

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3rd, 2022



*“The Harvest” -- Vincent Van Gogh -- 1888*

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**SOUL Ministry** will be offered at the KIWANIS Park hosted by Al and Heather Simons this summer. In person SOUL at Christ Lutheran will be offered **July 21 & 28**. More information will be available soon. Thank you for all who help support this vital outreach.

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:** We are so excited to let you know there are 3 youth attending the gathering this July 14th - 19th in Winnipeg, plus 2 adults as ibods (assisting with the details of the gathering itself) and myself as the youth leader. We ask for your continued prayers on the gathering as committee members work to pull things all together and on us as we make plans to travel.

<b><u>Last Sunday Attendance: June 26th, 2022 Attn: 9 A.M. – ; 11 A.M. Picnic – ; Total:</u></b>					
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly Need</u></b>	<b><u>Last Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Year To Date</u></b>	<b><u>+ or – (--)</u></b>
Current:	283,291.00	5,554.73	3,371.00	98,836.78	(37,360.82)
LCC Missions	20,000.00	392.16	360.00	7,105.50	( 2,509.88)
Property Improvement:			79.00	3,503.50	

**THANK YOU** to everyone who reached out with prayers, cards, and emails offering condolences to me on the home going of my Mom, Eyla Russ. It is a blessing when the body of Christ reaches out to those who mourn. I grieve but not as those who have no hope. 1 Thess. 4:13. Jill M. Munoz

**Notice to Church Extension Fund Depositors:** The Church Extension Fund (CEF) is winding down its operations and as of now all depositors with current addresses have received their deposited funds plus the interest owing. However, we have a number of unclaimed savings accounts and savings certificates as we do not have current contact information for these. If you or someone you know thinks they may have a CEF account which has not been redeemed, please contact Darryll Holland at: 800-465-8179 ext4 or [dholland@lceast.ca](mailto:dholland@lceast.ca). Also if you are in possession of God Bank Savings Stamps or Tracky Stamps, these too can be redeemed by returning the books or stamps to: Lutheran East District, 275 Lawrence Ave., Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3.



## SILVER SPIRE UNITED CHURCH DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Silver Spire provides showers and laundry facilities for those experiencing homelessness or anyone in need of those services in the area. Our church has helped them in the past by donating laundry soap, body wash, towels, etc., but now they need:

1. Men's boxer briefs
2. Women's underwear
3. Deodorant
4. **\$25 GIANT TIGER GIFT CARDS (for pantry items)**

There will be a laundry basket in the narthex for any of the above items. Judy Mason 905-641-7546 is overseeing this project if you wish to donate, please contact her if you have a gift card.

**Proverbs 19:17:** "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."

## **PRAYER FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR PASTOR:**

On Wednesday evening at the Voter's meeting, Pastor Todd presented to us, his desire to go to, and continue with, one blended Service at 10 a.m. even after the summer and going forward into the fall. A handout outlined his rationale, which included, along with 7 other points, the fact that current attendance does not really warrant 2 Services, so let's return to one, where we can work hard at trying to re-connect within our congregation; build up and encourage each other; try to bring more people in, and be a more vibrant congregation again.

During our 3 years of vacancy, at every call meeting, we prayed for God's will and that we remain faithful and patient, as we waited for Him to send us the Pastor/Shepherd that He knew was right for us. Praise God! He did just that. We have been extremely blessed to be given a wonderful Pastor who has worked tirelessly to get to know us all and provide uplifting Services, Bible studies etc. under extremely challenging circumstances. I don't think any of us realize the full extent of what it meant for Pastor and his family to move to a new congregation in a new city in a new province, in the midst of a pandemic. What a challenge for not only Pastor, but for Jennifer, Jonah, Nick and Georgia with new jobs, new schools; and isolation due to Covid. How mentally and emotionally draining! Going to one Service would help him to use his energy to guide us in other areas of Pastoral ministry as well. So whether you are pleased with the idea or disappointed because you really like and wanted your preferred time or style of Service to remain, let us try to remember that it is not about us but about God!!!! We trusted in God's will to send us the Pastor that He wanted us to have, so let us continue in that trust and show our Pastor how much we appreciate and value him, knowing that it is through prayer and discernment that he is leading in what he feels is God's will for us at this time.

As leader of the prayer chain, I regularly send out requests for prayers for the needs of many in our congregation, their families and friends; but praying for the needs of our congregation as a whole, as part of the Body of Christ, is one that we should pray often, that we continue to grow in faith and service, trusting in God's will for us.

Let us pray:

"Gracious Heavenly Father, we give You our thanks and praise for Pastor Todd and for bringing him and his family to us. Please forgive us, if we as a congregation have not fully understood the challenges they have faced these 2 years, and have not shown as much understanding and appreciation as we should have. May they receive warmth and love that lightens their burdens and comforts them. Continue to uphold them and give Your blessing and strength. Keep us all, strong in faith, strong in unity, strong in purpose and mission. Give us a good, right, and proper attitude for worship, not focusing on ourselves, our wants, and desires, but on You. Let there be no division and dissension, among us, but just hearts of gratitude as we listen to Your Holy Word and sing praises to Your Name, thanking You for Your many precious gifts to us. Thank you for loving us; help us to be loving. Thank you for forgiving us; help us to be forgiving. Thank you for upholding and sustaining us; help us to encourage and uplift each other. Thank you for the gift of salvation; help us to share that Gospel with others. Give us Your Holy Spirit and help our congregation to grow and flourish like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit and not withering. Renew us and transform us. Help us to serve You and may our witness draw others toward You and Your everlasting love. Bless us with Your peace. We ask all this because of Your endless mercy and grace and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen,"

*Carole Pink*

CREATIVE SERVICE OF THE WORD BRAZILIAN MELODY  
 THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 July 3, 2022 + 10 AM Service

OPENING HYMN:

*"I Love To Tell"*

[www.hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org)

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -  
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it

bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of  
 best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To

Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the  
 hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of

sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true; It  
 glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill

sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
 be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

Text: A. Katherine Hankey, 1831-1911  
 Tune: HANKEY, 7 6 7 6 D with refrain; William G. Fischer, 1835-1912

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

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

**Amen.**

God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross:

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Forgive our poverty of worship, our neglect of fellowship and the Sacraments of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts:

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgements, hasty in condemnation, grudging in reconciling, unwilling to help all in need:

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Have mercy on us, O God:

**According to Your never-ending love, blot out our sins, wash us through and through from sinful stains, creating clean hearts in us, with new and right spirits. Amen.**

With mercy and compassion, our Father in Heaven saves you. The Light of the promised Holy Spirit guides your feet into the way of peace. And so in the place of Jesus Christ and by His Holy Command, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### PRAISE SONG

*Brazilian Folk tune © CPH 1982*



O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O  
sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song! O  
sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song! O  
sing to our God; O sing to our God.

**For God is the Lord, and He has done wonders!  
For God is the Lord, and He has done wonders!  
For God is the Lord, and He has done wonders!  
O sing to our God; O sing to our God.**

**For Christ is the Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Christ is the Lamb! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Christ is the Rock! Amen! Alleluia!  
O, sing to our God, O sing to our God.**

*©Text: Psalm 98; adapt. G. Cartford, b. 1923  
Tune: Brazilian folk song*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray to the Lord – **Lord, please hear us:**

Loving Father, peace comes from You through Christ Your crucified and risen Son. Send us out as peacemakers and witnesses of Your Kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in Your promises of salvation. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**THE WORD**

**The Old Testament:** *Isaiah 66:10-14*

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her, rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and bounced on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:** *Galatians 6: 8-18*

[St. Paul writes:] If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SUNG GOSPEL VERSE:**

Sing Al -- le -- lu -- ia! To Whom shall we go, Lord? Sing  
Al -- le -- lu -- ia! Your Words bring new life, Lord! Sing  
Al -- le -- lu -- ia! We've come to be -- lieve You -- as  
Ho -- ly of God - Sing Al -- le -- lu -- ia!

**The Holy Gospel:** St. Luke 10:1-10, 16-20

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.' The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

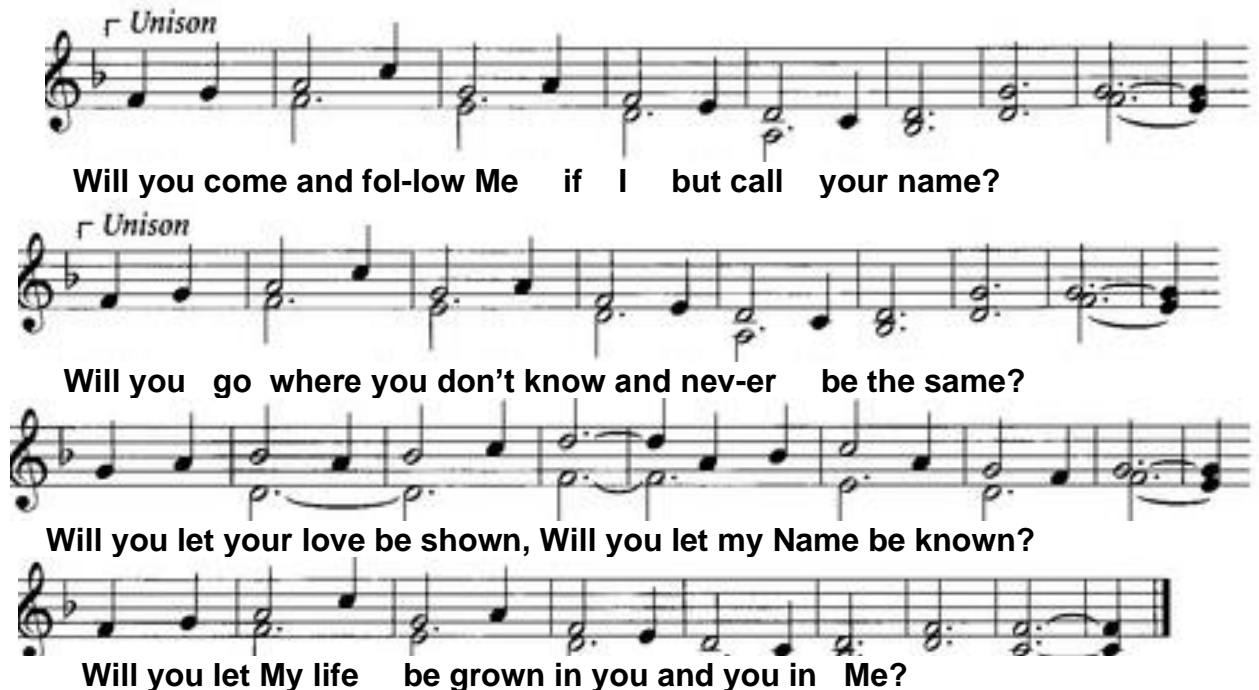
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And 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. On 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. 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.**

**GOSPEL SONG**

*"Will You Come & Follow Me"*

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The image shows the musical notation for the Gospel Song "Will You Come & Follow Me". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a "Unison" marking. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Will you come and fol-low Me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and nev-er be the same?  
Will you let your love be shown, Will you let my Name be known?  
Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

Will You leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will You care for cruel and kind and Never Be The Same?  
Will You Risk The Hostile Stare, should your Life Attract Or Scare?  
Will You Let Me answer Prayer in you and You In Me?  
Will You Let The blinded see if I But Call Your Name?



Will You Set The Prisoners Free and Never Be The Same?  
 Will You Kiss The Leper Clean, and Do Such As This Unseen,  
 And admit to What I mean in you and you In Me?  
 Will You Love The 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 Will You quell The fear Inside and Never Be The Same?  
 Will you use The Faith you've Found to Reshape The World Around,  
 Through My Sight And Touch And Sound In you and you In Me?  
 Lord, Your Summons Echoes True when You But Call My Name.  
 Let Me Turn And Follow You and Never Be The Same.  
 In Your Company I'll Go where Your Love And Footsteps Show.  
 Thus I'll Move And Live And grow in You And You In Me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: Scottish traditional  
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KELVINGROVE  
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MESSAGE

OFFERING SONG "My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

1. My worth is not in what I own; not  
 (2. My) worth is not in skill or name; in  
 in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the  
 win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the

cross. 2. My I re-joice in my Re -  
 cross. 4. I

-deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well-spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no

oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a - lone. D.S.

paid at the cross.

OFFERINGS are gathered

CANADA DAY Remembrance: "O Canada" Verse 1 English



O Can - a - da! Our home and na - tive land!  
O Can - a - da! Ter - re de nos aï - eux,



True pa - triot love in all \*thy sons com - mand.  
ton front est ceint de fleu - rons glo - ri - eux!



With glow - ing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free!  
Car ton bras sait por - ter l'é - pé - e, il sait por - ter la croix!



From far and wide, O Can - a - da, we stand on guard for thee.  
Ton his - toire est une é - po - pé - e des plus bril - lants ex - ploits.



God keep our land glo - rious and free! O Can - a - da, we stand on  
Et ta va - leur, de foi trem - pée, pro - té - ge - ra nos foy - ers



guard for thee. O Can - a - da, we stand on guard for thee.  
et nos droits. Pro - té - ge - ra nos foy - ers et nos droits.

Text: Adolphe-Basile Routhier, 1839-1920, French; R. Stanley Weir, 1856-1926, English, alt.  
Music: Calixa Lavallée, 1842-1891

O CANADA  
Irregular

## WE PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for your great love and tender care which gave Jesus to die for the sins of the world and which freely gives peace and salvation in his name. Send out workers into the harvest so that people everywhere will know this good news, repent of their sins, and turn to you in faith.

*Lord of the harvest:* **hear our prayer.**

Equip all your people with the gospel of peace, and give us power to go where you send us, restoring our straying brothers and sisters in gentleness and love, and ourselves receiving the direction of others with patience and grace. Bring to faith those we know who have yet to have the Gospel take root with an open heart, and restore those straying away.

*Lord of the harvest:* **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all who suffer want and poverty, and give them what they need for healthy life. Bless the earth with good harvests and productive industry. Protect us from fire, flood and every disaster. And give all Christians a clear sense of our calling to serve you by serving others.

*Lord of the harvest:* **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who serve as missionaries in distant places and those who witness to Your mission here at home, and we ask that you bless their work and protect them from all danger. Keep safe those who travel at this time, and bring everyone back from vacation rested and refreshed.

*Lord of the harvest:* **hear our prayer.**

Guide our life and work here as we go out in your name. Bless all who serve in leadership positions. Uphold the sick, the needy, the hurt and elderly among us, and meet the needs of all we know to be in want and whom we name [added now...]

*Lord of the harvest:* **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the harvest, you have given those who work for you authority over the powers of evil. Hear our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who conquered the enemy through his death and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

### BLESSING:

Go out into the world in peace; take good courage, hold fast to what is good; strengthen the weak, honour all, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing always. And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

G Am D G C G D  
*Leader or All*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*  
*All* G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.