

Christ Lutheran Church – St. Catharines, ON

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024



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.

ALSO HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday:	11 AM – Memorial for Naomi Hohnberg
Tuesday:	9:30 – 11:00 – Precious Moments 5:30 PM Mary Martha – Summer Potluck
Thursday:	10-11:30 AM - SOUL 7:15 P.M. - Promise Band Practice
Sunday:	9 AM – Church Worship 11 AM – Church Worship & picnic at Burgoyne Woods

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIPPING

Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musician – Mayumi Munoz + **Reader** – Noel Richards

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



DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS

Monday: Psalm 52

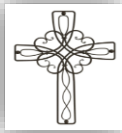
Wed: 1 Samuel 15:24-31

Friday: 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5

Tuesday: Psalm 53

Thurs: 1 Samuel 16:14-23

Saturday: Luke 21:25-28



June 2024 Worship Schedule

June 23 – 5th Pentecost 9 AM Spoken Matins [Church]
& 11 AM Picnic Service [Burgoyne Park]

June 30 – 6th Pentecost LSB Setting 3 Communion



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday school we learn about John, banished to the Island of Patmos, receives a revelation of the new heaven and new earth. In this climax to the Book of Revelation, John describes the indescribable – the Lamb of God in His glory with His people in their eternal home. Our Bible Verse: God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7:17



Coffee & Tea Time

Christ Café downstairs

Sundays from 9-9:50 AM.

All are welcome.

Coffee & Christ-Like conversation

Creates the perfect blend.

NAOMI HOHNBERG'S MEMORIAL SERVICE is set for Monday, June 17th, 2024 at 11 AM at our church. A luncheon will be served in the church basement following. Burial will take place where her family is located in Vancouver, BC. We pray for safe travels for those coming near and far as we worship the Lord for the life of His servant, Naomi.

A memorial donation has been made to SOUL at Christ Lutheran Church in memory of Naomi Hohnberg by Marilyn Phelan.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS: Please plan to join us at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 18th, at the Russell Avenue Splash Pad for our last gathering until September. Please bring drinks and we will have snacks to share. If it rains we will meet at 09:30 AM at the church. See you there!

LWML-C/MARY MARTHA EVENTS

NATIONAL 12th Regular Convention of Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada is being held July 11-14, 2024, at Four Points by Sheraton in London, Ontario: Theme – **Ps. 149:1 ‘Sing to the Lord a new song’**. *Those interested see Lorraine Kaija or LWML web site: lutheranwomen.ca*



L.A.M.P. KINGFISHER LAKE VBS - Here I come! Heather Simons will be joining the team headed to Kingfisher Lake with Jeff Swords in August. She will be bringing her amazing craft skills to the week long event, in addition to her love for Jesus. Further information coming in early July. Prayers for the love of Christ to shine thru the whole team as they work side by side with the people of Kingfisher Lake. **NEEDED:** motel/hotel size shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, etc. for the ladies. If you are interested in joining please contact Pastor Jeff Swords at telephone number 905-931-3165.

Please place donations in the box at the back of the church.

Last Sunday’s Attendance - June 9th: 105

SOUL: 32

PSW: 12

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

2024-06-09

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>+/(-)</u>
Current	303,899.00	5,844.21	3,365.20	89,510.33	(50,750.75)
LCC Missions	17,500.00	336.54	315.00	10,119.00	2,042.08
Property Improvements			15.00	2,904.00	

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers for the altar are being supplied by Stephanie’s Floral. Should you wish to provide the flowers for a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just simply to give praise and thanks to our Lord, please indicate your preferred date on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost is \$35 per vase. There is no expectation that you sign for both vases. Perhaps a second person would like sign for a vase on the same day!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this week are provided by Judy Slingerland in memory of her father and mother, Ed & Helen Voege.



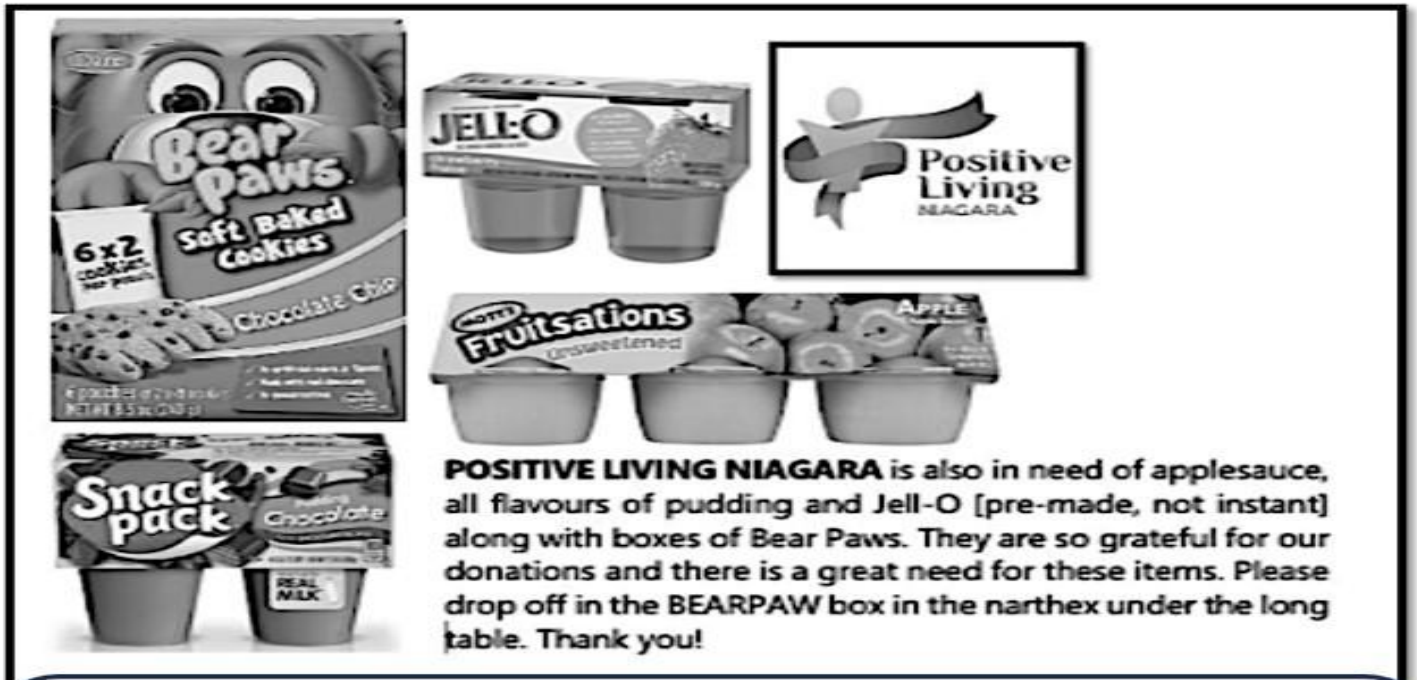
Our **YARD SALE** was a success thanks to you! Many thanks to all who donated items, brought up tables from the basement, baked, barbequed, sourced fantastic plant donations, brought items from home, sold items, bought items, took down, packed up, brought the tables back to the basement. It was an **amazing job** by everyone! The Fitz is also happy to co-ordinate their activities when we have an activity like this! Thank you to the enjoyable music provided by our accordion player – that was a wonderful surprise! We were blessed to make \$2,735.60 (plus there is \$200 more to come from Serenia Life when reports are submitted to them). It will be a blessing to be able to financially support our missions. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.



Kareem and family thank the congregation for all their donations.

Please note, monetary donations are welcome, *however, please, no deliveries to the house as they are overwhelmed at the moment.*

*Yours in Christ
The Committee*



POSITIVE LIVING NIAGARA is also in need of applesauce, all flavours of pudding and Jell-O [pre-made, not instant] along with boxes of Bear Paws. They are so grateful for our donations and there is a great need for these items. Please drop off in the BEARPAW box in the narthex under the long table. Thank you!

Positive Living is also in need of the following items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, mittens [for male and female], small cans of cat or dog food. Pastor Todd will have another box in the narthex table to hold these items. Thank you. [Notice their response of thanks on Pastor Todd's Facebook posting]

CALLING ALL YOUTH & FRIENDS: Join us on Friday, June 21st, for a River Lions Basketball game at the Meridian Centre. Your ticket cost is \$25. We will car pool from the church at 6 pm. Reserve your spot before Sunday, June 18th, by texting Louise 905-329-8579 or any other youth leader.

VBS VOLUNTEERS: We still need a few more crew leaders and people to help with registration. OUR VOLUNTEER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th AT 7 PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LOUISE AT 905-329-8579.

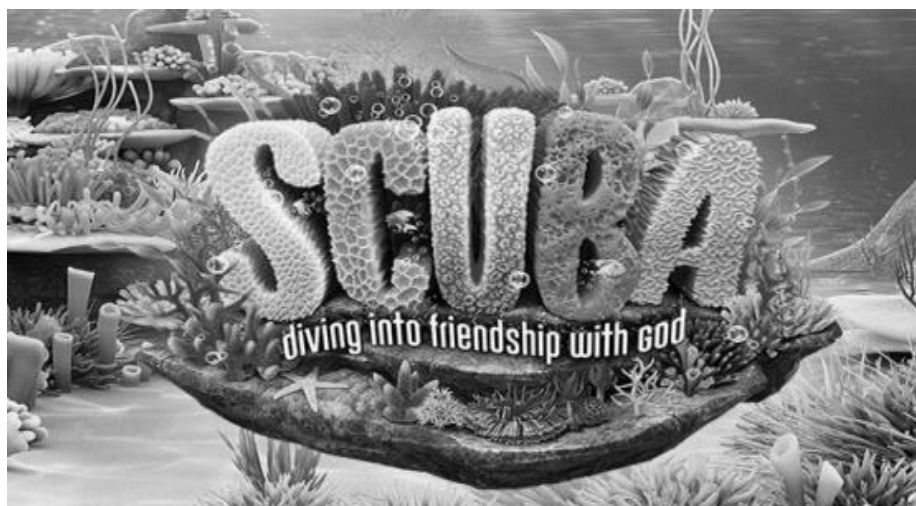
VBS SCUBA: *diving into friendship with God. Monday July 22 - Friday July 26*

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.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

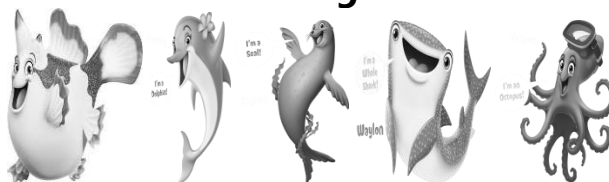


Monday, July 22nd – Friday, July 26th, 2024

9 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Extended hours: 12 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For children in grades 1 – 6



PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Please register by calling the church office:

905-685-8294



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC 2024

Sunday, June 23rd, at Burgoyne Woods

SERVICES: 9:00 a.m. at Church
11:00 a.m. at Burgoyne Woods

ACTIVITIES: Games, Fun and Action for all!!!

FOOD: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Pop provided.

***** NECESSITIES TO BRING:** Lawn chairs, salad, dessert, "utensils" and "plates".***

If you plan to attend, we need the following information:

Hot Dogs: _____ Hamburgers: _____
Number of people attending: _____

(Please tear off this strip and place it in the envelope at the back of the church by Sunday, June 16th. Thank you!!!)

Don't just ATTEND your church - LOVE your church.
Serve, give, invite, worship, post, join, engage, participate!

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Rev. Noel Richard, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary Colloquy Student Fieldworker		

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
The 4th Sunday after Pentecost
SERVICE OF WORD & PRAYER WITH BAPTISM

June 16, 2024 + Father's Day

GOD WELCOMES US

BAPTISMAL HYMN *"Wash O God, Your Sons & Daughters"*

[Beach Spring]



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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BEACH SPRING

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BAPTISM OF ISLA & AIDAN CLEARY

Parents of the children: Kylie Flynn Cleary & Brendan Cleary

Godparents: Bridget & Matthew Gillard [Isla] + Kathleen & Nathan MacDonald [Aidan]

SCRIPTURAL COMMAND

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep everything I have entrusted to you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

ADDRESS

Scripture teaches that we are born sinful and unclean, but that our heavenly Father washes us clean in the waters of baptism. We are re-born as His children as the Holy Spirit renews us and gives us eternal life. Through baptism He graciously forgives us our sins and unites us with our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we share in His death and resurrection.

PRESENTATION

Who brings this child for holy baptism? *We do.* How is this child named? (*Name is spoken*)

ADMONITION

Since you as parents and sponsors have brought (Name) to be baptized, you are responsible for his/her upbringing in the Lutheran Church. Remember him/her in your prayers. Bring him/her to the services in God's House and teach him/her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. Remind him/her of her baptism, set him/her a good example, and provide for his/her instruction in the faith that he/she may join you and all believers around the Lord's Table to feast on Jesus' Body and Blood.

Do you intend to joyfully do this? Yes, I/we do.

MARKING OF THE CROSS

(Name), receive the sign of the holy cross †, upon your forehead and upon your heart, to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Jesus our Lord says: Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; unless you receive the Kingdom of God like a little child you shall never enter it.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us ask the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ on (Name) and pray together the prayer He has taught us:

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily**

bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PUBLIC CONFESSON OF THE FAITH

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

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Yes, I do renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord?

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, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the + life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM

(Name), I baptize you in the name of the Father † and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit †. Amen.

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you the new birth by water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His Spirit, so that you receive eternal life. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF CANDLE

Receive this burning light. Live always by the Light of Christ and be ever watchful for His coming that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Let your light so shine before others, that they see your good works and glorify Your Father Who is in Heaven.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we join with (Name's) parents in thanking you for giving them this child and for adopting him/her as Your own child in holy baptism. Strengthen him/her faith by Your Holy Spirit, so that his/her sinful self may die each day and he/she may rise to new life with Christ forever. As You have written his/her name in the book of life and have

made him/her a member of the body of Your Son, guide him/her, so that, with all Your saints, he/she may one day abide in Your Heavenly Home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF BAPTIZED

Through Baptism, God has added this new brother/sister as a member of the Priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and show forth His creative and redeeming Word to all the world:

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same Heavenly Father, and workers with us in His Kingdom.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN

[Ode To Joy tune]



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Almighty God, gracious Father, our Maker and Redeemer, You have made us a new company of priests bearing witness to Your saving Gospel. Help us to be faithful in our callings to make known Your promises of life and salvation to all 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.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Old Testament *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle: *2 Corinthians 5: 1-10, 16-17*

[St. Paul writes:] For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.... From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

GOSPEL VERSE

LSB tune # 901

S 205a

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel *St. Mark 4:26-34*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not

know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL SONG "This Is My Father's World"



1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears,
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise;
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world, I rest me in the thought
 This is my Fa-ther's world, He shines in all that's fair;
 This is my Fa-ther's world, why should my heart be sad?



of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
 in rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 The Lord is King! Let heav - en ring! God reigns! Let earth be glad!

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 (Ps. 24:1)
 MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA PATRIS
 SMD

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (From Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ 2013)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

that the men and women of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

(2 Tim. 3: 16-17)

Father and Lord, we come, humbly before you, as sinners seeking mercy, forgiveness and newness of life!

Out of the depths of woe we cry to You. Lord, hear our voice!

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,

We are sinners. Whatever good we try to do ends up in spiritual pride or spiritual despair. We are troubled, arrogant and wayward people, in all of the things we do, and in all of the things we fail to do. Even our most valiant attempts at pleasing You are soiled with our sins. Have mercy and renew us.

Cleanse us and make us new again.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all of your sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GOD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS & HEARS OUR PRAYERS

MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS *are gathered.*

OFFERING SONG ***"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***

[Tune: Energy]



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
And glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.

6 And we believe thy Word
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto thee.

https://hymnary.org/text/we_give_thee_but_thine_own

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, we pray for your church. We ask that you would make it grow like seeds in the ground and bring a rich harvest. We pray for the pastors, teachers and lay people of Your church and all others who sow your seed in their varied callings. Give them strength, honesty and diligence in their work. Hear us, O Lord:

As our prayer comes before You;

We pray that the church would hear and proclaim Christ's teachings about Your Kingdom. Open people's ears and hearts so that they may hear and believe the saving truth. Hear us, O Lord: **As our prayer comes before You;**

Guide the work of farmers everywhere. Watch over this year's crops and send rain and sunshine as required. We pray especially for people in areas where there is drought. Give them comfort and strength as their watch continues, hearings also the pleas for help in areas of extreme weather. Hear us, O Lord: **As our prayer comes before You;**

Help all Christians to live their lives in faith and confidence, guided by the love of Christ. Inspire with Your Spirit of wisdom all fathers, grandfathers, grandsons, uncles, nephews, cousins and all men who parent in the ways of our Lord serving those in need. Open our eyes to see beyond the surface and to see how you are faithfully at work, even when we least expect it. May this nation and every land use our talents to create peace and safety. Hear us, O Lord: **As our prayer comes before You;**

Comfort everyone in need and despair with the love of Christ, who died for all. We pray especially for all those who are sick or recovering in our community, especially (*insert names*). Ease their suffering and in any measure uphold their faith to see Your saving love through their hurt; Hear us, O Lord: **As our prayer comes before You;**

Heavenly Father, we ask you to give us all these things and whatever else we need on the journey to our heavenly home, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GOD BLESSES US

GREETING & BLESSING

Let us praise the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *"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."

