

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 19th, 2021



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Prayer: O God, without whose blessing we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and govern our hearts; 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. — Daniel Figureroa 11 a.m. – Fran Porteous

Children’s Message (Sept. 19): “The Good Book” <https://youtu.be/hA0rBtczGSg>

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Lam. 3: 22-33 Wed.: Job 2: 1-10 Friday: Heb. 10: 35-39
Tuesday: Heb. 12:4-11 Thurs: Eph. 6: 18-20 Saturday: Luke 21: 10-19

9 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Contemporary Morning Praise
Song – “Majesty!”
Spoken Morning Praise verses
Psalm Song --“Come Let Us Worship”
Psalm 1 [responsive]
Prayer of the Day
Old Testament: *Jeremiah 11: 18-20*
Epistle: *James 3: 13 – 4:10*
Gospel verse – “Seek Ye First”
Holy Gospel: *Mark 9:30-37*
Gospel Song—“The Servant King”
Message
New Te Deum: “God We Praise You”
Prayers
Lord’s Prayer
Luther’s Morning Prayer
Blessing
Song—“When Peace, Like A River”

11 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

LCMS Hymnal Supplement '98 Service
Hymn—“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Confession & Forgiveness
Sung Kyrie
Hymn of Praise —“Glory To God”
Greeting & Prayer of the Day
Old Testament: *Jeremiah 11: 18-220*
Epistle: *James 3: 13 – 4:10*
Alleluia & Verse
Holy Gospel: *Mark 9:30-37*
Apostles’ Creed
Sermon Hymn—“Lord, Speak To Us”
Message
“Create In Me A Clean Heart”
Prayers & Lord’s Prayer
Luther’s Morning Prayer
Benediction
Hymn—“Lord, Dismiss Us”

SCRIPTURE

The Old Testament: *Jeremiah 11: 18-20*

The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more. But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

The Epistle: *James 3: 13 – 4:10*

Who is wise and understanding among you? By their good conduct let them show their works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of

righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. This is the Word of the Lord.

The Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9: 30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

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.

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.

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 still be wearing masks and social distancing at our meetings. (You are welcome to bring your own beverage.)*

- Sept. 21 – 7 p.m.: Meet Eduardo, our adopted Seminary Student and musician and his wife!
Oct. 3 - 3 pm: We are delighted to host the LWML Sunday & Fall Rally Worship Service
Oct. 19– 7 p.m.: LWML National Convention Highlights
Nov. 16 – 7 p.m.: Pack socks for Warm Feet for the Street.
Dec. 14 – 5:30 p.m.: Advent Tea

REQUEST REGARDING 2021 FALL BAZAAR: Our Bazaar this year will still be held similar to last year, with individual orders being filled, packaged and picked up at the door at a pre-arranged time. It seemed to work well that way last year and we were grateful for all the support. Prior to placing order forms in the bulletin this year, we would like to know if any of you have done or will be doing any specific things that you would be willing to contribute, that we can offer, for eg. canning and preserving (jams, jellies, pickles, fruit, sauces etc.) or specific crafts (sewing, knitting etc.) Baking can and will be done according to whatever people place orders for, as it was last year, but these other kinds of items are usually done ahead of time and we will need to know details for them – kinds you have and amounts that you are willing to donate, so that they will be offered on a "first come, first serve" basis as would happen at a regular Bazaar. We will list those items and take orders for them only as long as they are available. Please let Carole know by email: carolepink121@gmail.com or by leaving a phone message: 905-682-9176 (or on my cell). Thank you.

Silver Spire United Church – Communal Shower Replacement Project:

<https://www.silverspire.ca/shower-project>

We have been contacted, as one of the downtown congregations, to support Silver Spire in this major undertaking to assist the homeless community in the downtown core. Estimated cost is \$200,000.

Council discussed the request and have decided to encourage our members that wish to support this project to do so by sending your donations directly to Silver Spire. All donations will be tax deductible.

If you prefer you can make a donation to Christ Lutheran Church and mark it “Silver Spire – Showers” the amount will be receipted by Christ Lutheran and forwarded to Silver Spire on your behalf.

Below you will find a link to the article that appeared in the Standard recently and the website for Silver Spire.

The request letter is posted at the back of the church on the bulletin board for you to review.

<https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news/niagara-region/2021/07/08/st-catharines-church-fundraising-for-showers-for-the-homeless.html>



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – SNYDER

ANNUAL FALL FEST

Saturday, September 25th 2021
9 a.m to 12 noon

**Keep everyone safe from
Covid 19 during your visit.**

Please

- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing.

**Fresh Pies &
Baked Goods**

**Handmade
Pottery**

**Crafts,
Handiwork &
Jams**

**Cornstalks,
gourds,
pumpkins and
squash**

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
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NIAGARA ZONE FALL RALLY

Christ Lutheran Church, St Catharines, ON

OCTOBER 3rd, 2021

REGISTRATION: 2:30 PM

THEME VERSES: Romans 10: 14,15

“But how can they call on Him if they haven’t believed in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they haven’t heard Him? How can they hear if nobody preaches? How can men preach if they’re not sent? Just as the Bible says: How beautiful is the coming of those who bring good news?” (Beck)

SPEAKERS: REV RON MOHR; Lutheran Bible Translators

BRENDA RYAN; author, Journey Through the Bible

**INGATHERING: Lutheran Bible Translators—Canada
(LBTC)**

****Pandemic protocols remain in effect. Please wear a mask while inside and follow any other instructions from our hosts.**

Last Sunday Attendance: Sept. 12th, 2021 Attn: 9 a.m. – 28 ; 11 a.m.-- 68

	<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	2,566.00	136,892.72	(56,058.72)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	155.00	12,036.50	(2,194.27)
Property Improvement:			164.00	4,121.50	

MEMORIAL DONATIONS have been given to the Nazareth Feeding Program in memory of Erna McBride by Luther Manor St. Catharines Inc., Naomi Hohnberg, Kurt & Gloria Meyer, Fran Porteous, Michael & Sharon Koch, Tim & Elly Reck, Glenn & Carole Pink, Pastor John & Linda Makey, Patricia Waters and Judy Slingerland, and to CLC Choir by David McBride.

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Naomi Hohnberg in loving memory of her mother, Doris Hohnberg.

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).