



Christ Lutheran Church – St. Catharines, Ontario

Sunday January 21, 2024

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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 God Almighty, because You have always supplied Your servants with the several gifts which come from Your Holy Spirit alone, leave also us not destitute of Your manifold gifts nor of grace to use them always to Your honor and glory and the good of others; 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: Luke 4: 22-30 Wed.: John 4: 4-14 Friday: Rom. 15: 14-21
Tuesday: Eph. 3: 1-12 Thurs: John 4: 27-42 Saturday: Acts 15: 7-12

Musicians: 10 a.m. – Praise Band
Reader: 10 a.m. — Vijay Samuel
Greeters: 10 a.m. – Sue Honey



JANUARY 2024

SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN
7 Epiphany & Jesus' Baptism Baptismal Remembrance Service	14 2 nd Epiphany LSB setting 1 Communion	21 3 rd Epiphany Scripture Service – Praise Band	28 4 th Epiphany. LSB DS setting 4 Communion

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: 9 – 9:50 a.m. – Sunday School, Coffee Hour
10:00 a.m. – Worship
Monday: 10-11:00 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study
Tuesday: 9:30-11:00 a.m. – Precious Moments
Thursday: 10-11:30 a.m. – SOUL – resumes Jan. 25th
7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study (see note below)

YOU ARE INVITED!!
Every Sunday!!
Hope to see you downstairs
for Coffee, Tea & Treats!!
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
(during Sunday School & CHAT)
Anyone willing to help serve or
bring treats, please contact:
Judy Mason 905-641-7546



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today in Sunday School we learn how Jesus, spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, turns Simon Peter's boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, they now find their nets bursting full. Recognizing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Saviour, Jesus, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. How does God help us recognize our sinfulness? How does He rescue us from our sins?

Bible verse for today is: 'Jesus said, "Follow Me"'. John 43:1

CONFIRMAND & YOUTH CHAT: Second & Fourth Sundays with youth leader Dan Figueroa. We will meet in the youth room from 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

SOUL resumes January 25, 10 -11:30 AM. Looking forward to seeing everyone again

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet Thursday, January 25, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Wendy Kuenzels, 2 Eva Road, to watch and discuss the first of "**The Chosen**" series. Please join us.

VOTERS MEETING: Save the Date! Our next congregational voters meeting will be **Sunday, February 4, 2024**, immediately following Worship Service. Main item for discussion/approval will be the 2024 budget.

The Fellowship Committee will serve a **light lunch** after the service prior to the Voter's Meeting. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for you to sign if you will be attending. Thank you!!

CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!!!! Calling all youth, confirmands & friends: **February 11th** we are planning a fun afternoon of competition, problem-solving and an all-around unique experience at **"ACTIVATE."**

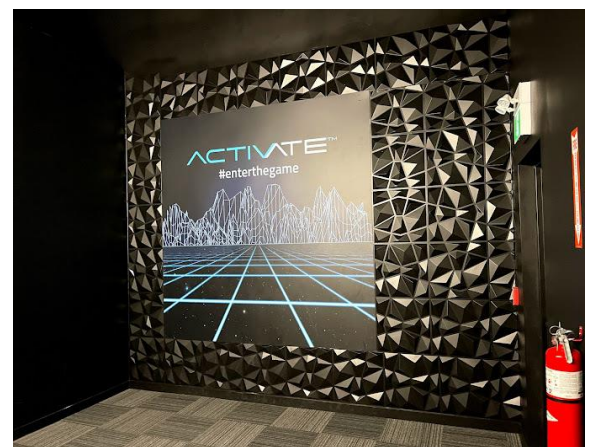
Take a look at this video to see what it's all about!

<https://youtu.be/LV4hfG5eGXU?si=Q6vjF8rRESdZmC1w>

Cost is just \$25/ person thanks to the **Parish Ed Committee.**

Simply register by the end of this month by using the link here: <https://bxzq0rfovsd.typeform.com/to/Hf6hRNYU>

Hope you can join us!





FAMILY NIGHT

UNO & SUPPER

Singing & Devotions
 Saturday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

The Parish Ed Committee will provide a meal of TACOS and Drinks
 Please bring a dessert OR munchies to share!!

Whether you are a family of 1 or 10 we hope you will join us!

PLEASE SIGN UP IN NARTHEX

12th Regular Convention of Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada: July 11-14, 2024, at the Four Points by Sheraton in London, ON.

The convention theme is based on Psalm 149:1 'Sing to the Lord a new song'

Keynote Speaker will be Deb Burma who is a Christian author and LWML seminar leader. Special Interest Speakers will also tell of their cross-cultural ministry with the use of singing and music.

The mites gathered throughout the past three years provided such great blessings to people around the world, from local support for a Bethlehem Walk in BC to International support of deaconesses in Nicaragua and Cambodia. Rev. Mark Smith will bring news of the work that is happening through those missions. Mission Grants for the next triennium will be voted on.

If you would be interested in attending, either in person or online, speak to Lorraine Kaija.

Registration forms will be available in the coming months. You can also check out the LWML web site lutheranwomen.ca

Last Sunday Attendance: Attn: Jan 14, 2024 — 10 a.m. – 85

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or - (--)</u>
Current		2,445.35	2,598.61	
LCC Missions		224.00	224.00	
Property Improvement:		74.00	74.00	

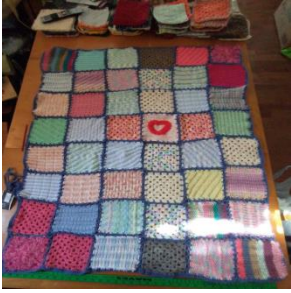
FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Andy & Bette Vasko and family in loving memory of Susan Vasko.

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES: Your 2024 donation envelopes are in your mailbox for pick-up! If you do not have a mailbox, please check the table in the Narthex. If you don't have a mailbox, and you would like one, please contact our secretary Pat at secretary@christlutheransc.ca

TAPESTRY is an **LWML-C Publication** available to anyone. For 2024 it will publish (3) three times a year with the possibility of a digital issue in the summer. The cost for a paper copy is \$18 for the 24/25 subscription year. Deadline for renewal has been moved up to March 15 this year. Please contact Wendy Hyatt for more information or to start or renew your paper subscription. A sample issue is available.

USED STAMPS: Start saving and collecting your used stamps now! They will be gathered at the LWML-C Convention and donated to a charity who will in turn use them to purchase spiritual resources like Bibles.

TECHNOLOGY ENTHUSIASTS – The Worship Committee is seeking individuals who would be interested in learning how to operate the recording equipment used for our worship services. Training will be provided. Should you have any questions or require more information please speak to either Tom Kuhl, Theresa Mason or Pastor Todd.



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. It has been about 6 months that we have been able to show Christ's love in our Caring Squares blankets. (23 blankets to date!) Thank you for donating yarn or completed squares as we continue with this project! Praise

God! If you have any questions, call Lorraine at 905 964 5837)

THANK YOU CHRIST LUTHERAN CONGREGANTS: Your participation in the recent photo directory sittings was wonderful. To have a church family album we need you and will be a great view of our present church community. We look forward receiving this in April.

SCRIPTURE & SONG SERVICE

THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

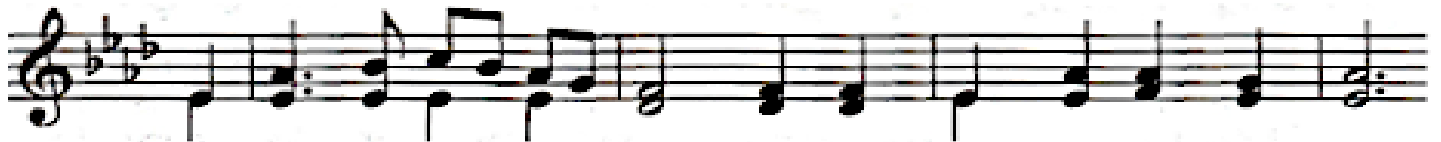
January 21, 2024 + 10 AM Worship

GATHERING

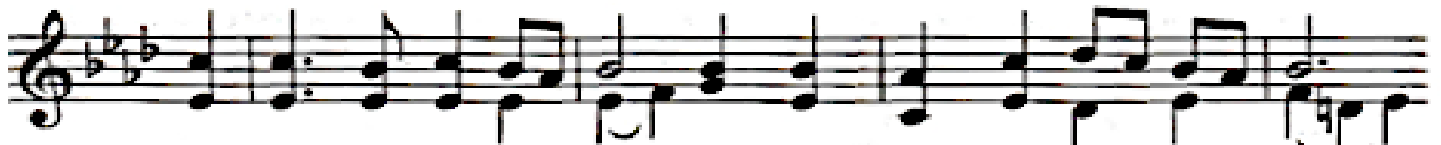
BEGINNING SONG: "You Walk Along Our Shoreline" [Tune: Sing to the Lord of Harvest]



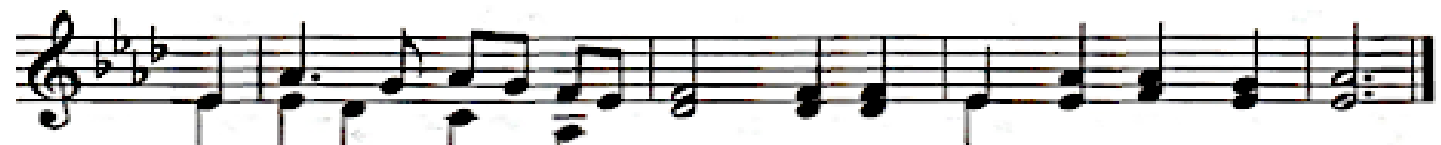
1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

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WE BEGIN IN GOD'S NAME

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
I was glad when they said to me, **Let us go to the House of the Lord!**
Unless the Lord builds the House, **In vain do the builders labour.**

Surely the Lord is in this place.

This is the House of God, this is the Gate of Heaven!

You are gracious and merciful, O God, **Slow to anger, rich in love.**

Receive our prayers and worship as You have promised

And uphold us by Your Spirit,

Until all things, mended by Your mercy,

Are made whole and well in You,

Through Jesus Christ **Our healer and our hope. Amen.**

KYRIE--PRAYING FOR MERCY

John Newton, 1779

arr. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921), alt.

Have mer - cy on Your peo -- ple, Lord; have

mer - cy Je -- sus Christ; have mer --- cy on Your

peo --- ple, Lord; have mer - cy grant us peace.

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Music: Amazing Grace <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/An-Analysis-of-'Amazing-Grace'-By-Stever-Thornely-Thornely/d3498a752ca06c27e107c07d837494c05cda12b0>

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS

To You, O Lord God,

All hearts are open, to You all desires are fully known. We come to You, moved by Your Word and Spirit, as sinners, confessing our sins. Forgive us in Your mercy. Remember us in Your love. Show us Your way, teach us Your path, lead us in truth and faithfulness, for the sake of our neighbour and for Your sake, O Lord God, in the hope of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

By water, Word and Spirit, our God gives you new birth and through the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in His name and in His stead, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When the Son sets you free, you are free indeed! **Praise be to God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Shout To The Lord"*

**My Jesus, my Saviour -- Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter --Tower of refuge and strength
Let ev'ry breath all that I am -- never cease to worship You**

Chorus **Shout to the Lord, all the earth -- let us sing
Power and majesty --Praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter --Tower of refuge and strength
Let ev'ry breath all that I am -- never cease to worship You--**

Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray to the Lord: Loving God gracious Father, Your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

The Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth....When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 7: 29-31*

[St. Paul writes:] I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Spoken Gospel Verse: *[Ps 62:5-7a; International Children's Bible]*

**I wait patiently for God to save me.
Only he gives me hope. He is my rock, who saves me.
He protects me like a strong, walled city. I will not be defeated.
My honour and salvation come from God.**

Holy Gospel: *St. Mark 1: 14-20*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!' As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess the faith.

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. 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL SONG: "Will You Come & Follow Me" [The Summons]



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS *are gathered.*

OFFERING SONG.

“Give Thanks”

Henry Smith © 1978

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks,
because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks,
because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say ‘I am strong’,
let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us;**

**and now let the weak say ‘I am strong’,
let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks...give thanks-----!**

<https://www.music-ministry.org/hymns/give-thanks-with-a-grateful-heart/>

PRAYERS

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for making us followers of Jesus. Turn us away from all sin, and build our faith in him. Help us give ourselves wholeheartedly to our callings, in the world and in the church.

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who spread the gospel - pastors, teachers, evangelists - that they would have courage for their work, and teach only the truth in love. Provide pastors for all your flock: bless those studying for the public ministry and encourage those who are struggling with the call to serve you in this way.

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who hear the gospel, that they would repent and believe in the time that you provide. Grow the seeds of your word that have been planted among the families of our parish, our communities, and places of learning. Help all to be witnesses of faith in their homes.

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

Have mercy Lord on those who are afraid of you and scared to open up the dark corners of their lives to your judgement and mercy. Help us all examine ourselves, receive your forgiveness, and be renewed by your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the many blessings we receive in Canada. Meet the needs of those who are do not have enough for daily life, and uphold this country in peace and prosperity.

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and those near death whose appointed time has grown short. Bring all to call on you in the day of trouble, and comfort them with your love. Be with those among *us* who are sick, including (*insert names*) and grant them relief in Your own time and will;

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

Lord, you have called us to follow your Son in repentance and trust. By your Holy Spirit strengthen us when we are weary, fill us with hope when we despair, and give us your light when we walk in darkness, for you alone are our rock and salvation. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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. 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

CLOSING PRAYER FOR THE WORD

Blessed Lord God, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Help us so that we may hear, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Who with the Father and Spirit You rule and reign as one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Jesus is the great Shepherd of the sheep. May you hear His voice and keep His Word.

Amen, thanks be to God.

Jesus is the Pathway that leads to life. May You follow in His narrow way.

Amen, praise be to God.

Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. May you be rooted and grounded in His Word and love.

Amen. Glory to our God.

May the Almighty God, the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG:

"Fishers Of Men"

HARRY D. CLARKE

HARRY D. CLARKE

1. I will make you fish - ers of men, Fish - ers of men,
 2. Hear Christ call - ing, Come un - to Me, Come un - to Me,
 fish - ers of men, I will make you fish - ers of men If you
 Come un - to Me; Hear Christ call - ing, Come un - to Me, I will
 fol - low Me; If you fol - low Me, If you fol - low Me,
 give you rest; I will give you rest, I will give you rest;
 I will make you fish - ers of men If you fol - low Me.
 Hear Christ call - ing, Come un - to Me, I will give you rest.

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Fishers Of Men LUKE 5:1-11



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Epiphany

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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BALTHAZAR
BAPTISM
BETHLEHEM
CASPAR
CHRISTIAN
EPIPHANY
FEAST
FIRST MIRACLE
FRANKINCENSE
GOLD
HEROD
HOLIDAY
HOPE
JANUARY
JESUS
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MELCHIOR
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SUNDAY
THREE KINGS
TWELFTH DAY
WISE MEN

