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michel Zeigler's** message his week. (Daniel 2)

**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.



**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:** Memorizing God's Word is ALWAYS a wonderful thing. You can do it as a family, couple or even as individuals. 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>)
- 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)
- 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)
- V** = "**VERILY**, verily I say to you, he who believes has eternal life." John 6:47 (Sept. 13, 2020)
- W** = "**WE ARE MORE** than conquerors through Him who loved us." Rom. 8: 37 (Sept. 20, 2020)
- X** = "MAY I never boast **except** in the cross of our Lord Jesus Chri "Gal. 6:14 (Sept. 27, 2020)
- Y** = "**YOUR WORD** is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path." Ps. 119:105 (Oct.4, 2020)