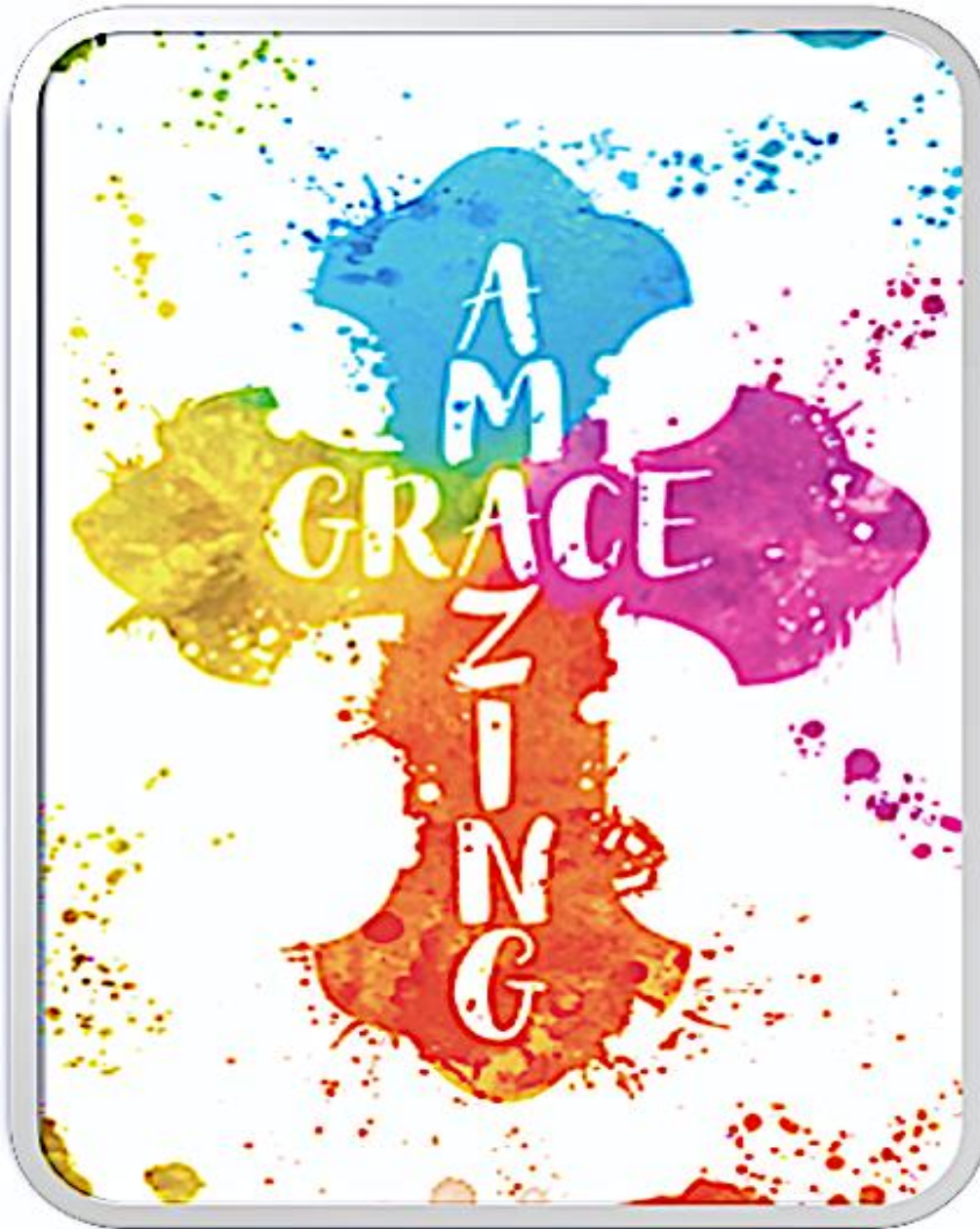


REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29, 2023



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST CATHARINES ONTARIO

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St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 1W1
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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday—9 a.m. – 12 noon

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Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKT19c_OIBbMqGwLw

Prayer: O Lord God, who in a time of reviving in Thy church didst graciously kindle again the light of Thy saving Word, and let the light of the knowledge of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ shine in our hearts; grant that we may always follow this blessed light and also adorn the pure teaching of Thy Word with holiness of life and conversation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Matt. 7: 1-5	Wed.: Matt. 6: 9-15	Friday: 1 Cor. 5: 9-13
Tuesday: Luke 17: 1-4	Thurs: 1 John 3: 18-22	Saturday: 11 Pet. 3: 13-18

Musicians: Louise Gondosch
Reader: Lorraine Kaija
Greeters: Judy Slingerland

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: 9:00 to 9:50 am - Coffee Hour in Basement, Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service - Reformation Holy Communion / Confirmation Sunday

Monday: 10:00 - 11:00 am – Luther Manor Bible Study

Tuesday: 9:30 - 11:00 am – Precious Moments

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday: 10:00 - 11:30 am – SOUL

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Mona Bartleet. We just learned that Mona Bartleet – mother of Ron and Veronica Bartleet has passed away. She had been living at Tabor Manor for many years now, has been in our bulletin prayer list, and was 94. We offer our prayers for Ron and his family. *“May they turn to You dearest Lord, in their time of sorrow and we pray You will give them Your comfort and peace.”*



CHRIST'S CAFÉ

**Hope to see you downstairs
 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
 for Coffee, Tea & Treats!!**

Anyone willing to help serve or bring treats, please contact:
 Judy Mason 905-641-7546

November Worship Schedule:

- Nov 5 – All Saints Day Gospel Tunes Service
- Nov 12 – Holy Communion & Remembrance Day [Worship Band]
- Nov 19 – Pentecost 25 -- Divine Service Setting 3
- Nov 26 – Christ the King Communion [Last Sunday in Church Year]

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- Every Sunday from 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
- **TODAY:** The Israelites following the ten terrible plagues, find themselves at the Red Sea, crying to God for help. God works through Moses to part the sea, enabling God's people to pass on dry land. As Pharaoh's army pursue the Israelites, God's hand closes the sea in over them, with no survivors.
Bible Memory Verse: **"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you."** Psalm 50:15
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** We are so excited to be having a program this year! We encourage parents and grandparents to bring children to Sunday School as we will be starting song and bell practices this Sunday.
- **ADVENT CALENDARS:** Please note that we will be doing our Annual Advent Calendars in Sunday School November 26th. This is always an exciting event for children. Friends are welcome to join us!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m.

JELLO-ON-A-STICK !! Saturday, November 18 there is a day retreat for all youth & confirmands. The theme is **"God's calling in your life."** Cost is just \$10. Let Louise, Val or Dan know by Nov. 12 so we can arrange transportation. We will leave 8:30 a.m. & return by 5 p.m.

LWML-C Zone/National Events: You are invited to any or all of the events below.

October 31– Deadline for submission of Mission Grant Proposals. Those mission grants will be voted on at Convention in London, Ontario in July, 2024. Please see Lorraine for more details.

Mary Martha - Christ Lutheran Events:

Tuesday, November 21, 7 p.m. – Packaging "Warm feet for the Streets" Care Kits for the "Out of the Cold" program

Saturday, November 25, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm – Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday, December 19, 5:30pm – Advent/Christmas Potluck (blessing) Dinner & Program

MISSION TALK AND SLIDE SHOW: Sunday, November 5, 3:00 p.m. Come to Grace Lutheran Church (213 Linwell Road) to hear David Friesen, LCC's Director of Advancement, speak about the state of the Lutheran Church in Nicaragua. Join us for the talk and stay for a time of refreshments and fellowship afterwards! Hope to see you there!



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please sign up at the back of the church for the day and time that best suits you:

- Tuesday, November 21
- Wednesday, November 22
- Thursday, November 23
- Friday, November 24

Each photographed family receives a FREE DIRECTORY.

Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Support for our Community and around the world!:

- *Out of the Cold;*
- *Mobile Closet;*
- *Start Me Up Niagara*
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- SOUL Ministries
- Our Sponsored Refugee
- Medical Missions
- Haiti
- Nicaragua
- Lutheran Bible Translators

Featuring :

- Baking
- Deli (meat pies, cabbage rolls, preserves, summer sausage)
- Crafts (& gifts)
- Nearly New Table (many Christmas Items)
- Silent Auction (*see Judy Mason for info*)

Served from the Kitchen: Hot Lunch Featuring both DINE IN & TAKE OUT Options

Please come and Invite your friends!



Support our efforts to raise funds for Missions. We greatly appreciate your help!

PLEASE HELP US ADVERTISE:

- ❖ Please take a poster if you have any area (like in a condo or apartment building) where you could post one, or if you could give one to a friend from another church to post there. (extras in the Narthex)
- ❖ Take invitations and please pass them to your friends.

DONATIONS:

- ❖ Please consider making donations to the **Bake, Deli, or Craft Tables or Judy's Silent Auction** (see her note about that)
- ❖ The **Bake & Deli Tables** will have the same lovely array of items you are used to finding but come early for best selection.
- ❖ ***We would be pleased to receive your donations any time on the Friday (Nov. 24) up until 8 p.m.***
- ❖ Record books will be at the Tables on Friday, to record what you have made for the Bake & Deli. (requested by Public Health) Please write inside.
- ❖ You may price your own, or we will price it on the Friday after it's brought in--your choice. Thank you in advance.
- ❖ Lorraine is suggesting that the **Craft Table** might also become an area that includes gift items. Do you have something you could contribute for that?
- ❖ Any items you may have for the "**Nearly New**" Tables may be brought in at any time and placed in the back-room downstairs. Please bring only good quality items. We no longer have a white elephant area. These are meant to be things that are, as the name suggests, in nearly new or gently used condition.
- ❖ If you have any questions, please contact Carole or any of our M.M./LWML ladies.

Last Sunday Attendance: Oct. 22nd, 2023		Attn: 10 a.m. – 96		SOUL:	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>
Current	297,841.00	5,840.02	2,398.45	232,420.07	(8,143.81)
LCC Missions	17,000.00	333.33	135.00	13,655.00	(75.77)
Property Improvement:			154.00	5,481.00	

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by John & Linda Roepke on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.



“WARM FEET FOR THE STREET”



THE LWML / MARY MARTHA
are filling warm socks for the “Out of the Cold” program at their
November meeting.

Contributions of any of the following would be most appreciated:

- Large, warm socks
- Toothpaste (small)
- Lip balm
- Hand or Foot warmers
- Conditioner (travel size)
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Deodorant

- Bars of soap (travel size)
- Hand lotion (travel size)
- Plastic Band-aids
- Small packages of Kleenex
- Hats
- Scarves
- Warm Gloves

There’s a box at the back for your donations.

For more information, please contact Wendy Hyatt or Paytra Schurmann-Smith

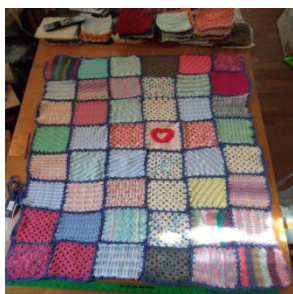
Leftover Halloween Candy? If you over-estimated how many trick or treaters you would have and are trying to avoid snacking on it yourself, SOUL can help! Any leftover treats would make excellent BINGO prizes. Drop off next Sunday (November 5th) to Pastor Todd or Jenn.

SILENT AUCTION (for Bazaar): I am collecting items for the upcoming Silent Auction portion of the Bazaar.



Suggestions:

- ✓ Bottles of Wine
 - ✓ Gift Cards for Restaurants, LCBO, Beer Store, movies etc.
THESE ARE NEEDED THE MOST!
 - ✓ Hockey Tickets (ICE DOGS – *if you have season tickets and know there is a game you cannot use, please donate it.*)
- Thank You, Judy Mason



Granny Squares still needed: This is an ongoing project we will gratefully accept more completed 6 inch knitted or crocheted Granny Squares in any pattern or colour. We would also appreciate any yarn that you may have, leftover yarn or full balls of yarn. In the narthex there is a white cube with yarn and hooks that you are welcome to take (or donate). There is another basket for completed squares. Once there are enough, we will make a Caring Squares blanket for whoever may be in need of a hug. On behalf of the Caring Squares, if you have any questions, call Lorraine at 905 964 5837)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFT

Operation Christmas Child has become a Holiday tradition for many of us here at Christ Church. The love and care put into every shoebox gift has changed the lives of children worldwide, and I think we can say it has changed us as well. Together, let's continue to make these children an important part of our Christmas celebration by extending Christ's love and compassion.

(www.samaritanspurse.ca)

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX

1. Pick up a designated shoebox from the narthex.
2. Decide on the category and age. Girl/Boy 2-4; 5-9; 10-14
3. Fill the box, mark it and put an elastic around it.
4. Enclose a \$10.00 cheque (made out to Christ Lutheran) to cover postage to send your box and put it in the offering basket – designated "Samaritan's Purse" – CLC will tax receipt your donation and mail donations to Samaritan's Purse as a lump sum.
5. Drop your box off at the Church by Sunday, November 12th.

SUGGESTED GIFTS

- Toys: slinky, yo-yo, kazoos, animals, stickers, dolls, balls, cars
 School Supplies: pens, paper, stamps, markers, calculators, pencil crayons & sharpener, colouring books
 Hygiene Items: soap, toothbrush, comb, washcloth, **NO** toothpaste or shampoo
 Other: hard candy only, sunglasses, ball caps, socks, flip flops, watches, hairclips, T-shirts, underwear, small picture books, flashlights, batteries

Please **DO NOT** include: used items, war related items, medicines, cosmetics, breakable items, perishable foods or liquids (shampoo, etc.), gum

NEEDED: Men's shoes and boots. The Niagara Mobile Closet is in need of men's shoes and boots for the homeless. Please drop off in the box at the back of the church. Thank You!

Holy Communion Word Search

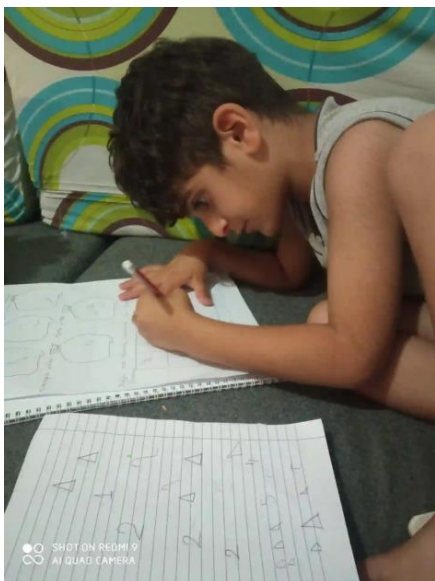
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WORD LIST:

BLOOD
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 FEAST
 FORGIVENESS
 HOPE
 JESUS
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 LOVE
 MEAL
 REMEMBRANCE
 RESURRECTION
 SACRAMENT
 TABLE
 THANKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:



We continue to wait the final processing by immigration Canada so Kareem and Hamida and the boys get their papers to fly to Canada. We continue to pray it is soon as the health tests were done in September and received. God has had His hand on this since the beginning and we pray He will soon bring the family here to us. Ivy has accumulated a lot of things for the kitchen and end tables and coffee table and lamps. Great progress has been made, thank the Lord! If you have



anything you would like to donate please speak with Ivy. The one thing we are needful for is a sofa for the living room. I am sure they can live without one but if you or anyone you know is getting rid of a good used one please let Ivy know.



The photos today are one of Ameer working on his homework after School. They are teaching him Greek. The one of Asser is him playing Spiderman. It seems no culture is immune to being touched by Spiderman. The photo of Kareem is one from years ago when he was painting a mural on a wall. Kareem is quite the artist and has sold some paintings over the years. He is hoping to have some time to return to his hobby once he gets to Canada. I think I mentioned before that when they were in the hotel by the sea he was helping with a church program teaching children painting.

God bless,

Your Refugee Committee

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINES ON
Reformation Day Holy Communion
Public Affirmation of Baptismal Faith
October 29, 2023 + 10 AM Worship

The Order of Service today comes to you from discussion with the youth who are being confirmed today. They chose the cover art [by voting] as well as the hymns and songs.

GATHERING

OPENING SONG:

“Amazing Grace”

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found; was blind but now I see**

**T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace, my fears relieved;
How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come!
Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far, and Grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be; As long as life endures.**

John Newton, 1779, public domain; <https://music.hhupc.org/assets/2019/01/Amazing-Grace-lyrics.pdf>

THE ORDER FOR PUBLIC AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

Adapted from the Lutheran Church of Australia worship resources

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

Beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, today we rejoice that these young people desire to publicly speak their Baptismal faith before the Church and continue in the journey of that faith within the Christian community and within the world.

Jesus says: “whoever speaks about me before others I will also speak about them before My Father Who is in Heaven. But whoever refuses to speak about Me before others, I will also refuse to speak about them before My Father Who is in Heaven”.

Dear children of our Heavenly Father: in Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of His Body, the Church. In our Lord’s community of faith, you have learned from the Scriptures, from Luther’s Small Catechism, from booklets “Baptized We Live” and “A Place At The Table” our Father’s saving plan and His purpose for you in His creation. As baptized believers, you are witnesses to the message of Jesus Christ Who died on a cross and rose from the dead for the hope of all people.

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

Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil, and all of his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

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

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

Now that you have publicly spoken of your faith, do you intend to continue in the promises God made with you in Baptism:

To live and worship among our Father's faithful people. To hear His Word and eat and drink the Holy Communion of Jesus' Body and Blood; To publicly speak the good news of God's gift in Jesus Christ to the world through your words and actions; To serve all people, following the example of our Lord, and as a branch of the Vine, live in Christ and grow in faith-filled works of love before the world?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their Christian lives? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

[The youth kneel at the communion rail, facing the altar. The Pastor lays hands on the head of each person. Their name and Scripture passage is read out loud.]

BLESSING OF THE YOUTH:

Father in Heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *[Name given]*, the gift of Your Holy Spirit; confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, strengthen her/him in her/his serving, give her/him patience in suffering, and bring her/him to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Gracious Lord, through water and the Word Your Spirit has made these young women and men Your own. You forgave them all of their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with Your Spirit, and daily may they grow in Your grace and You increase within their hearts Your gifts: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with our young sisters and brothers in Christ our Lord!

We rejoice with you in your Baptismal life. Together we give thanks and praise to God our Father and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“O Gracious Lord, With Love”*

1. O Gracious Lord, with love draw near, to these Your children gathered here;
The Spirit’s gift in them renew: The gift that clings to faith in You.

2. Sustain the work You have begun, In these united to Your Son,
For in that pure baptismal flood, they have been cleansed by Jesus’ blood.

3. Lord keep them firm in their intent, to You, Your word and Sacrament.
O make them bold their faith to share and make them strong, each cross to bear.

CONGREGATION JOINS:

**4. O Father, grant that by Your grace, they may Your will each day embrace;
With fruits of faith their lives now bless, till they at death Your name confess.**

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SACRED SCRIPTURE

The Old Testament: *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle: *Romans 3: 19-29*

[St. Paul writes:] Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Ancient Words"

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart

The Holy Gospel: *St. John 8:31-36*

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.'

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ

Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart

In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

We have come with open hearts,
Oh let the ancient words impart

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL SONG:**"In Christ Alone"**


1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
light, my strength, my song. This Corner - stone, this sol-id
Ground - Firm through the fierc-est drought and
Storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
stilled, when striv-ings cease; My Com-fort-er, my All in
All here in the love of Christ -- I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid -- here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home - here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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MESSAGE

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS:

*Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins,
and second, that we receive forgiveness,
from the pastor as from God Himself; not doubting, but firmly believing,
that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.*

[Brief prayerful silence]

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We are truly sorry, and we pray for forgiveness. We firmly intend to amend our lives, and to seek help in mending what is broken. We ask for strength to turn from sin and to serve You in newness of life. Amen.

As a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERING *is gathered.*

THE PRAYERS

Reforming God, we give you thanks for your forgiveness and blessing. Fill us with a spirit openness to your Spirit, to hear and receive your promises and that we live out our baptisms daily. Where we are corrupt, purify us. Where we are in error, direct us. Where we are in need, provide for us. Where we are divided, reunite us. And where we are close-minded, reform us and make us new. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from Your Son Jesus' cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all officials who govern your people here and nationwide. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who administer the law so that communities of justice and peace may flourish; Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, farmlands, and neighbourhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot demand your power over health, we pray for those who want to be healed. We ask your measure of blessing upon [names added here...]. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing in mind, body and spirit as encouragement that you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus; Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all those who have lived and died in You and helped reform Your church on earth in every generation. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. We pray through the reforming grace of Jesus Christ, who with You O Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns as one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

[Tune: LSB # 507 Holy, Holy, Holy]

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout glories of Your name.
Holy, Holy, Holy, singing Hosanna!
Blessed is He Who comes in our Lord's name.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: ***"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy 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 Jesus Christ"

[Tune: "Just as I Am" LSB # 570]

**O Jesus Christ, True Lamb of God; the sins of the world, You take away.
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray; and bless us with Your peace; A-men.**

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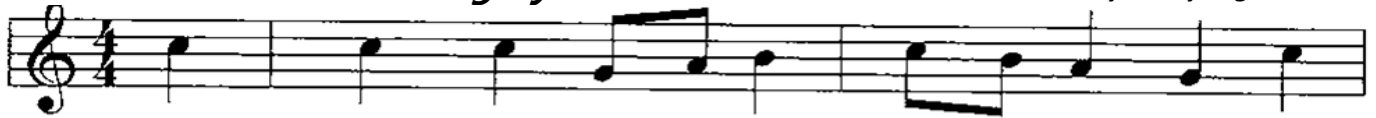
Candidates who have made public confession of their Baptismal faith are welcomed to the rail to commune first with their family members. Then all other worshippers.

For those who have need, please feel free to stand at the rail if kneeling is difficult. The common cup and trays of individual glasses are available.

Gluten free wafers are also available. Light purple glasses of Communion wine mixed with water are in the centre ring of the silver trays.

COMMUNION HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress"

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A
 2 No strength of ours can match His might. We
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No



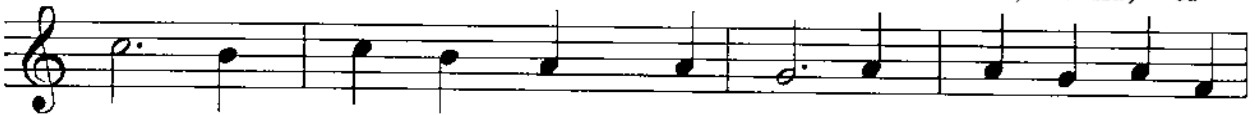
sword and shield vic - to - rious; He breaks the cruel op -
 would be lost, re - ject - ed. But now a cham - pion
 threat - 'ning to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, un -
 thanks to foes, who fear it; For God Him - self fights



pres - sor's rod And wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The
 comes to fight, Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed. You
 moved we stand; They can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let
 by our side With weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were



old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to work us
 ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is
 this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle we'll en -
 they to take our house, Goods, hon - or, child, or



woe. With craft and dread - ful might He arms him - self to
 He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's on - ly Son, a -
 gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre -
 spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They can - not win the



fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978
Tune: Ein feste Burg (isorhythmic), Martin Luther, 1483-1546.

"Borning Cry"



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

“Jesus Loves Me! This I Know!”

**Jesus loves me! This I know! For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. *Refrain:*
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! See His grace, on the cross He took my place!
There He suffered and He died, that I might be glorified! *Refrain:*
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
*The Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He is near, He is with His Church so dear.
And the Spirit He has sent, by His Word and Sacrament! *Refrain:*
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
*The Bible tells me so.***

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“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,



and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:
and to- geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:
and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. _____

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)
MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord of life, Jesus Christ, in the gift of Your Body and Blood in Bread and Wine you turn the crumbs of faith into a feast of salvation unto eternal life. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love as we radiate Your love to the world; in Your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

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.**

CLOSING HYMN:

"This Little Light Of Mine"

**1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**3 Don't let Satan blow it out [poof], I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out [poof], I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out [poof], I'm gonna let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**4 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.**

**5 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Arranger: Harold Dixon Loes;

*<https://www.godtube.com/popular-hymns/this-little-light-of-mine/>
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Youth Catechism Students' Bible Verses & Reflection

Ava Frances Alessandrino

Romans 15:2

"Let each one of us please our neighbour for his or her good, to build them up."

I am choosing this verse because you should be nice to our neighbours and friends. Also, you should listen to everyone and treat people how you would want and how they want to be treated.

Jenna Grace Cosco

1 John 4:19

"We love God because He first loved us."

I chose this verse because it tells me how every blessing I have is because God has given it to me. This verse reminds me to be grateful for all the blessings in my life and to be content with what I have.

Grace Vivian Katherine Rapp

Isaiah 43:2

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

I am choosing this verse because it reminds me that God has always been by my side, and He will continue to be there for me. Especially when I need Him the most. No matter what happens, whether I'm overwhelmed or simply going through something tough, God will always support and care for me. Meaning, that I can rely on Him to get me through difficult times. As well, this verse really emphasizes how God promises to watch over me in my life, which brings me comfort, peace, and the wonderful feeling of being protected and loved.

David Noah John Paul Rapp

Joshua 1:9

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

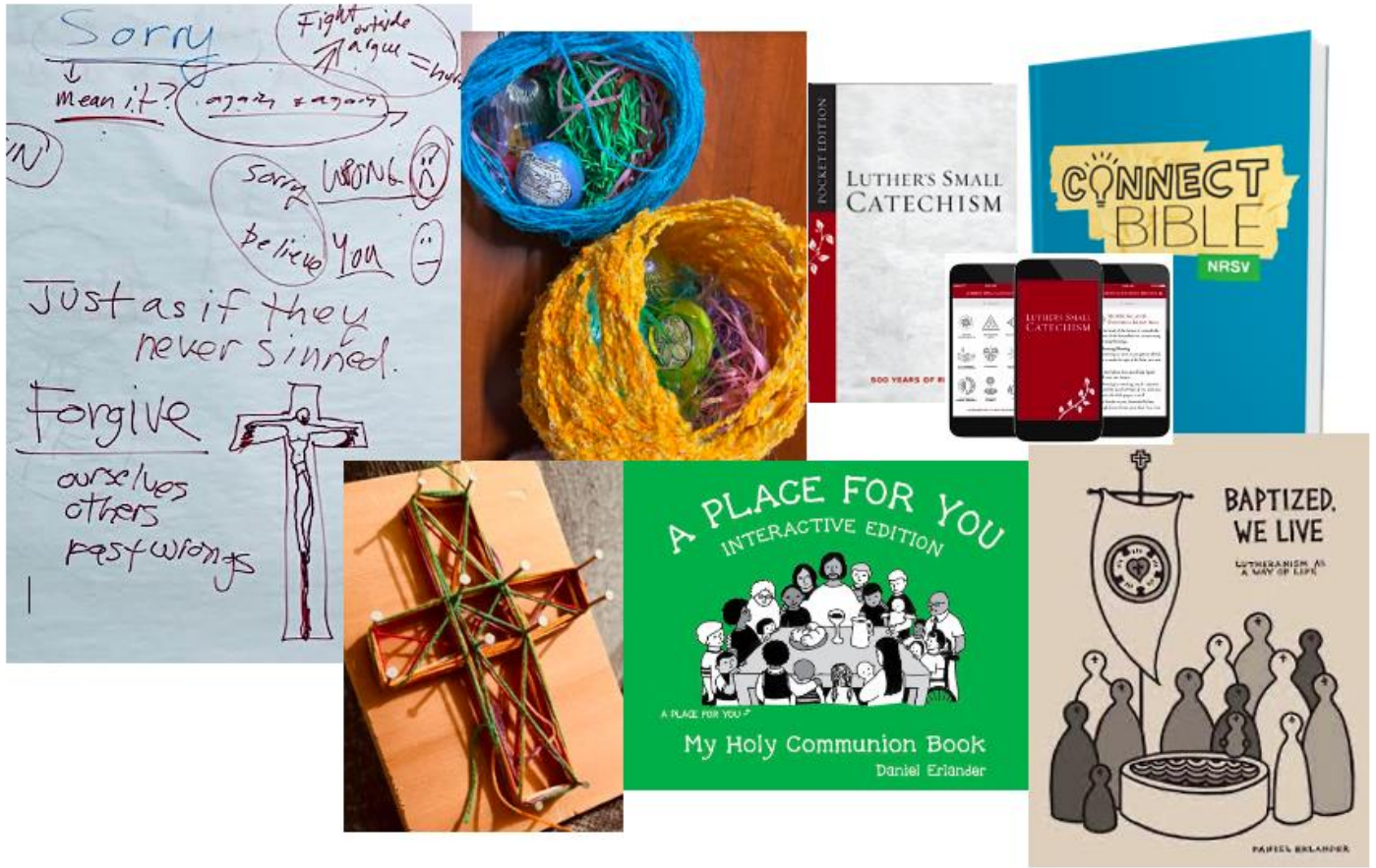
Even if my day is good or bad, or I am scared or not confident, I know that God is always with me wherever I go.

Hunter Ott

Proverbs 12:25

"Anxiety in a person's heart weighs them down, but a good word makes them glad."

Anxiety is an emotion which is characterized by an unpleasant state of inner turmoil and includes feeling scared over anticipated events. Giving a kind word to somebody can help them to be not as anxious. Talking to God and the peace of God will help guide and grow our hearts and give us peace.



"Tools of the Trade"

Youth Catechism Class" Sunday mornings October 2022 – October 2023

The books, nail cross and Easter resurrection baskets & discussions on our life in Jesus.

Primary homework: read devotionally daily through Matthew's Gospel.



Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Nicaragua (November 5th, 2023)

Grace Lutheran Church is pleased to host David Friesen, LCC's Director of Advancement, **on Sunday, November 5th at 3 p.m. at 213 Linwell Road, St. Catharines** to share about the work Lutheran Church–Canada does in Nicaragua.

This work began in 1997 and has continued faithfully throughout the past 26 years. In 2008, the mission became an independent Lutheran Church body, forming the Lutheran Church Synod of Nicaragua (Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Nicaragua).

Today, LCC continues to assist her daughter church in Nicaragua by providing theological education to pastors and deaconesses and overseeing the seminary in Chinandega; supporting the Children's Feeding and Christian Education programs now called Pan de Vida (Bread of Life), and other works of mercy throughout the country; as well assisting ILSN with outreach and mission activities.

One of the greatest needs in a country as economically challenged as Nicaragua is the financial support of our church workers. We currently have 23 pastors and 28 deaconesses who work faithfully to call and gather those typically in most financially distressed communities. The church has grown to 31 ministry sites with countless opportunities to expand. This cost alone is just over \$100,000 and partially supported through the generous gifts of our LCC members, congregations, and auxiliaries. In the past we have received significant funding from the Marvin M. Schwan Charitable Foundation, but this funding has ended. Yet the work continues. We pray God's blessing on this ministry and in moving the hearts of our people to generously support it moving forward.



***To learn more, please attend this presentation on
November 5th.***

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Moses and the Red Sea

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