



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH – ST. CATHARINES, ON

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A recording of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to YouTube at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING\\_TKT19c\\_OIBbMqGwLw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKT19c_OIBbMqGwLw)

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**Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!**  
**We’re glad you’ve joined us for worship!**

Please be aware that our Worship Services are **recorded and posted on YouTube and Facebook**. There is, although very slight, a possibility that your image might be posted. If you have any concerns, please either speak to the Elder on duty or alternatively seat yourself more towards the back of the sanctuary or along either of the outside aisles. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him. We pray we all remain safe and healthy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIPPING**

Lord our Creator, each mother finds rest in you. Most of all, on this day in which we honour mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. Encourage all women who mother and support and lead in ways which inspire growth, love and integrity. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

**MAY 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



**May 19 - Pentecost Creative Holy Communion**  
**May 26 - Trinity Sunday Service of the Word for Prayer**

**DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS**

Monday: Acts 5                      Wed: Acts 6                      Friday: Acts 7  
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 20              Thurs: 1 Samuel 21              Saturday: 1 Samuel 22

**ALSO HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

Monday: 10 AM No Luther Manor with Pastor Todd  
1-4 PM Sewing team  
7:30 PM – Choir  
Tuesday: 9:30-11 AM – Precious Moments  
Thursday: 10-11:30 AM NO SOUL  
7 PM Promise Band Practice  
7 PM Women’s Bible Study  
Sunday: No Sunday School + 10 AM Pentecost Day Communion worship

**Musician** – The Promise Band + **Reader** –Howard Bogusat + **Greeters** – Judy Slingerland

### PARISH EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

Today in Sunday school we learn of Jesus our Good Shepherd who promises to lead and guide his sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His sheep, even those who often ignore his voice. Our Bible Verse: Jesus says, 'I am the good shepherd'. John 10:11



**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

**Immediately following the service today, please join us for coffee and a celebratory Mother's Day cake compliments of the Youth & Young Adults and Fellowship Committees.**

**SEWING TEAMS:** Mondays, 1-4 PM. in the church basement devoted to making necessary items for the Haiti mission and various other missions. Lots of seamstress duties are needed, but sewing is the #1 priority, everyone welcome. Please speak with Wendy Hyatt for further information.

**PRECIOUS MOMENTS:** Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 AM in the Church Nursery. Please join us for Christian encouragement, learning, singing and playing. If you know of a young family who might benefit from joining together with others, please invite them to join us.



**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!** *Celebrate Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* **May 17-18 at our offices at Messiah Lutheran Church, 700 Glen Forrest Blvd., Waterloo.** See poster my mail slots for details or contact LBTC at 519-742-3361 or pastor.r.mohr@lbtc.ca All events are free of charge or free-will offering, but reservations are needed for the meals by May 3.. Come **WORSHIP** with us, **FEAST** with us, and **CELEBRATE** all that our Lord has done and is doing to bring His Word to many

people in the languages of their hearts.



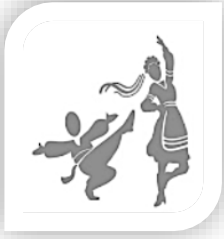
### LWML-C/MARY MARTHA EVENTS

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 PM: Bible Study with Vijay Samuel.

Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 PM: Summer Potluck. More details to follow.

Please feel free to join us for any or all of the LWML-C/Mary Martha events!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Thursday May 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kuenzels (2 Eva Rd). We will continue our Study on the Christian movie series "The Chosen." Please feel free to join us or contact Louise (905-329-8579) for more information. Remember to bring your Bible!



**UKRANIAN STYLE EVENT!** Fellowship Committee invites you to join them for an outing **Saturday May 25th** – Ukrainian style! We'll meet at the St. John Centre at 91 Lakeshore Rd. in St. Catharines. Doors open at 1 pm with delicious cuisine available for purchase and cultural displays to view. Entertainment performances by local dance groups are at 2 pm & 4 pm. No need to sign up, just come & join us. We'll save some seats for us to be together. See you there! Pobachyomos' tam!

**CALL SERVICE** for Seminary students from Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary here at Christ Lutheran Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. Rev. Alan Visser, pastor from British Columbia, will be the guest preacher. Students will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> call into the ministry with a parish placement. Seminarian Vijay Samuel will receive his vicarage [student pastor] assignment along with 2 others. All are welcome to attend. Fellowship and food hosted by Seminary guild, under member Gail Julie's direction.

**Mary Martha Yard Sale Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** In conjunction with the Fitzgerald Neighbourhood Yard sale\*\*\*\*\***WE NEED HELP FROM AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE!** Here are some of the ways:

1. May 31: We need people to organize last minute details and move tables upstairs to the front doors
2. If you have items you wish to clear from your house and would like to donate to the church instead of Value Village, etc. request a table that you are able to man on the day of the sale (with some help from your friends.) Load up your car, the day before, unload in front to the church, sell whatever you can and take the remaining items to the Christian Benefit shop (or home.)
3. Bake some treats for the sale (cookies, squares, muffins) – anything wrapped individually or in small portions - bring them the morning of June 1 - already priced please!
4. Contribute plants to our plant sale
5. Set-Up - Come early on Saturday morning, especially men - we would sure appreciate your help carrying the tables and boxes. We will likely start setting up about 7:45 a.m.
6. Man a Table or organize a table - We will need 2 or 3 volunteers at each table.
7. Clean-Up - Helpers to pack up and clean up afterward.
8. **HELP US ADVERTISE!!** Mark your calendars, save the date --- Tell your friends and neighbours, spread the word as much as you can, put a notice in your apartment building, post about it on your Facebook page, any other way you can think of. Please contact Lorraine Kaija at [lk\\_notl@yahoo.com](mailto:lk_notl@yahoo.com).for further information. The proceeds from this Yard Sale will go to one of the many deserving charities we help out!

**NATIONAL-LWMLC Convention: The 12th Regular Convention of Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada** will be held July 11-14, 2024, at the Four Points by Sheraton in London, Ontario: Theme – **Ps. 149:1 'Sing to the Lord a new song'**. You are welcome to join in person or online via live stream. For more information see flyer in narthex.

- Special Keynote Speaker, Deb Burma. Christian author and LWML seminar leader. Special Interest Speakers will share cross-cultural ministry with voice & song.
- The mites monetary offerings gathered the last 3 years provided local support for a Bethlehem Walk in BC to International support of deaconesses in Nicaragua and Cambodia. Rev. Mark Smith will bring information. Voting on Mission Grants for the next triennium. *Anyone interested in attending, see Lorraine Kaijia.. See LWML web site: [lutheranwomen.ca](http://lutheranwomen.ca)*



**VBS SCUBA:** *diving into friendship with God. Monday July 22 - Friday July 26, 9-12 noon (extended care 12 noon - 3:30 for children Grades 1-6).* Registration forms are available in the narthex. Please invite friends and neighbours.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS:** We thank God for the opportunity to provide a VBS program for children of our congregation and community, however we need volunteers. (Recreation, registration, group leaders to name a few) Please consider how **YOU** might help this year. Volunteer forms are available in the narthex. ***PLEASE continue to keep VBS in your prayers.***

**PASTOR TODD** on vacation May 12 – 18. TODAY, Seminary fieldworker Vijay is preaching a sermon co-written with Pastor Todd & Noel is leading the service. Any and all pastoral emergencies are arranged with Rev. David Hamp our Niagara Circuit Counsellor -- email: david.m.hamp@gmail.com or phone: 905-892-8877 church or home: 905-714-1055.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** for today were provided in celebration of Tom Saxton's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION** – After faithfully serving our congregation as Church Secretary for over 50 years, Pat (Kimpel) Fejedelem has chosen to retire effective April 24<sup>th</sup> 2024. Pat's five decades of faithful and dedicated service were recently recognized with a thank you gift from the congregation at a very private presentation in the church office. Pat has always avoided being the centre of attention or group events so we will continue to respect her wishes. Unfortunately, we now have an immediate vacancy to fill. If you feel that you (or someone you know) have the necessary qualifications and are interested in this position, either as a temporary replacement or on a permanent basis, please contact the Congregational Chairman, James Hyatt or the Business Manager, Karen McCumber for a job description or and/or the necessary qualifications and experience required.

**Business Manager Job Opportunity** at Christ Lutheran please check out the link:

<https://westridgehr.catsone.com/careers/100287-Westridge-HR/jobs/16446903-Business-Manager/>

**L.A.M.P Mission team** - If you are interested in joining please contact Pastor Jeff Swords at telephone number 905-931-3165. L.A.M.P. is a frontline mission experience through the sharing of Christ's love, Grace, and Promise of resurrection. The team strives to demonstrate these same attributes to His community in the north. Our assigned community is Kingfisher Lake, through a VBS program, community presence and friendship. We are looking for additional team members, pray partners and financial support.

**Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary**, St. Catharines, is seeking a Librarian Technician. The Library Technician is responsible for managing the seminary's print and digital collection, purchasing and processing books, circulation, and reference support to faculty and students. The Library Technician also manages occasional sales in a small bookstore. The position is part-time. Extra hours may be available as Assistant to the Registrar. To apply send your resumé to [president@concordia-seminary.ca](mailto:president@concordia-seminary.ca).

The Ascension of our Lord & Mother's Day  
SCRIPTURE & SONG SERVICE

May 12, 2024 + 10 AM Worship

GATHERING

BEGINNING SONG "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the  
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the  
midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
shad - ows in - to your ra - diancy; by the blood I may  
World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now  
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my  
bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.  
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.  
Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
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<https://www.firstpreswh.org/daily-devotional/lord-the-light-of-your-love-is-shining-shine-jesus-shine-hymn>

## 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.**

Text: Kyrie text; A. Meade, 1975 © Creative Communications for the Parish

Music: Amazing Grace <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/An-Analysis-of-'-Amazing-Grace'-By-Steven-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. To all those who believe, He gives them the grace to become children of God and bestows on them His forgiving Holy Spirit. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

**Amen.**

Jesus has come to give life, that all may have it abundantly!

**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.**

***Chorus repeat***

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## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear my prayer O Lord; **listen to my call for help.**

Thanks and praise to You, eternal Father, that Your Son Jesus ascended to Your Right hand, to rule over all things as Lord. Keep Your church in the unity that the Spirit gives, and bring all creation in submission to Christ as Saviour and Lord. For he live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## SCRIPTURE

### **The New Testament Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

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

### **The Epistle:** *Ephesians 1:15-23*

[St. Paul writes:] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Blessed Assurance”*

Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Saviour all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission all is at rest; I in my Saviour am happy and blest,

Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Saviour all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Saviour all the day long. All the day long.

**The Holy Gospel:** *St. Luke 24:44-53*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter: **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

**"He Is Lord"**

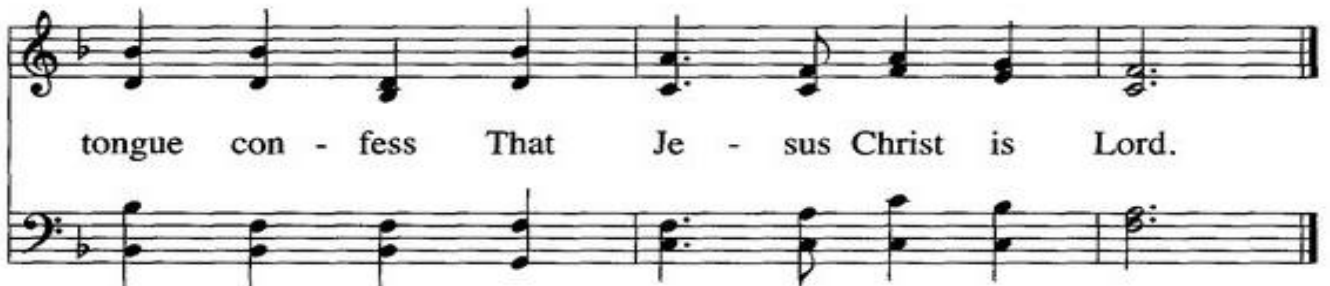
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He is Lord, He is Lord! He is ris - en from the



dead and He is Lord! Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry



tongue con - fess That Je - sus Christ is Lord.

**He is King, He is King!**  
**Someday all will see Him reigning as the King.**  
**And before His throne worship Him alone.**  
**Christ Jesus, He is King!**

**He is Love, He is Love!**  
**He has shown us God Incarnate, He is Love!**  
**In His earthly days, through His words and ways,**  
**Christ Jesus, He is Love!**

**He is Life, He is Life!**  
**Through His death He set us free and gives us life.**  
**Risen Lord, in Him we have life again,**  
**Christ Jesus, He is Life!**

**MESSAGE:** *Seminarian Vijay Samuel*

**OFFERINGS** *are gathered.*

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, let us join with Christians around the globe asking God to hear us and receive our prayers:

O God, Your might upholds the cosmos, and your mercy sustains the universe. To you, enthroned on high and enthroned in our hearts, we pray: That the church be enlivened to be the body of Christ, that Synod staff and all pastors and church workers lead with visionary wisdom, and that all the baptized be witnesses to your mercy and might,

**we pray to you, good Lord.**

That the earth be preserved from disastrous climate, that the animals and their young be safeguarded, and that the trees and bushes be protected for their fruit and beauty,

**we pray to you, good Lord.**

That wars between nations and violence within each population cease, that the leaders of nations enact justice for their people, and that legislators be granted wisdom for their difficult decisions,

**we pray to you, good Lord.**

That those with chronic illnesses be healed, that those facing death be comforted, that those returning to society remain healthy, that physicians and nurses be granted endurance, that hospitals be equipped for their work, that researchers pursue measures for greater healing arts and that future waves of disease be averted,

**we pray to you, good Lord.**

That the poor be fed and clothed and housed, that the unemployed find meaningful labour, and that those we name before you receive health and wholeness...especially we remember [names added]: For those we have named and for all in need,

**we pray to you, good Lord.**

Pour out your blessing on all mothers and those who provide motherly care. Bless them with a heart like your heart: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled. As they participate in your ongoing creativity, give them discernment to help their children discover their unique gifts. As they strive to share your unconditional love, give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humour. As they model your mercy, help them extend the forgiveness they themselves freely receive from you. Please fortify their faith, that they may love you above all.

**We pray to you, good Lord.**

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Receive our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, ascended for us, and reigning in your glory 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 us now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"*

1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my  
My zeal in - spire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior, then, in love Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.  
trust re-move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887  
Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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# A Mother's Day Word Search

Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.  
Proverbs 4:1



Complete the word search activity.

S J L Q B B M M S F J U S A R  
Z W K Y F A M I L Y R D Q G H  
V S I H N C S P T R L I N Z P  
O I S A D Q P Z J T E V E A K  
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T I L P E T Q I L A G V X G A  
T K S P N R V C A R I N G S L  
J Y N E F I A W C E D Q Q T W  
P I R X G U I K R K X L J H N  
F A W H U L L Y U I B X P U T  
P E L I D I Q F W X A C D N N

FAMILY  
HUGS  
FRIEND

EXAMPLE  
PARENT  
WISE

GIVING  
KISSES  
WISE

MOTHER  
PATIENT  
CARING

SPECIAL  
LOVING  
HELPFUL