

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us the things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us the good things we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musician: Sarah Egert
Reader: Lorraine Kaija

Sunday School: “God Helps Us When We Worry” <https://youtu.be/Z0Cy7U8wBfM>
Children’s Message: “Be Careful” <https://youtu.be/hPwtbDxdc3g>
Summer Session: “God I Need to Talk to You about Whining” https://youtu.be/KUsQU72T_Qo

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Mark 9: 33-37	Wed.: Luke 7: 1-10	Friday: Gal. 1: 11-24
Tuesday: 1 Sam. 17: 40-51	Thurs: Acts 12: 18-25	Saturday: Eph. 2: 1-7

WORSHIP NOTE:

In compliance with Ontario Provincial Step 3, we can now offer in-person worship with allowances for social distancing.

- **Sunday Service will be live-streamed at 10 AM on Facebook:** (<https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC>).
- Following the service, a recording will be uploaded to YouTube – “Gathering the Scattered” at: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3a4p6prdJGEyP5S-q-cNSg>).
- A PDF version of the order of service for each Sunday will also be posted on our church website: christlutheransc.ca.
- Archived videos of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to christlutheransc.ca – “Worship” page.

Any questions or concerns, please check out our church website (<http://christlutheransc.ca/>), contact Judy Slingerland (chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca) or Pastor Todd (pastortoddhoeffs@gmail.com). or phone the church office. May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

THE OBITUARY

for our dear Erna McBride can now be read on the website of George Darte Funeral Home. Although because of Covid restrictions it will be a private funeral, friends are still invited to attend and offer their sympathy at the Funeral Home visitations, which will be held at George Darte, 585 Carlton St. on Thursday afternoon September 9th from 2 - 3:30 p.m. and that same evening from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Covid protocol will be followed and guests are requested to wear a mask. Donations may be made in Erna’s memory to the Haiti Children’s Feeding programme which was so dear to her heart (having originally been started by her daughter Erin and heavily supported and carried on by Erna especially through her many fundraisers (*please make donations or cheques to Christ Lutheran Church and Karen will forward it on to the Haiti Children’s Feeding Programme*); or to Hospice Niagara where Erna spent her final days.

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the Glory of God by Andy & Bette Vasko and family in loving memory of John Vasko Sr. and John Vasko Jr.

Online VBS: "TREASURED: DISCOVERING *YOU'RE PRICELESS TO GOD*".

If you or someone you know think they missed out on this year's VBS ... start smiling! It's online, which means you can access it from our church website (www.christlutheransc.ca) until August 30. You can even watch one day each week until the end of August (which gives more time to memorize the bible verses!)

To receive the "special pack" which includes all 5 Bible Verse Memory Buddies, materials for all 5 crafts, ideas and extra supplies for the games, simply register your child by emailing secretary@christlutheransc.ca or by calling the church office at 905-685-8294 or Louise at 905-329-8579 and we will help you make arrangements to come and pick it up from the church.



You are invited to our "online VBS"

"TREASURED:
Discovering You're Priceless to God"

You'll discover Gods greatest treasure isn't gems, silver or gold - IT'S YOU!!

Join us online for Bible learning activities, catchy songs, games and crafts. Collect Bible Memory Buddies that help remind us of God's love.

LINKS TO ALL 5 DAYS:

Day 1

<https://youtu.be/BVx246ZB7HM>

"VBS TREASURED: Discovering you're priceless to God"

Day 2

<https://youtu.be/BVx246ZB7HM>

"VBS TREASURED: Discovering you're priceless to God"

DAY 3

<https://youtu.be/ym1ri7bAG6k>

"VBS TREASURED: Discovering you are priceless to God."

DAY 4

<https://youtu.be/JIOnlfeEK1g>

"VBS TREASURED: Discovering You are Priceless to God."

DAY 5

<https://youtu.be/YJrxAwwo5Gk>

"VBS TREASURED: Discovering You're Priceless God."

VOTER'S MEETING: Sunday, September 19th, 2:00 pm – Voters Meeting (tentative based on public health restrictions). Election of Church Council and ratification of Council decisions made under COVID-19 restrictions.

<u>Last Sunday Attendance: Aug. 8th, 2021</u> <u>Attn: 10 a.m. – 75</u>					
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (–)</u>
Current:	271,175.00	5,214.90	2,585.00	121,024.88	(45,852.04)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	165.00	10,856.00	(1,451.69)
Property Improvement:			60.00	3,681.00	

MEMORIAL DONATIONS have been given to Christ Lutheran Church in memory of **Carl Wathke** by Don & Lois Fretz, Steve Duga, Tim & Elly Reck, Eric & Marge Stark, Judy Slingerland; in memory of **Erna McBride** by Garth & Bronwyn Goodburn, Susan Honey, Laurel Regnier; in memory of **Michael Duga** by Steve & Karoline Duga, the Kozak Family, Frank & Ivy Parkhouse, Tim & Elly Reck, Mary Nestorovich, Pastor Kozak, Eric & Marge Stark, Judy Slingerland; in memory of Kay Tiffney by Steve Duga, Tm & Elly Reck, Judy Slingerland; in memory of David Rhodes by Steve Duga.

FLOWERS FOR ALTAR: If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign your name at the back of the church or email: secretary@christlutheransc.ca. Cost is \$25/bouquet

THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN: The Canadian Lutheran is available to read online at: WWW.CANADIANLUTHERAN.CA

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC: It's important for members to keep in mind that expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue to accumulate even when you are not comfortable attending service.

1. THROUGH 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 at:

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:

<https://lutheranchurch-canada.tnq-secure.com/?pageId=donation-edit&categoryId=10972>

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.

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

"All God's People Sing" Children's hymnal

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ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

MORNING HYMN

"O, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

1. **Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
The triumphs of His grace!**
2. **My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Your name.**
3. **Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease—
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

Words: Charles Wesley, 1793; Public domain

INVOCATION:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

There is one body and one Spirit.

There is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

One God and Father of us all.

As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,

Even so we should walk in the newness of life.

FROM LUTHER'S CATECHISM – Benefits of baptism

What is baptism?

Baptism is water used according to God's command and connected with God's promise.

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil,

and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this,

as the words and promises of God declare.

Psalm 51: 1-12 [in unison]

Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy

blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,

and done what is evil in your sight,
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be truly clean.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right Spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free spirit.

BAPTISMAL HYMN: *"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"*
 **All who believe and are baptized
 Shall see the Lord's salvation;
 Baptized into the death of Christ,
 They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
 Among the glorious, heavenly band
 Of every tribe and nation.**

 **With one accord, O God, we pray:
 Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
 Help us in our infirmity
 Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
 That by this sacrament we may
 Eternal life inherit.**

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

As our heart-felt concerns come before Your throne:

Let us pray: Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord God, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:

The Old Testament: *Isaiah 61:1-11*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your

land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: *Galatians 4:4-7*

[St. Paul writes:] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE:

"To God Be The Glory"

**To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in**

Chorus:

**Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done**

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The Holy Gospel: *St. Luke 1: 39-56*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. "And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his

name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE:

In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven, and we are granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.

So today I ask you anew. Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

I do renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, and the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body, and the + life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON SONG –

"Magnificat"

[Woodlands tune]

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!**

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1962 © Hope Publishers

MESSAGE: St. Luke 1: 46-55 "Glorify the Lord" – Rev. John Makey

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for coming as God in the Flesh through the Virgin Mary, and for coming to us whenever we gather in Your name. Keep us alert and watchful through the difficult journey of this world, and give us confidence as we wait for your coming in glory: Hear us, O Lord:

Your mercy is great.

We pray for Your church – her people and pastors. Keep us alert and watchful in support of one another, guard us from everything false and untrue, and shine on us with the light of Your holy Word. Hear us, O Lord:

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the people of the world. Inspire all men, women and children with Your Gospel and the message of Your saving Blood. Keep us alert, watchful and winsome as your witnesses in the world. Hear us, O Lord:

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations. Lift the eyes of those in authority to their duty to govern wisely and well, for the good of all. Curb all terror and replace it with peace, especially in these places.... Keep us alert and helpful to serve you by giving our aid to others in our daily lives. Hear us, O Lord:

Your mercy is great.

Thank you for providing us with everything we need for daily living. Bring relief to all those affected by storms, heavy rainfalls, droughts, fires, unseasonable weather, and poverty. Keep us alert and watchful to the needs of others, and move us to give generously to appeals for financial support. Hear us, O Lord:

Your mercy is great.

Lord Jesus, stand by those who wake or watch or weep. Be the rest for those who are weary. With Your Word and Sacrament, Your healing Flesh and Blood, soothe those who suffer. Shield those who prosper. And come to those we know in particular need...*[names added here...]* Hear us, O Lord:

Your mercy is great.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are our beginning and our end, the ground of our existence and the foundation of our faith. Support us in this faith so that at our life's end we may be raised to eternal life to share with all your saints in glory, who with the Father and Holy Spirit, You live and reign as one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING BAPTISMAL PRAYER:

Almighty God, we give thanks that Your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for our sins. We celebrate with joy His resurrection from the dead and ascension into Heaven. We are grateful for the work of Your Holy Spirit in us. Which brought us to faith by Baptism. We know that You are faithful in Your covenant with us. Keep us faithful as well. Show us the way You would have us live/ In Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour we pray. Amen.

CLOSING GREETING & BLESSING:

By baptism we have been made members of the church, the Body of Christ.

As we live in Him and with His people, we grow in faith, love and walk in newness of life.

Let us now praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Almighty and merciful God, the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and always.

Amen.

LAST HYMN:

"There Is A Redeemer"

1. **There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One**

**Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done**

2. **Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain**

**Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done**

3. **When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place**

**Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done**

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