

October 11th, 2020

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

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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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### NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### Pastor Appreciation Day

**Prayer:** Lord God, heavenly Father, through whose kindness we have again received the fruits of the earth in their season, grant us ever to rejoice in Your mercy that neither prosperity nor adversity may drive us from Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- 9 A.M.-- Creative Communion -- "Praise and Thanksgiving", "Lord, Have Mercy", "Praise To The Lamb", "One Bread, One Body", "Holy, Holy, Holy", "O Jesus Christ, True Lamb Of God", "Let Us Break Bread Together", "Let Your Servant Depart" and "Give Thanks".
- 11 A.M. -- Creative Communion -- "Praise and Thanksgiving", "Lord, Have Mercy", "Praise To The Lamb", "We Praise You, O God", "Holy, Holy, Holy", "O Jesus Christ, True Lamb Of God", "Let Us Break Bread Together", "Let Your Servant Depart" and "Come, You Thankful People, Come."

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

We have been blessed with a 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

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - "Pilgrim style"**

1. An usher will direct each person, single file, socially distanced from the pew to walk using the main aisle, to the front of the sanctuary.
2. Please wear your mask.
3. As you approach the Pastor and Elder, drop down your mask to receive communion.
4. A Communion wafer will be placed into your hand by the Pastor using a tong.
5. You may then choose an individual glass of Communion wine to drink from the Elder holding the tray.
6. You may eat and drink and then reposition your face mask.
7. Return to your pew using the outer aisle
8. Resume worship.

## **SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: 1 Thess. 4: 9-12

Wednesday: 1 John 4: 7-16a

Friday: 11 Cor. 8: 1-9

Tuesday: Gen. 4: 2b-15

Thursday: Deut. 30: 11-14

Saturday: Acts 5: 1-11

### **Old Testament: *Isaiah 25:6-9***

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### **The Epistle: *Philippians 4: 4-9***

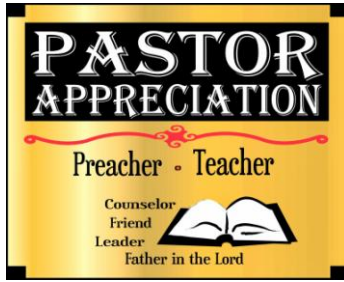
[St. Paul writes:] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **The Holy Gospel: *St. Matthew 22: 1-14***

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## October 11 is Pastor Appreciation Day



**Thank You Pastor Todd** - We pray that in this season that God would be your constant companion. We thank you for your endurance as our spiritual leader!

**Thank You Pastor John** – The work you have done for this congregation has truly been a blessing. We are praising God to be so blessed as to have you as a shepherd through the vacancy, who loves his flock this much.

Praising God today for how much He is using you in this church. Your sermons have uplifted and taught us so much. We pray that God will continue to use you in mighty ways.

Pastors are sent to utter the deep things of God for the conviction of sin, and for edification and comfort. – T.B Joshua

May God be with you and never let you go as you serve Him in this church. Many blessings on your work as pastors.

As both a servant of God and a servant of His people, you are the liaison between the spiritual world and our own. Thank you for bringing the gift of faith into the hearts of everyone in this congregation!

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. Micah 5:4

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. *1 Corinthians 15:58*

***Remember to pray for our pastors, their work and their families, not just today or this month, but each and every day. Tell them how much they mean to you and our congregation.***

**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: *Children's Thanksgiving message: "Gods Peace to each of you"***

**<https://youtu.be/bvegRUKtuB8>**

**Precious Moments** is back to a weekly schedule now: <https://youtu.be/vYssUO9WK-Y>

**Sunday School:** "*Fruits of the Spirit*". This link will also be available on the churches website.

This is the Sunday School Week #2, "Fruit of the Spirit JOY" -- Just a note that Sunday School videos are just every 2weeks. **<https://youtu.be/3ieBOK05Wvo>**

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in person or via ZOOM.

**Church Council Members for 2020-2021**

The following people were elected to our Church Council at last week's voters' meeting. Their terms will run from Oct 4/20 to June 30/21

Chairman:	Don Fretz
Vice Chairman:	Tom Kuhl
Treasurer:	Gloria Meyer
Secretary:	Christopher Mason
Chair of Administration/Finance:	Theresa Mason
Chair of Elders:	John Gondosch
Chair of Fellowship:	Tim Reck
Chair of Outreach:	Judy Mason
Chair of Parish Education:	Brandon Kemp
Chair of Youth/Young Adults:	Brandon Kemp
Chair of Property:	Garth Goodburn
Chair of Social/Health Ministry:	Judy Slingerland
Chair of Worship:	Judy Slingerland
Stewardship Committee:	vacant

Our sincere appreciation goes out to James Hyatt and Fran Porteous who have both retired from Council. Their dedicated service to Church Council and the membership of Christ Lutheran Church is greatly valued and appreciated.

**MARY MARTHA MEETING: 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](#)

**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).

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

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

**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**

**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!

**AN LWML VIDEO: (Ctrl and click to follow)**

<https://lutheranwomen.ca/resources/other-resources/videos>

### **GOD'S LOVE – Sponsoring a Refugee family**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for taking the step of faith last Sunday and approving the Sponsorship of Kareem and his family. This is totally an act not just of faith but showing God's Love to Kareem, Hamida, Ameer (he will be 3 yrs old in November), and Asser (10months). Jesus bid the little children to come to Him and not to prevent them. We will need approximately \$25,000 to see this family through the one year sponsorship we are responsible for. Donations can be made to Christ Lutheran Refugee Sponsorship fund and you can receive a charitable donation receipt. If you have any family or friends who would like to help please spread the word. Jennifer at Canadian Lutheran World Relief will be looking after all the paperwork to get them here and once they arrive in Canada we need to surround this family with God's Love. Kareem is so appreciative and thankful for you providing a safe home in Canada for his family. The committee and I will continue to update you and keep you informed. Please continue to keep this outreach in love in your prayers and Kareem and family. God bless all of you, and if you have any questions please talk with me.

Pastor John 289-407-7662

**FLOWERS** have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Pastor John & Linda Makey on the occasion of their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to you both.

**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.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:** If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a coming Sunday, please sign your name and the related special occasion on the bulletin board at the back of the church, or email: [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca)

### **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:** tune in to **WDCX 99.5FM or 970AM.**

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** "What I'm Looking For" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"We've all been asked to testify, to give a witness to what it is that we're looking for. We're always sending messages to the people watching us: this is what I value, this is what I'm looking for." (Daniel 3)

**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.



**TODAY, 10:30 to 11 a.m. —The Lutheran Hour October 11– Canadian Thanksgiving**  
**Special Guest Speaker Rev. Parry Hart “Bringing the Dead to Life”** Colossians 3:1-4 Let it be a comfort to know that you have not been left for dead – that was not and is not God's plan for us. He has brought us out of death to life. Streaming audio and pod-casts at

[www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**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>)
- 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)
- Z** "ZION hears and rejoices." Ps. 97:8 (Oct. 11, 2020)