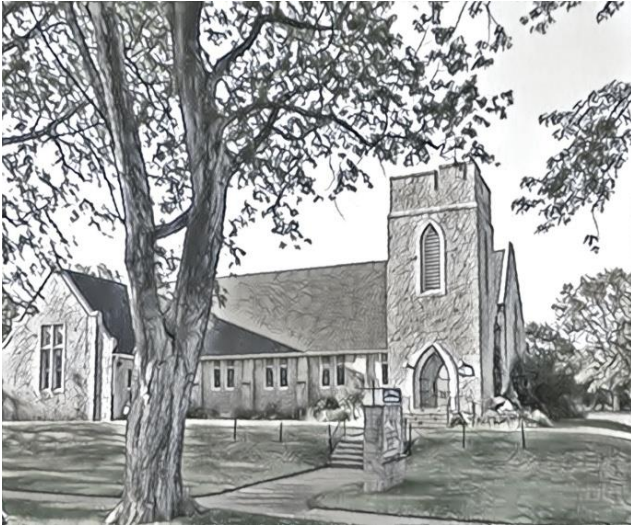


**Christ Lutheran Church  
St. Catharines, ON**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 2024





Christ Lutheran Church  
140 Russell Avenue,  
St. Catharines, ON  
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Phone: 905-685-8294  
Church Website: [www.christlutheransc.ca](http://www.christlutheransc.ca)

**Romans 10:15 - - *How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!***

**Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

**Bulletin Announcements:** Please send to [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca)

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 09:00 a.m..

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Pastor Todd's YouTube channel		"Gathering the Scattered" ( <i>link</i> )
Rev. Noel Richard, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary Colloquy Student Fieldworker		

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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**

Receive and graciously answer our prayer, heavenly Father, for the sake of your dear Son; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the strength and will to accomplish whatever you call us to do.  
Amen.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS

Monday: Psalm 21

Wed: John 7:1-9

Friday: Exodus 37:1-16

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 5:11-16

Thurs: Psalm 24

Saturday: Luke 1:57-80



### July 2024 Worship Schedule

July 14 – 8<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Creative Holy Communion

July 21 – 9<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Baptismal Remembrance [The Band]

July 28 – 10<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10 AM LSB Setting 1 Communion



*A memorial donation has been made to SOUL at Christ Lutheran Church in memory of Naomi Hohnberg by Cheryl Daley, Frank & Ivy Parkhouse and Don & Lois Fretz.*

### ALSO HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Wednesday: 7 PM Promise Band Practice

Thursday to Sunday: LWML National 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention

Sunday: 10 AM – Communion Service



**COFFEE HOUR is over for the summer!**

**Sunday School is over until September.**

**Coffee Hour and Sunday School will resume in September.**

**Have a great Summer!**



*Paul Wach's girlfriend, Tammy Granton, died on Monday evening, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 8:15 pm & entered into her eternal rest in Christ Jesus. We pray for strength & hope for Paul & Tammy's family as they mourn her loss. A brief Funeral Service will be held after church on a Sunday in the future.*

### 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:

The Board of Directors of LWML-Canada invites and encourages you to be part of the Opening Service of the Twelfth Regular National Convention on July 11, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. ET. This is open to all who would like to attend, either in person at the Four Points by Sheraton, London, Ontario, or online. This is the link for the Opening Service of the Convention: <https://youtube.com/live/Q9cvQwcRBGE?feature=share>. This link is already live and counting down to the start of the convention."





Christ Lutheran is full of wonderful people and God has made each of us to serve in different ways. (Many thanks to those who have served or are still serving). Look in your heart to see if you would be willing to serve in our ladies group. We are in need of a Secretary and a Member Development Chair! Lorraine K. would love to hear from you by text or call 905-964-5837 if you are interested.

***Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace".***

**L.A.M.P. KINGFISHER LAKE VBS** - is happening during the second week of August when Jeff Swords, Heather Simons and the team will be heading to Kingfisher Lake.

STILL 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.**

<b>Last Sunday's Attendance – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 77</b>			<b>SOUL: 36</b>	<b>PSW: 12</b>	
<b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>			<b>2024-06-30</b>		
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly need</u></b>	<b><u>Last Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>+/(-)</u></b>
Current	303,899.00	5,844.21	3,117.00	97,449.84	(42,811.24)
LCC Missions	17,500.00	366.54	226.00	10,536.00	2,459.08
Property Improvements			128.00	3,042.00	

**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 George & Gail Julie in memory of Carl & Minnie Schwenker.



**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.***

## LUTHERAN LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CANADA

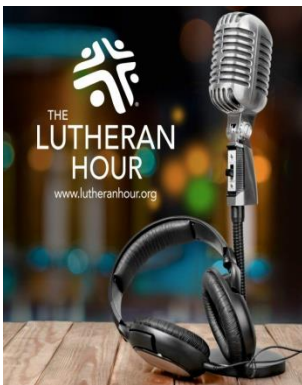


Dear members of Christ Lutheran,

Just a note to communicate with you about Lutheran Layman's League and the Lutheran Hour. For those of you who don't know, I was elected last fall to the Board of Directors of Lutheran Layman's League Canada and I hope to be informing you in the upcoming weeks and months of the many things the League has to offer you individually and us as a congregation. I am planning to highlight some of the new project connect books each month for your own personal use or for you to pass on to a family member or friend.

I would also ask for a volunteer from our congregation to be a contact person for the Lutheran Layman's League. If you are interested please speak with me, or call 289-407-7662.

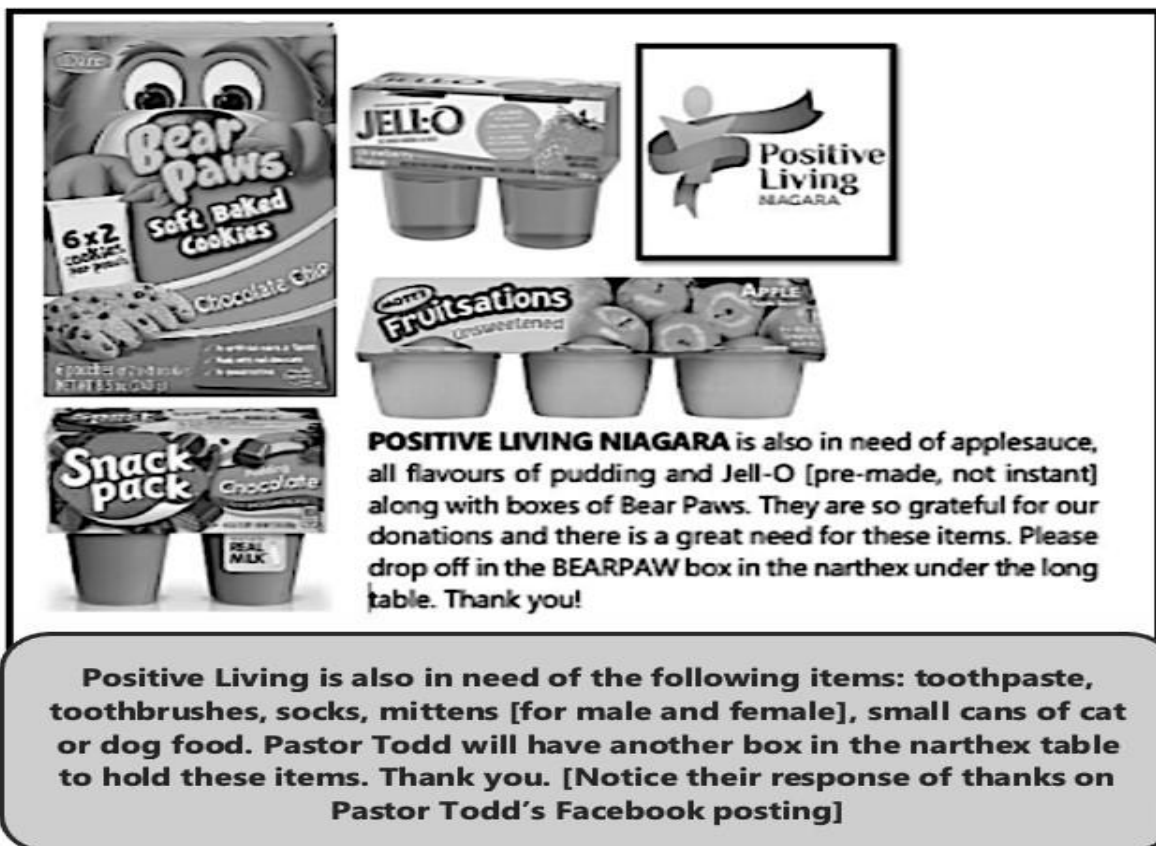
God Bless, Pastor John



### ***(We are the Church of the Lutheran Hour!)***

*Lutheran Hour Ministry Sermons: These highly regarded sermons are broadcast each Sunday morning on 99.5 FM WDCX, Buffalo, at 10:30 A.M. Check the website for participating stations or you can listen any time to a podcast or MP3 or read the text at [www.lll.ca](http://www.lll.ca).*

*They are a worthwhile addition to your regular observance of the Lord's Day and a particularly helpful alternative if you know you will be unable to attend our regular Worship Service at Emmanuel for any reason. The Lutheran Hour speaker is Rev. D. Michael Zeigler.*



**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]



*June 27, 2024*

*Dear Pastor Todd & SOUL staff,*

*Thank you for all that you do each week to welcome Craig and others to your program. He LOVES coming! He especially loves bingo, singing, seeing friends, snacks and praying for "Oma & Opa", "Heather" (Craig's caregiver), and many others in his life, past and present. Sending a small donation to help support your program. Have a wonderful summer!*

*Craig Alder & Family.*



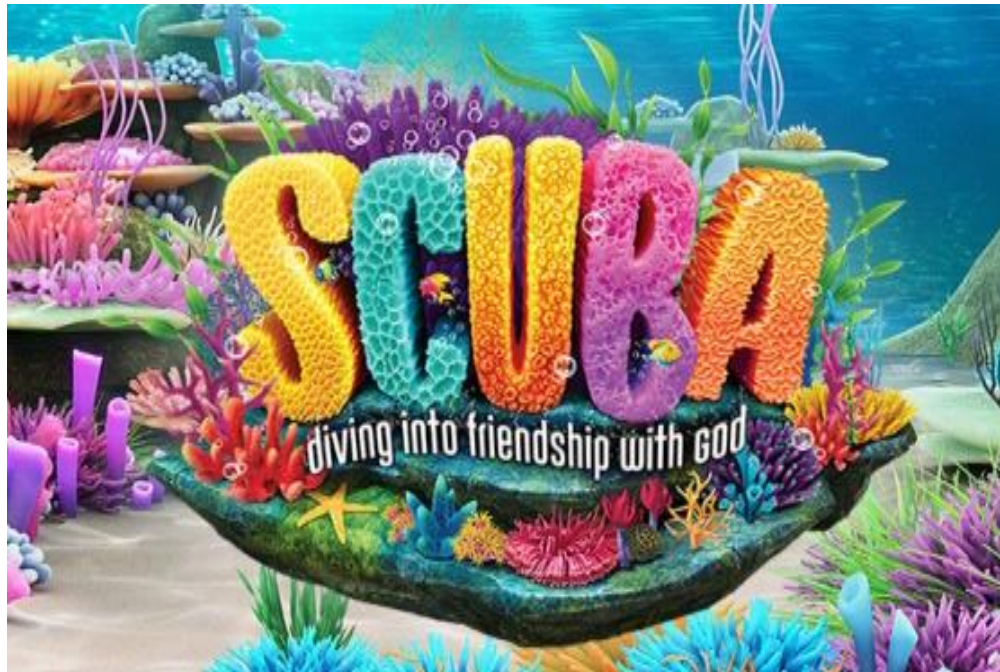
**VBS SCUBA:** *diving into friendship with God. Monday July 22 - Friday July 26*  
**9-12 noon** (extended care 12 noon - 3:30 for children Grades 1-6)

**HELP US MAKE A SPLASH.**

VBS goodies & supply lists are available in the Narthex for your donations.

Our volunteers are in place & we ask for you to continue to pray for the children and families God will bring to join in our week, helping kids to dive into friendship with God, July 22-26.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 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**  
*Service of the Word For Prayer*  
**THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
July 7, 2024 + 10 AM worship

BEGINNING SONG: *"Let All Things Know Living"*

[Tune: Welsh Ash Grove]



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"



SCRIPTURE RESPONSES

(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

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

**Amen.**

You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**a people holy to the LORD our God.**

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

**but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

PSALM 123

*New International Kid's Version © 2022*

To you O my God, I lift up my eyes;

**O You who sit on the throne in the heavens!**

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a young woman maid to the hand of her female helper;

**O You who sit on the throne in the heavens!**

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us,

**O You who sit on the throne in the heavens!**

For we have had more than enough of unkindness, our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, and of the unkind ways of the proud.

**O You who sit on the throne in the heavens! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE SONG *"He Is Lord"*

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!**

Text: Based on Philippians 2:11  
Tune: HE IS LORD, 6 11 10 6; traditional

<http://hymnary.org/hymn/AAHH2001/page/417>

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, the Author and Giver of all good things, in our baptism You call us to proclaim the coming of Your Kingdom. Give us courage with Your Word and Spirit that You once gave the Apostles, that we may faithfully witness Your Gospel of love and peace in every circumstance of life. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### ***THE WORD***

##### **The Old Testament:** *Ezekiel 2: 1-5*

Then He, the LORD, said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

##### **The Epistle:** *2 Corinthians 12: 8-10*

[St. Paul writes:] Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE     ***"To God Be The Glory"***

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

To God be the glo - ry, to God be the  
glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry for the things He has  
done. With His blood He has saved me; with His pow'r He has  
raised me; to God be the glo - ry for the things He has done.

### The Holy Gospel *St. Mark 6:1-13*

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. 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. On 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.

GOSPEL SONG "All Those Gathered 'Round Jesus Christ" [www.Hymnary.org](http://www.Hymnary.org)

1 Who is my moth-er, who is my broth-er?  
 2 Dif-ferent-ly a-bled, dif-ferent-ly la-belled,  
 3 Love will re-late us col-our or sta-tus  
 4 Bound by one vi-sion, met for one mis-sion

All those who gath-er round Je-sus Christ:  
 wid-en the cir-cle round Je-sus Christ:  
 can't seg-re-gate us round Je-sus Christ:  
 we claim each oth-er, round Je-sus Christ:

Spir-it blown peo-ple born from the Gos-pel  
 crutch-es and stig-mas, cul-ture's e-nig-mas,  
 fam-i-ly fail-ings, hu-man de-rail-ings  
 here is my moth-er, here is my broth-er,

sit at the ta-ble, round Je-sus  
 all come to-geth-er round Je-sus  
 all are ac-cept-ed round Je-sus  
 kin-dred in Spir-it, through Je-sus

Christ.  
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 Christ.

MESSAGE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith -  
**praying in the Holy Spirit.**

*(Jude 20)*

Keep yourselves in the love of God,

**waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, that leads to eternal life**

*(Jude 21)*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation.

**The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!**

*(2 Cor. 5:17)*

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another:



**Most Gracious Father, we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and deeds. We have committed sins against our neighbour and against You, O Father. Have mercy upon us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins. Those sins which are known to us, and those which are unknown. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that by faith we may be sorry for our sins, repent of them and serve You in newness of life to the honour and glory of Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERING SONG *"Freely, Freely"*

God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name I've been born a - gain in Je - sus'

9 name, and in Je - sus' name - I come - to you - to share his love as he told me

17 to: He said, 'Free - ly, free - ly, you have re - ceived free ly

23 free ly give! - Go in my name and be - cause you be - lieve -

O - thers will know - that I live. He said, 'Free - ly, free - ly, you have re - ceived free - ly, free - ly give! - Go in my name and be - cause you be - lieve - O - thers will know - that I live

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THE OFFERINGS *are gathered.*

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Please greet each other in your closest pew with "peace be with you" by shaking hands, fist-bump, or nod to the worshiper near you.*

#### **PRAYER**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Dear Father: thank you for Jesus' ministry by which he casts out sin and brings healing and holiness. Strengthen our faith so that we do not reject him, especially when we are faced with uncertainty or worry. Good Lord,

**have mercy and hear us.**

Thank you for the Christian companions you provide for our journey, through whom you bring accountability and grace to us. Help us be worthwhile companions to others, loyal, loving and honest. Build up the unity in this congregation so we may be well equipped for service and mission in the world. Good Lord,

**have mercy and hear us.**

Help us and the whole church understand the sins of our age, to speak where silence needs breaking, to comfort where terror threatens, and to support where courage falters, all with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Good Lord,

**have mercy and hear us.**

We pray for our nation's leaders – our King, his representatives, parliament, prime minister,

opposition parties, and the whole system of government. Help them understand the complexities of life and bring them to govern in a way which pleases you, promotes the well-being of all, and which allows the extension of the gospel. Good Lord,

**have mercy and hear us.**

We pray for each person in need today, and especially the poor and the sick, that those who have grown weak may find the power and strength of Christ at work in their weakness. Take care of those we know personally to be in need [names added here:] and those whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)* Good Lord,

**have mercy and hear us.**

Merciful God, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to walk among us. He heard the cries of the people and shared with them the good news of the kingdom. Hear our prayers this day and answer them so that your greatness may be known by all. This we ask in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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. 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.**

#### CLOSING PRAYER

**Merciful Father, since You have given us grace at this time with unity to make our common prayers to You and have promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will hear such requests. Fulfill now, O Father, the desires and needs of all Your servants, as may be best, giving us knowledge of Your truth today and life eternal in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Let us praise the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Amen**

CLOSING SONG "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*"





# A Prophet Without Honor

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." Mark 6:4 (NIV)

Based on Mark 6:1-6 (NIV)



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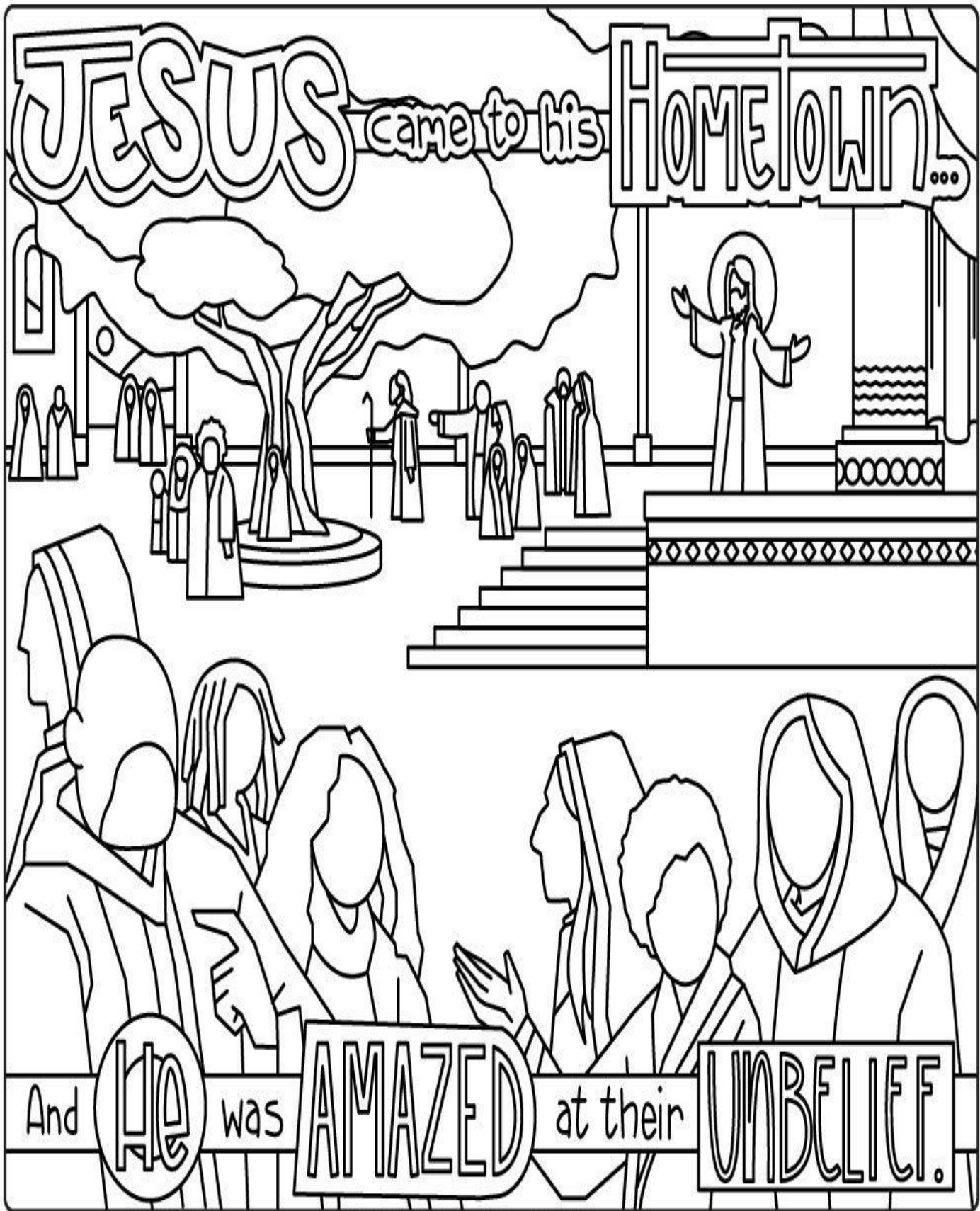
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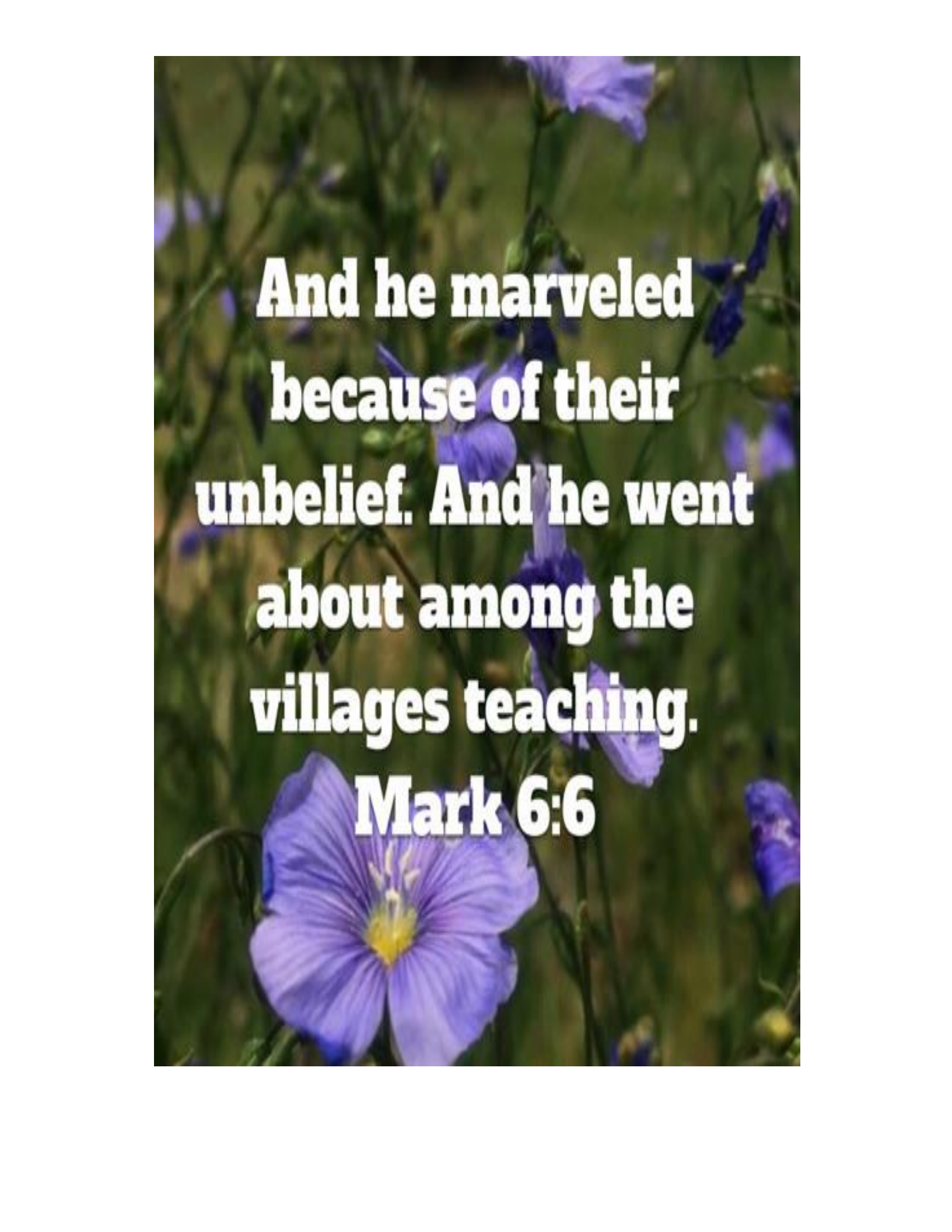
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MARY

FAITH

PROPHET



A close-up photograph of a field of purple flowers, likely cornflowers, with a large, vibrant purple flower in the foreground. The background is a soft-focus field of similar flowers. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**And he marveled  
because of their  
unbelief. And he went  
about among the  
villages teaching.  
Mark 6:6**