

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
August 21st, 2022



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Prayer:** Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: 1 Tim. 1: 1-7                      Wednesday: 1 Pet. 2: 13-16                      Friday: Jer. 18: 1-6  
Tuesday: Neh. 4: 1-15                      Thursday: Rom. 13: 1-7                      Saturday: Rom. 9: 1-5

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY MOMENTS:** We know each of us should all be working to memorize God's Word! You are invited to listen to our Children's Messages: This week is: <https://youtu.be/OYcCTKwLhTE> Luke 13: 17

**Musician:** 10 a.m. – Band  
**Reader:** 10 a.m. – Chris Mason

<b><u>Last Sunday Attendance:</u> August 14th, 2022</b>		<b><u>Attn:</u> 10 a.m. – 82</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	1,511.00	132,976.00	(46,804.83)
LCC Missions	20,000.00	392.16	205.00	9,837.50	( 2,854.81)
Property Improvement:			34.00	4,199.50	

**PASTOR TODD & FAMILY** will be away on vacation until August 24th.  
**We thank** Rev. John Makey who will lead the services today, August 21st. Please phone the church office or email: [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca) for any inquiries or pastoral emergencies. Thank you!

**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 Jr.

**HOUSING NEEDED:** A seminary student, Vijay Samuel, is moving to St. Catharines from India and is looking for housing in the area beginning mid-October. He requires at least a two bedroom apartment or house. If you are able to help please contact him at [vsamuelin@gmail.com](mailto:vsamuelin@gmail.com).

**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.

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Post-Covid we want to blow our doors open  
with activity.

We need YOUR input to provide “WHAT” activities.

Our goal is to:

1. Crack the door
2. Open a little wider
3. Blow the doors off!



## We want YOU to brainstorm:

What activities do you feel would engage members, families and friends?

Consider activities for different ages:

- ✓ babies / toddlers / children
- ✓ tweens / youth / young adults
- ✓ singles / married
- ✓ mid-life / seniors

In-person “**POST IT**” Brainstorming will be held:

**Sunday, September 11th**  
**Sunday, Sunday 18th**

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# MORNING PRAISE

Adapted from Lutheran Church of Australia Worship Services

August 21, 2022 + 10 AM Worship

FIRST HYMN:

“O, Christ The Healer” [Tune: “I Know My Redeemer Lives”]

O Christ, the healer, we have come  
To pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
When reached by love that never ends?

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures  
Our bodies clamour to be freed;  
Yet in our hearts we would confess  
That wholeness is our deepest need.

Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
In your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us,  
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

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## SPOKEN MORNING PRAISE SCRIPTURE RESPONSES:

Open up my lips O LORD!

**And my mouth will sing praises to Your Name!**

Come quickly to Help me, O Lord

**And be speedy to keep me away from harm.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was then, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise to You, O Christ!

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Give glory to our God, our Light and our Life!

**O Come, let us worship Him!**

## PSALM

1 Sing out, sing out, all voices, shout to the Rock Who saves!  
With thanks, bow down before Him, Come near and praise the Lord  
For He, our King has blest us; from mountain top and hill-side,  
The heights and depths He fashioned, and we belong to Him.

**2 Bow down, in faith, before Him, for He has made us all!  
As sheep of the Great Shepherd, He feeds us as we go.  
All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,  
And praise to God, the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!**

*(Hymn version of Psalm 96; Tune: "Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus!" LSB # 660)*

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 103:1-8 spoken responsively**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and do not forget all his benefits—**  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
**who heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
**so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**  
The Lord works vindication  
**and justice for all who are oppressed.**  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
**his acts to the people of Israel.**  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

O Lord, hear my prayer;

**And let my concerns come before You.**

Let us pray: O God, Mighty and Everlasting, You know that as weak people surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind, body and soul, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may so rise victorious through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE SCRIPTURES**

**The Old Testament:** *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.' Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:** *Hebrews 12: 20-29*

For you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one

who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SUNG GOSPEL VERSE: *"God Loves Me Dearly"*

*August Rische, 19<sup>th</sup> Century*

**God loves me dearly, grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

*Refrain:*

**Therefore I'll say again:**

**God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
loves even me.**

**The Holy Gospel:** *St. Luke 13:10-17*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN: *"Meekness And Majesty"*

Verse 1: **Meekness and majesty -- Manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony; The Man who is God  
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet**

Chorus -- **O what a mystery  
Meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship  
For this is your God  
This is your God.**

Verse 2: **Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence  
Yet learns obedience, to death on a cross  
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice  
And as they crucify -- prays 'Father forgive';**

Chorus: -- O what a mystery  
 Meekness and majesty  
 Bow down and worship  
 For this is your God  
 This is your God.

Verse 3: Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible  
 Love indestructible, in frailty appears  
 Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly  
 Lifts our humanity -- to the heights of His throne:

Chorus -- O what a mystery  
 Meekness and majesty  
 Bow down and worship  
 For this is your God  
 This is your God.

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**MESSAGE:** Rev. John Makey

PENTECOST SEASON PRAISE SONG:

"God We Praise You"

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

Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,  
 blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one  
 God, Hum - ble was Your Vir - gin Moth - er, Hard the  
 made; Lord, in mer - cy help Your ser - vants For whose

by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your  
 grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con -  
 lone - ly path You trod: By Your cross is sin de -  
 free - dom You have paid: Raise us up from dust to

1. God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sov-'reign  
 2. True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who set their world a -  
 3. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er - last - ing Son of  
 4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will judge the world You



glo - ry; Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing,  
fess - es One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther,  
feat - ed, Hell con - front - ed face to face, Heav - en  
glo - ry; Guard us from all sin to - day. King en -



“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!”  
Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.  
o - pened to be - liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.  
throned a - bove all prais - es, Save Your peo - ple, God, we pray.

C. M. Idle, b. 1938

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J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

**THE OFFERING** *is received.*

### THE PRAYERS

Gracious and loving Father, thank you for giving Jesus to bear our sin and failures and raise us all up to walk in newness of life. Thank you that he has won peace for the whole world by his death on the cross. And thank you for bringing us to baptism and faith so that we enjoy the blessings of life and salvation in Jesus' name.

*Gracious God, hear our prayer -- and listen to our call for help.*

Thank you for those families who are united in the faith - support and sustain them by your word, give them hope with the people given to care and comfort them and keep them growing in faith, trust and security.

*Gracious God, hear our prayer -- and listen to our call for help.*

Give strength to those who suffer division or friction over Christ at home, in the workplace, or among friends. Ease their struggles, give them the ability to love even when they face opposition and antagonism, and bring their loved-ones and companions to faith and repentance.

*Gracious God, hear our prayer – and listen to our call for help.*

Give the whole church wisdom in witnessing to the truth of Christ in our times of upheaval and confusion. May the church have winsome influence in making your truth and love known to all who need it. Make our own endeavours at outreach and service bear fruits in your holy name.

*Gracious God, hear our prayer – and listen to our call for help.*

We pray for peace in the world wherever there is division and violence. Bring an end to hatred and hostility, and bring people to live together as children of your one human family. Ease the pain of those suffering from the shootings in the US, ease the threats of war and violence in the Ukraine. Bring loyalty and harmony to all married couples, to parents and children, and strengthen all family relationships.

*Gracious God, hear our prayer – and listen to our call for help.*

Supply all that we need for our daily life, dear Father. Thank you for the rain and sunshine you give to us in good measure, and please prosper the work of our farmers. Give healing to those who are not well at this time. Support and strengthen those we know with special needs and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

*Gracious God, hear our prayer – and listen to our call for help.*

Gracious God and Father, teach us to see your own dear Son in the face of all who suffer. May we be your instruments of love and healing in the world. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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..."**

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:**

**I thank You, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger. And I pray that You would keep me this day, also, from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe have no power over me. Amen.**

**CLOSING GREETING & BLESSING:**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit + be with you all.

**Amen.**

**LAST HYMN:**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

Verse 1: **Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed**

CHORUS: **Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

Verse 1: **The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice  
All the Earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
Trembles at His voice**

CHORUS: **How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God**

Verse 2: **Age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end  
Beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb**

**CHORUS: How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God**

**CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

**Verse: 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art**

**CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

**CHORUS: How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God**

*Stuart K. Hine, /www.godtube.com/popular-hymns/how-great-thou-art/*