

October 25th, 2020

## CONFIRMATION 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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### REFORMATION SUNDAY

**Prayer:** Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 AM—Creative Communion: A Mighty Fortress; All Glory Be to God; In Christ Alone; communion canticles; The Lamb, The Lamb; Sent Forth By God's Blessing.

11 AM—Creative Communion & Confirmation: A Mighty Fortress; All Glory Be To God; God is our Refuge & Strength; communion canticles; O Lord We Praise You; Sent Forth By God's Blessing.

**Musician:** Susanne Anderson

**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's Children's message:** <https://youtu.be/80ymdUYrWKM>

**Precious Moments:** Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>: <https://youtu.be/HLffD5Bjt7A>

**Sunday School:** "*Fruits of the Spirit*". This is the Sunday School Week #3, "Fruit of the Spirit JOY": <https://youtu.be/A8frDVBImp8>. -- Just a note that Sunday School videos are just every 2weeks.

**FLOWERS** have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Andy & Bette Vasko and family in loving memory of Elmer Vasko; and by the Knoll Family in loving memory of Josie's mother, Epsi Dame.

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

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Pastor Todd on October 28<sup>th</sup>. From his loving family Jennifer, Jonah, Nick and Georgia. And of course all the members of Christ Lutheran too. We pray God's blessings on you.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

We are pleased to present to the congregation this year's confirmands. After successfully completing two years of confirmation instruction and confessing their faith before the congregation, they are ready to confirm their vows and faith of Baptism:



**Hailey Elizabeth Jacques**

Born May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Baptized: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Bible Verse: *Psalm 46: 1***

***"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.***

**Lauren Ella Grace Nagy**

Born October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Baptized: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Bible Verse: *Psalm 121: 1, 2***

***"I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth".***

May the Lord bless Hailey and Lauren with  
His constant protection, guidance and favour.

**+ To the Glory of God +**

## **SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: John 6: 24-33

Wednesday: John 15: 1-8

Friday: 1 Pet. 2: 5-10

Tuesday: Exod. 16: 2-7a, 13-15

Thursday: 1 Cor. 10: 14-22

Saturday: Heb. 7: 23-28

### ***The Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 31-34***

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt— a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### ***The Epistle: Romans 3: 19-29***

[St. Paul writes:] Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

### ***The Holy Gospel St. John 8:31-36***

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

## **October is Pastor Appreciation Month – Thank You Pastor!**

Your messages are full of insight and truth. Thank you for continuing to preach the whole counsel of God.

While it may be easy to simply say the word of God, to put it into perspective and preach it is a very special gift. Thank you for using that gift to help enrich the lives of everyone in our Christ Lutheran family!

In your work as a pastor, may God fill you with the Holy Spirit and enrich the lives of both you and those around you! Thank you for your service and know that we all appreciate your hard work. Not a day has passed without us praying for you. We know you have a very challenging job and are asking God to help you continue to do it well. Thanks for all you do and your tremendous sacrifice for us.

As someone who has dedicated their life to God, you are a role model for the entire community. Thanks for all you've done so far as a pastor and keep up the good work!

We pray in this season that God would be your constant companion. When you are weary and heavy-laden, go to Jesus. He will always be with you. We thank you for your endurance as our spiritual leader!

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40:11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they will follow me. John 10:11 and 27

*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.*

**MARY MARTHA LWML/C:** 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.**

\*\*\*\* Blessings, Lorraine

## **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 OPPORTUNITY:** We received a drawing of a Christmas lawn NATIVITY but need someone skilled who can make it. I'll leave drawings in office in my mail slot for you to look at. If you, or someone you know, has the time & skill, please have them speak with Louise or Pat

**Last Sunday Attendance: Oct. 18th -- 9 a.m.- 40 11 a.m. – 30 Total: 70**

	<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	2,537.00	144,813.68	(80,204.49)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	177.00	15,681.16	( 857.30)
Property Improvement			142.00	4,229.16	

**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) 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:** You will hear The Lutheran Hour by tuning in to **WDCX 99.5FM or 970AM**. This Buffalo station covers our friends in Buffalo and Niagara Falls New York, but the catchment is actually focused on us up North of the border. We now are able to reach our friends along Lake Erie (which was not previously covered by a Canadian station) -going from Port Colborne, over to Fisherville, up to Cambridge, past Barrie- over to Peterborough and including everything in between."

**Next Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>:** "Some People Never change?" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Some people never change. Most people do. With God, all people can.(Daniel 4) We will have the Canadian sermons available for listening on-line on our website ([www.ill.ca/radio-tv-and-podcasts](http://www.ill.ca/radio-tv-and-podcasts))

**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.



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFT



Operation Christmas Child has become a Holiday tradition for many of us here at Christ Church. The love and care put into every shoebox gift has changed the lives of children worldwide, and I think we can say it has changed us as well. Together, let's continue to make these children an important part of our Christmas celebration by extending Christ's love and compassion.

## **HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX**

1. Pick up a designated shoebox from the narthex.
2. Decide on the category and age. Girl/Boy 2-4; 5-9; 10-14
3. Fill the box, mark it and put an elastic around it.
4. Enclose a \$10.00 cheque and put it in the offering basket and the congregation will send a combined donation - saving them money.
5. **Drop the box off here at Christ Lutheran Church by Sunday, November 15th.**

## **SUGGESTED GIFTS**

- Toys:** slinky, yo-yo, kazoos, animals, stickers, dolls, balls, cars
- School Supplies:** pens, paper, stamps, markers, calculators, pencil crayons & sharpener, colouring books
- Hygiene Items:** soap, toothbrush, comb, washcloth, NO toothpaste or shampoo
- Other:** hard candy only, sunglasses, ball caps, socks, watches, hairclips, T-shirts, small picture books, flashlights, batteries

**Please DO NOT include:** used items, war related items, medicines, cosmetics, breakable items, perishable foods or liquids (shampoo, etc.), gum

*((Shoeboxes available in Narthex))*



# CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP SOUL FUNDRAISER

Friday, November 27

AT "THE WATERING CAN" IN VINELAND

6 p.m.: DOORS OPEN

7 P.M.: WORKSHOP STARTS

TRADITIONAL URN \$70

***COVID Protocols must be followed:***

- Social distancing
- Masks must be worn
- Handwashing/sanitizing
- NO sharing of food or drinks - *Bring your own refreshments*
- If you are unwell-stay home (You will still receive an Urn if you cannot attend)

Spots are limited—Payment must be received by November 15, 2020 to secure your spot.  
**MINIMUM OF 12 PEOPLE. CONTACT WENDY SHOOK-905-380-6544**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NEWS\*\*\***  
**MARY MARTHA**



**OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR** obviously can't be held this year as we usually do; however we would still like to offer you the ability to purchase some of the items that you would normally find at the Bake, Deli or Craft Tables. We can individualize your orders and provide you with them **'take out'** style.

Do you have a favourite pie, loaf, cookie, square, pickle, jam, preserve, or other baking that you look forward to buying every year? We will get it done for you! Is there something you might have looked for at the Craft Table? We'll see if we can get one of our crafters to make it for you.

Fill out the form on the reverse side and drop it in the basket that you will find in the Narthex. They will be collected each Sunday. If you won't be at church, send it with a friend.

**OR** email your order to [capink@cogeco.ca](mailto:capink@cogeco.ca) (different from my gmail one so it will be easier for me to keep things separate.)

Give a form to a friend or friends if they would like to place an order too.

**Be sure to include your phone # or email** so we can contact you to check any information, give you an order total, and let you know a pickup date.

Contact me if you have any questions.

We will plan 1 or 2 Saturdays when just like a drive through, you can drive up near the basement door, be given your prepackaged order and pay (with the exact amount in an envelope please). If for any reason you are unable to come to the church, please try to have it picked up by a friend; otherwise we will try to make alternative arrangements to get it to you if possible.

*Thanks, Carole*

**AS ALWAYS, you help support MISSIONS Haiti Nicaragua CLWR  
LBT Seminary Medical Missions SOUL & this year - our new Refugee  
Fund**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Items:**

1. _____	Quantity _____
2. _____	Quantity _____
3. _____	Quantity _____
4. _____	Quantity _____
5. _____	Quantity _____
6. _____	Quantity _____
7. _____	Quantity _____

**\*\*Please note, as usual, these items come from an uninspected source, but are made by our own ladies with love and care.**

Please include any necessary details of your preferences like:

- regular 8” or 9” pie or individual size
- ½ doz. or full doz.
- no raisins or nuts, or, you would like raisins or nuts included
- a tray with mixed squares or cookies or a tray of one specific kind

**General pricing:**

- **Loaves:** \$6.00 - \$7.50 depending on kind and whether plain or with nuts or raisins
- **Half Loaves:** \$3.50 - \$4.00
- **Pies:** 9”- \$9.00 - \$10.00; 8” - \$8.00 - \$9.00; small 5” -\$3.50 - \$4.00. (depending on kind)
- **Tarts:** 6 for \$4.50
- **Cookies:** \$2.50 - \$3.50 for 6; \$4.75 - \$6.00 for a doz. (depending on kind)
- **Date Squares:** 6 large \$5.50
- **Other Squares:** \$3.50 - \$5.00 depending on size & kind
- **Muffins:** 6 for \$4.00
- **Christmas cake** - \$20 loaf; \$10 ½ loaf
- **Turkey or beef pies** – individual size \$5.00
- **Jams, Pickles, Preserves** – can’t guarantee until I see what kinds have been made by our ladies. We will advertise some specific kinds in a few weeks.
- **Crafts:** again, we will advertise some specific things that have been made at a later date; If you have a request, although not guaranteed, we will see if we can find someone to make what you want, and quote you a price.

# “Warm Feet for the Street” Kits



The LWML/MARY MARTHA ladies are again filling warm socks at their November meeting



\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: This year will be different!!  
+++ Kits will be distributed through Mainstream +++

1. You can assemble a sock at home or
2. We would welcome donations from the congregation as well to make at our November meeting and need the following items:

## **LARGE WARM SOCKS**

Warm Gloves (adult size)  
Toothpaste  
Lip Balm  
Hand Lotion  
Shampoo (small)  
Deodorant  
Kleenex (little pkgs.)  
Bandaides  
Underwear (new)  
Scarves

*Remember that everything needs to be small enough to fit into the socks.*

**If you would like to help, but prefer for us to do the shopping, a donation of money would be terrific too.**

Thank you for your participation and donations.

*Contact: Wendy Hyatt*

## HEADLINES from LCC—(A new song during Covid)

**Good Shepherd  
Shelter Now Your Sheep**

1 Good Shep-herd shel-ter now Your sheep In Your al-  
2 For in the dark-ness Sa-tan prowls Set on their  
3 Let no fear take them from Your side To seek some  
4 Lord keep them trust-ing day by day In Your love's  
5 Good Shep-herd shel-ter now Your sheep In Your al-

shad-ow, In all their trials we  
e- your-ing, Their faith with anx-ious  
ter shel-ter There is no sa-fer  
n-way- ring Their eyes fix on You  
shad-ow That peace-ful-ly they

pray You keep Them on the way that's nar-row,  
thoughts be fools To drive them to des-pair-ing,  
place to hide Than in Your gra-ce's pas-ture,  
all the way Safe past the li-on's roar-ing,  
lie and sleep And wake with You to fol-low.

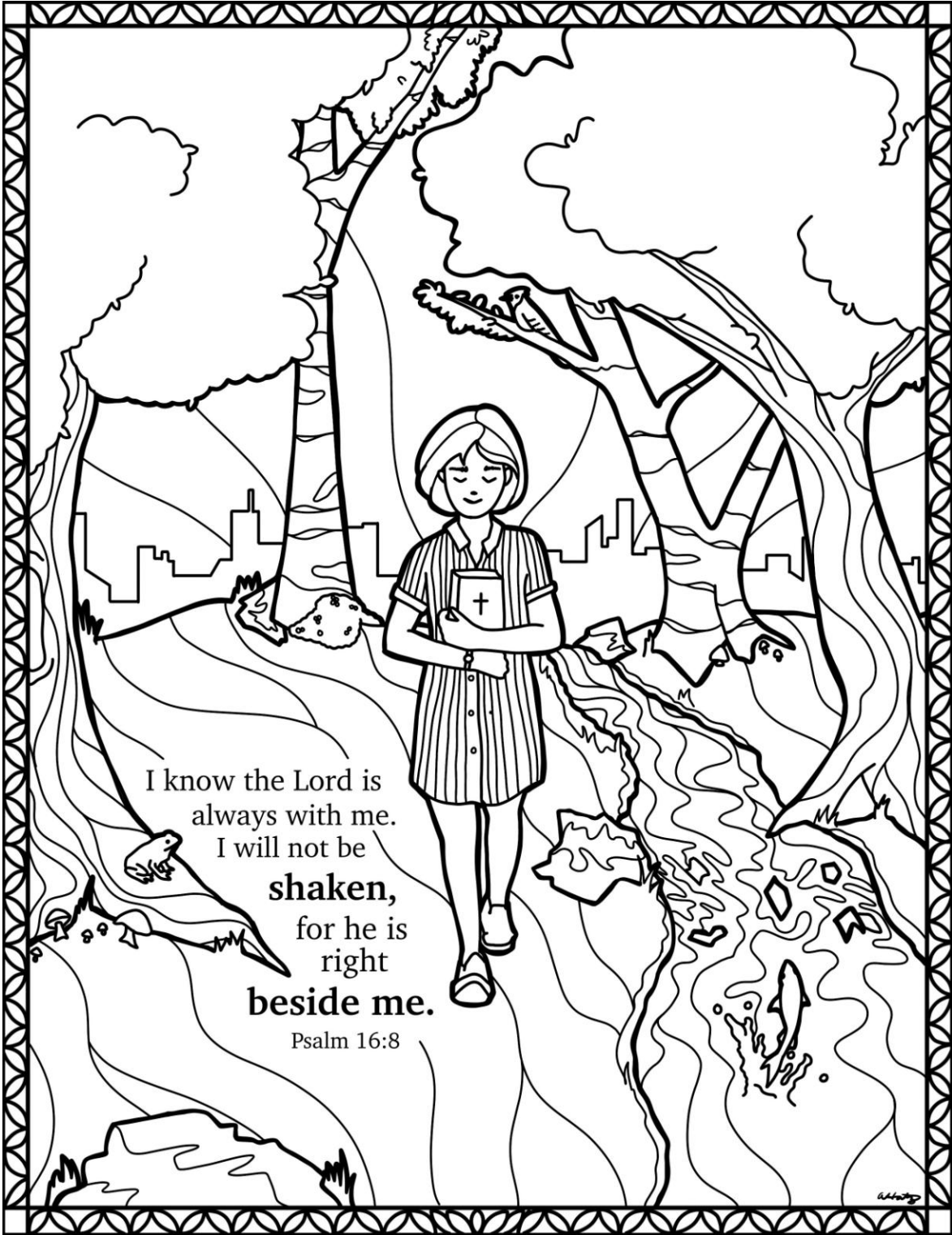
Text: Kurt E. Reinhardt, b. 1969  
Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.; setting: Service Book and Hymnal, 1958  
Text: © 2020 Kurt E. Reinhardt  
Music: Public domain

### ***Good Shepherd Shelter Now Your Sheep***

ONLINE - The lyrics to this hymn were written by Lutheran Church–Canada pastor, Rev. Kurt E. Reinhardt in response to the unprecedented situation brought about by the COVID-19 crisis. The tune is in the public domain. The hymn came to Pastor Reinhardt on the day he found out that their congregation would have to suspend the public Divine Service amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He and his family began singing it nightly as an intercession for the Lord's people in these difficult days.

Performed by Beatrice M. Reinhardt, Pastor Reinhardt's 19-year-old daughter, and accompanied by Mr. Douglas Bulmer, organist at Trinity Lutheran Church (Gowanstown, ON). Pastor Reinhardt would like to encourage people to print or disseminate this hymn for devotional use during these trying days, and a link to the music and lyrics is available for download via the button below.

[PDF of Music & Lyrics](#)



I know the Lord is  
always with me.  
I will not be  
**shaken,**  
for he is  
right  
**beside me.**

Psalm 16:8

W. Wood