

# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12th, 2021



## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Prayer:** Grant, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Musician:** Susanne Anderson

**Readers:** 9 a.m. — Chris Mason 11 a.m. – Lorraine Kaija

**Sunday School:** “God cares about our Grief and Loss” <https://youtu.be/7femkYurDxI>

**Children’s Message:** “Take Up Your Cross” <https://youtu.be/1VkpNDt0tcm>

### **DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Prov. 30: 4-9

Wed.: 1 Cor. 7: 20-24

Friday: John 4: 31-38

Tuesday: 1 Tim. 6: 6-12a

Thurs: 1 Kings 17: 1-6

Saturday: Luke 6: 20-26

### **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-cNSq>).
- A PDF version of the order of service for each Sunday will also be posted on our church website: [christlutheransc.ca](http://christlutheransc.ca).
- Archived videos of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to [christlutheransc.ca](http://christlutheransc.ca) – “Worship” page.

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

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Sophia Julia Mambella, daughter of James & Madeline Meade-Mambella, granddaughter of Dave & Debbie Meade, great-granddaughter of John & Erna Mewhinney, into Christ’s family by Holy Baptism during our 11 am service. Her sponsors are Andrew Mambella and Nicole Meade. May God bless Sophia with a lifetime of rich blessing and protection.

**WE’RE EXCITED!!!!** **SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be starting up again this Fall. Our plan is to meet for 2 (two) weeks each month. Stay tuned for more details.

**Women’s Bible Study** will resume **Friday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m.** We will plan to meet in the church basement. Hope to see you there.

**LWML-C/Mary Martha:** It’s that time of year again! We are so excited to invite you to join us at our LWML-C/Mary Martha meetings which will be held **in person!** *We will be still wearing masks and social distancing at our meetings. (You are welcome to bring your own beverage.)*

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – 7 p.m. Meet Eduardo, our adopted Seminary Student and musician and his wife!

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. LWML National Convention Highlights

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. Pack socks for Warm Feet for the Street.

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 p.m. Advent Tea

We are delighted to host the LWML Sunday & Fall Rally Worship Service at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 3rd at 3 p.m.

**VOTER'S MEETING: Please note that the Voter's Meeting has been postponed to a later date!**

**Last Sunday Attendance: September 5th, 2021 Attn: 10 a.m. – 52**

	<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	1,472.00	134,326.72	(53,409.82)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	122.00	11,881.50	(1,984.65)
Property Improvement:			86.00	3,957.50	

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS** have been given in memory of Erna McBride to HLMS Mixte Nazareth Feeding Program by Don & Lois Fretz, Eric & Marge Stark, James & Wendy Hyatt, Tom & Mary Saxton, Frank & Ivy Parkhouse, Naomi Hohnberg, Blaise & Sharon McDonnell, Janet Fraser and to Nicaragua Feeding Program by Greg & Lois Munz. In memory of Carl Wathke to Christ Lutheran Church by Frank & Ivy Parkhouse and Paul & Judy Mason. In Memory of Michael Duga to Christ Lutheran Church by John & Olga Duga and Paul & Judy Mason.

**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](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.tng-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..



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH CREATIVE COMMUNION

The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**9 AM Contemporary Worship**

FIRST HYMN:

*"I Shall Not Be Moved"*

*African-American Spiritual*

**I shall not be, I shall not be moved;  
I shall not be, I shall not be moved;  
Like a tree that's planted by the waters,  
I shall not be moved.**

**Jesus is my Saviour, I shall not be moved;  
In His love and favour, I shall not be moved,  
Like a tree that's planted by the waters,  
I shall not be moved.**

**When my burden's heavy, I shall not be moved;  
When the cross is heavy, I shall not be moved.  
Like a tree that's planted by the waters,  
I shall not be moved.**

**If I trust Him ever, I shall not be moved;  
He will fail me never, I shall not be moved,  
Like a tree that's planted by the waters,  
I shall not be moved.**

*[I Shall Not Be moved \(hymnlyrics.org\)](http://hymnlyrics.org)*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,

**Come to the help of Your people,**

Turning us from our sin to live for You alone.

**Give us the blessing of Your Holy Spirit,**

that we may confess our sins,

**receive Your forgiveness,**

and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,

**our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another:

*[brief silence for personal confessions]*

Gracious Father,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned and turned ourselves away from Your holy face. We are truly sorry for all that we have done wrong and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God our Father, Who is rich in mercy, loved you even when you were dead in sin, and made alive together with Christ our Lord. By grace you have been saved. By the holy command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
**Son of David,**  
Son of the Living God  
**Have mercy,**  
help us, save us  
**and give us Your peace. Amen**

PRAISE HYMN:

*“Glory to God”*

*[God is so good tune]*

1. **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God, in the High--est.**
2. **God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, He’s so good to me!**
3. **He sent us Christ, He sent us Christ, He sent us Christ, on a cross for me.**
4. **I praise His name, I praise His name, I praise His name, For He rose for me.**

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Gracious God, through suffering and rejection You bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Help us, that for the sake of the Gospel, we may turn from the attraction of sinful living, take up our cross and follow Your son, Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

**The Old Testament:** *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:** *James 3:1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Verse

*“My Tribute” chorus*

**To God, be the glory, to God, be the glory, to God, be the glory  
For the things he has done.**

**With His Blood, he has saved me, with His pow’r, he has raised me;  
To God, be the glory, for the things he has done!**

*Andre Crouch, © 1971 My Tribute*

## The Holy Gospel: St. Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter:

### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE NICENE CREED:

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

## SERMON SONG:

*“Living Hope”*

Verse 1:

**How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Verse 2:** Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Chorus:** Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Verse 3:** Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
**(REPEAT)**  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

**Ending** Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

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## MESSAGE

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Remembering what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us, we pray to God our Father. You gave your Son to take away the sin of the world. Lead us to turn away from our sin, take up our cross, follow and live anew in our baptismal faith. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

Your Son was obedient all the way to his death on a cross. Teach us patience and self-denial, that we see may see and meet the needs of others. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

Your Son cared for the sick and the troubled. Make us compassionate and understanding towards others. Inspire our prayers to include all who struggle, in our families, communities, government and all nations...we here remember—[names added:]; Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

Your Son was tempted, suffered, and died. Be with all who face temptation, suffering, or death. Hold them in Your loving embrace. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, make us to know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT [SPOKEN]

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

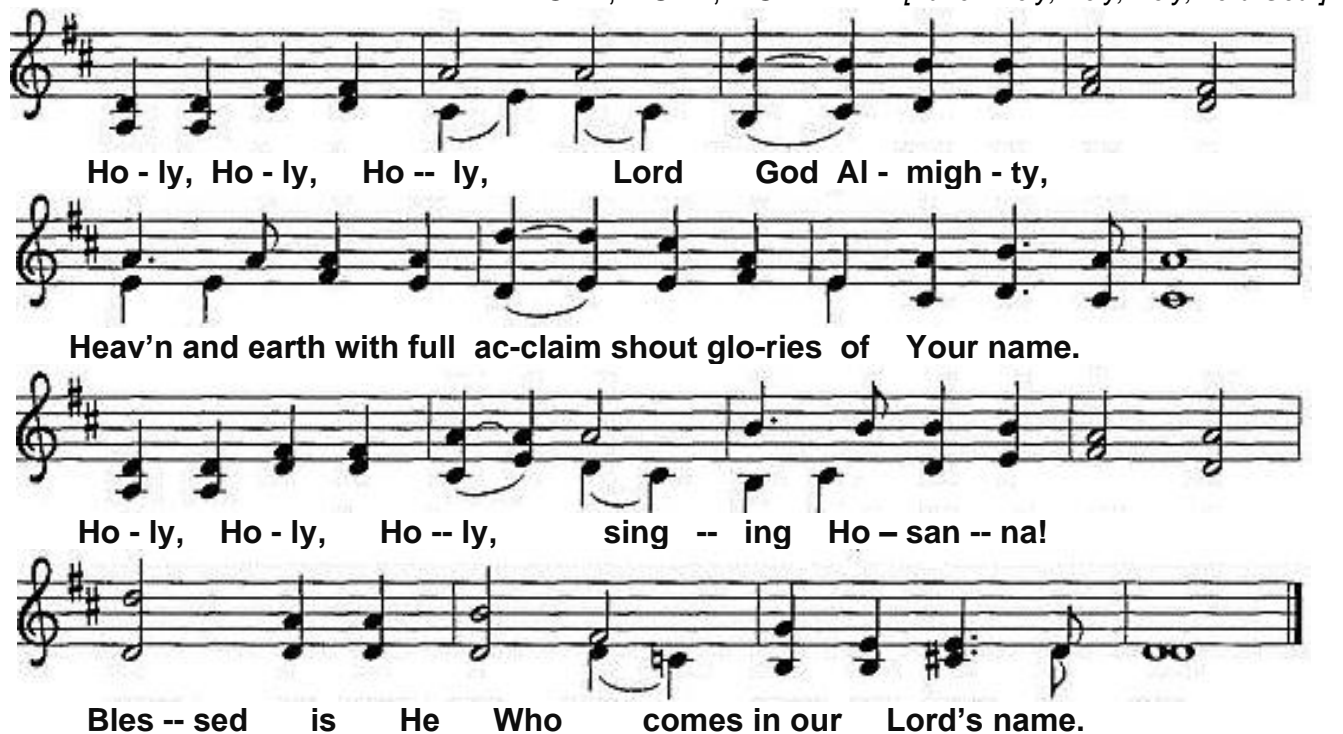
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right and joyful that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord: Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and all the company of Heaven, we praise Your name and join their un-ending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY [Tune: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God"]



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho -- ly, Lord God Al - migh - ty,  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout glo-ries of Your name.  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho -- ly, sing -- ing Ho - san -- na!  
Bles -- sed is He Who comes in our Lord's name.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; This is My + Body which is given for you, this do, in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying "Drink of it all of you, this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always:

**And also with you.**



LAMB OF GOD:



O Jes-us Chri-st, True Lamb of God; the sins of the world, You



Take a -- way. Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray;



And bless us with Your peace; A -- men

COMMUNION HYMN: *"Tree of Life" [Once in Royal David's City tune]*



1 Tree of Life and awe-some myst'--ry, in Christ's death we



are re--born; Though His cross trans-forms all hist'ry, still we



rise with ev' -- ry morn, may we be a bless--ing



true; show forth Christ in all we do.

2 Seed that dies to rise in glo-ry, may we see our-selves in you,  
If we learn to live your stor-y we may die to rise a-new,  
We re-call Your Word of truth, and we bear the cross through You.

3 Lord, You lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be.  
One with You in joy and sorrow, we the branches of the Tree.  
You have loved us as Your own, help us turn to You alone.

- 4 Give us eyes to see You clearly; as God's children of the Light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly as Your Gospel shining bright!  
Be the Fountain for each soul, flow in us and make us whole.**

Words: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 1984 GIA Pub, Inc. Music: H. Gauntlett, 1805-1876, IRBY LSB 376 "once in royal david's city" tune

SONG OF SIMEON:

*"Let Your Servant Depart"* [tune: Sweet By & By]

**Let your servant depart now in peace,  
For Your Word from of old is fulfilled,  
Your salvation my eyes now have seen,  
Long-prepared as it always has been.**

**In Your light, you reveal, the world's promise and Israel's great joy!  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always may You be adored.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

Let us pray: Almighty God, Who has given Your Son, Jesus Christ, as a Sacrifice for sin and the True Example of a godly life, give us grace that as we have received Him in the Holy Communion Feast we may daily abide in Him, hearing and believing His Holy Word and living out our days in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord upon you with favour, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

*"Lift High The Cross"*

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore His sacred Name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, our King victorious,  
Christ the Son of God.**

**Refrain.**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified bear on their brow  
the seal of Him Who died.**

**Refrain**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, raise us, and let Your  
Cross the magnet be.**

**Refrain**

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell of Him Who saves our souls from death and hell.**

**Refrain**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory.**

**Refrain**

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# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH LSB DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**11 AM Traditional Worship**

BAPTISM HYMN:

*"Baptized In Water"*

*"Praise & Thanksgiving" tune*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now His praises we sing**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now His praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now His praises we sing.**

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## **+ Baptism of Sophia Julia Mambella +**

*Parents: James Paul Mambella & Madeline Elizabeth Meade-Mambella*

*Sponsors: Andrew Robert Mambella*

*Nicole Danielle Meade*

## **ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM**

The Lutheran Church of Australia Worship Resources

### SCRIPTURAL COMMAND:

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep everything I have entrusted to you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

### ADDRESS:

Scripture teaches that we are born sinful and unclean. So our heavenly Father washes us clean in the waters of baptism. We are re-born as His children as the Holy Spirit renews us and gives us eternal life. Through baptism He graciously forgives us our sins and unites us with our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we share in His death and resurrection.

### PRESENTATION:

Who brings this child for holy baptism? **I/we do.**

How is this child named? (Name is spoken)

### ADMONITION:

Since you as parents and sponsors have brought (Name) to be baptized, you are responsible for his/her upbringing in the Lutheran Church. Remember him/her in your prayers. Bring him/her to the services in God's House and teach him/her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. Remind him/her of her baptism, set him/her a good example, and provide for his/her instruction in the faith that he/she may join you and all believers around the Lord's Table to feast on Jesus' Body and Blood. Do you intend to joyfully do this?

**Yes, I/we do.**

### MARKING OF THE CROSS:

(Name), receive the sign of the holy cross †, upon your forehead and upon your heart, to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

### GOSPEL PROCLAMATION:

Now receive the Good News of our Lord: As people brought children to Jesus that He might touch them, the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this He was extremely angry. He said: Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; unless you receive the Kingdom of God like a little child you shall never enter it.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Let us ask the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ on (Name) and pray together the prayer He has taught us:

**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.**

### PUBLIC CONFESSION OF THE FAITH:

I ask you now to publicly speak your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**Yes, 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, our Lord?

**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, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the + life everlasting. Amen.**

### BAPTISM:

(Name), I baptize you in the name of the Father † and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit †. Amen.

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you the new birth by water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His Spirit, so that you receive eternal life. **Amen.**

### PRESENTATION OF CANDLE:

Receive this burning light. Live always by the Light of Christ and be ever watchful for His coming that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end.

Let your light so shine before others, that they see your good works and glorify Your Father Who is in Heaven.

### PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we join with (Name's) parents in thanking you for giving them this child and for adopting him/her as Your own child in holy baptism. Strengthen him/her faith by Your Holy Spirit, so that his/her sinful self may die each day and he/she may rise to new life with Christ forever. As You have written his/her name in the book of life and have made him/her a member of the body of Your Son, guide him/her, so that, with all Your saints, he/she may one day abide in Your Heavenly Home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF BAPTIZED:

Through Baptism, God has added this new brother/sister a member of the Priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and show forth His creative and redeeming Word to all the world:

**We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same Heavenly Father, and workers with us in His Kingdom.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## SPOKEN KYRIE:

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## GLORIA [SUNG]

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy one,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the most high,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY: [Spoken]

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Gracious God, through suffering and rejection You bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Help us, that for the sake of the Gospel, we may turn from the attraction of sinful living, take up our cross and follow Your son, Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen. [Spoken]**

## THE WORD

### **The Old Testament:** *Isaiah 50: 4-9a*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Epistle:** *James 3:1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire



the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA [Sung]

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia**

**The Holy Gospel:** *St. Mark 8:27-38*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**Glory to You, O Lord. [SUNG]**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ. [SUNG]**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Come, Follow Me, Said Christ Our Lord"*

1. **"Come, follow me, said Christ our Lord,  
all in my way abiding;  
your selfishness, throw overboard,  
oh hear my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear your crosses and confide,  
in My example as your guide."**
2. **I am the light; I light the way,  
a godly life displaying;  
I help you walk as in the day;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
how you should journey here below.**
3. **Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
and take the cross appointed,  
and, firmly clinging to his word,  
in suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

## SERMON

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

Our Lord Jesus says in St. Matthew's Gospel: so, when you are offering your gift at the altar,  
**and if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,**  
leave your gift there before the altar and go;

**first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.**

Let us then be reconciled to God and to one another:

**Most Gracious Father, we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and deeds. We have committed sins against our neighbour and against You, O Father. Have mercy upon us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins. Those sins which are known to us, and those which are unknown. Give us Your Holy Spirit that by faith we may be sorry for our sins, repent of them and serve You in newness of life to the honour and glory of Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Remembering what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us, we pray to God our Father.

You gave your Son to take away the sin of the world. Lead us to turn away from our sin, take up our cross, follow and live anew in our baptismal faith. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

Your Son was obedient all the way to his death on a cross. Teach us patience and self-denial, that we see may see and meet the needs of others. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

Your Son cared for the sick and the troubled. Make us compassionate and understanding towards others. Inspire our prayers to include all who struggle, in our families, communities, government and all nations...we here remember—[names added:]; Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

Your Son was tempted, suffered, and died. Be with all who face temptation, suffering, or death. Hold them in Your loving embrace. Hear us, O God:

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, make us to know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

### THE SACRAMENT: [Sung responsively]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right and joyful that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord: Who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and all the company of Heaven, we praise Your glorious name and join their un-ending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(LSB Page 161)

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; This is My + Body which is given for you, this do, in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying "Drink of it all of you, this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## LAMB OF GOD

LSB tune # 163

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

## "Tree of Life"

[Once in Royal David's City tune]

1 Tree of Life and awe-some myst'--ry, in Christ's death we  
are re--born; Though His cross trans-forms all hist'ry, still we  
rise with ev' -- ry morn, may we be a bless--ing  
true; show forth Christ in all we do.

- 2 Seed that dies to rise in glo-ry, may we see our-selves in you,  
If we learn to live your stor-y we may die to rise a-new,  
We re-call Your Word of truth, and we bear the cross through You.
- 3 Lord, You lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be.  
One with You in joy and sorrow, we the branches of the Tree.  
You have loved us as Your own, help us turn to You alone.
- 4 Give us eyes to see You clearly; as God's children of the Light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly as Your Gospel shining bright!  
Be the Fountain for each soul, flow in us and make us whole.

POST COMMUNION HYMN:

*"Thank The Lord"*

(LSB Page 164)



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Let us pray: Almighty God, Who has given Your Son, Jesus Christ, as a Sacrifice for sin and the True Example of a godly life, give us grace that as we have received Him in the Holy Communion Feast we may daily abide in Him, hearing and believing His Holy Word and living out our days in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

BENEDICTION: [Spoken]

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, + and give you peace.

**Amen. [Spoken]**

CLOSING HYMN:

*"Lift High The Cross"*

**Refrain:** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore His sacred Name.

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, our King victorious,  
Christ the Son of God.**

**Refrain.**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified bear on their brow  
the seal of Him Who died.**

**Refrain**



**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, raise us, and let Your  
Cross the magnet be.**

***Refrain***

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell of Him Who saves our souls from death and hell.**

***Refrain***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:**

**Praise to the Crucified for victory.**

***Refrain***

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**ERNA McBRIDE Memorial**  
**September 10, 2021 + 11 AM CLC [G Darte FH]**  
**Matthew 11**

Matthew 11: 28-30

Jesus says: <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ our Lord,

We gather together this day to say our goodbyes to a mother, family member, friend, evangelist, missionary, supporter of church work and fellow Lutheran Christian, Erna McBride.

We also come together to share in the assurance our Lord Jesus provides in His Word of comfort and hope. While death always looks final, it does not have the last word. Jesus Christ has the last word. Promising Heaven And rest Healing, Peace And hope.

To all who live and believe and worship Him by faith. And hope does not disappoint us, Even as our COVID post-pandemic restrictions have hurt and disappointed us.

COVID days never seemed to really disappoint Erna. When my family and I arrived here a little over a year ago, She told us to come right on over as she had a bunch of steaks to grill – she wanted to be the 1<sup>st</sup> member to get to know us. Working around the pandemic restrictions and just before lockdown, For weeks we talked and planned how it would all take place.

Even how much pink we liked in our cooked steaks! COVID never got in her way.

Erna made it to church to receive God's gifts as often as possible. She managed to keep on living-- She expressed her faith She helped people—Even concerned herself with the overseas mission work still needing support. Every part of life deserved a helping hand or prayer or thought.

So much of who Erna was could make us think she was some kind of shining bright angelic saint.

But truth be told, all of the wonderful things all of you remember about Erna only proved how much God worked through her because Like the rest of us, As sinful people, Nothing good comes out of who we are apart from our faith in Jesus Christ! From faith flows this kind of gratitude and Gospel living Which seeks to make the world we live in a place reflecting God's love He's given in Christ.

A humble heart of gratitude is the way we are all called to live. Thankful for the life God has given us to live. Thankful that God enables us to create a home and work life. Thankful that God brings us through every kind of life experience, The good, the bad, the ugly and everything in between.

While we all may have seen Erna's hopeful smile Underneath was a life that knew felt pain and suffering. Every spouse expects they may bury their wife or husband. But burying a daughter,

And the one of her sons, Who struggled in life with autism...None of this being easy in any way...

When I had a chance to ask her about this And empathize with her grief, Erna clearly and simply said "the sadness stays, the hope carries on." Hope does not disappoint us. Hope gave Erna the heart to go on, To live To trust To find joy and peace. BECAUSE OF GOD'S LOVE through CHRIST in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. For Erna, It's easy to see love was an action word to her.

Love DID things Went places Love helped Love gave. Love told others about Jesus. Love protected her and carried her Because of Jesus' love And His actions. When He says Come to ME

And He comes to each one of us in Whenever the Bible is read or heard In the way we care for each other Listen to each other Support each other Pray for each other. Jesus comes When you're tired.

Overworked. Stressed. Sad. Burdened. He comes with rest. Because all of your troubles and burdens and hurts He's taken with Him When He let His own body get nailed down to a cross.

He suffered. He got burdened. He absorbed the pain, the hurt, the trauma of life--He bled, died, and buried. And when the 3<sup>rd</sup> day arrived, HE rose up from the dead. Alive. New.

And this is how HE comes to us now.

To chase the deadly shadows away. To remove your burdens. To fill all of you up with His peace, His love, His life, His joy in the face of sorrow. As He already removed Erna's burdens away.

With every struggle the Lord was shaping her character to be more like Jesus. This hope carried her even to the end. The morning of Erna's "birthday" party, I had a little visit with her.

"I'm ready to go...any time....it's all good" was her attitude.

We celebrated Holy Communion. As I got ready to go she said loudly and confidently, "well, the next time I see you it'll be in Heaven"....

Without a doubt through her own encounters of benefiting from Jesus' reassurance of love and grace over her life-time, Moved her to express her joyful expectant hope That we all look forward to with anticipated joy. Not a matter of if, but when. And not because Erna was perfect or more blessed than others, Nor because any of us are so much better than all the rest, But because of Jesus Christ.

Because of His life in ours. Because He can turn us sinners in to saints With a splash of water and the gift of the Holy Spirit. And we will get to see her in Heaven again. She waits to meet all of you one day in that beautiful paradise. And now in the days ahead, As you rest As you may think of a memory Or find an old photo of Erna or a past event that brings a tear, That's OK too. Tears mean you loved someone. And that you also have been loved. Rest assured, your own faith life will keep intersecting with hers and all those who have died and are resting with our Lord as we spend time worshipping our God in His Church.

This is God's family table where we all still get to eat and drink together the wonderful Feast of our Lord that keeps us together in Heaven and on earth.

This is when our memory meets God's promises. Where we have the best of family reunions.

Come to Jesus. Learn from Him.

He is gentle and humble.

He will give you rest. As He's given Erna rest.

So the "next time Erna sees you it'll be in Heaven."

Amen.