

Proper 27

Introit (sung responsively by half-verse)

Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil-|dren of men!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for-| ever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,*
whom he has redeemed from | trouble.

He raises up the needy out of af- | fliction*
and makes their families | like flocks.

The upright see it | and are glad,*
and all wickedness | shuts its mouth.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
November 8th, 2009

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Welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting for the first time, we are glad that you are here and kindly ask that you sign our guest book at the sanctuary doors. If you would like to become a member please speak to the Pastor. In case of illness, the Pastor should be informed. He will always be glad to speak with those who are confronted with problems of a spiritual nature. The time before worship is a quiet time for prayer and meditation to prepare for worship. Please see the inside cover of the hymnal for prayers and page 329f to prepare for Holy Communion. Communicant members are asked to fill out a communion card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plates. The grace of God is with us!

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service setting one **page 151** in the hymnal.

Introit is on the last bulletin page and is sung responsively by half-verse.

“This is the feast” is sung on page 155.

Old Testament: 1 Kings 17: 8 - 16

Epistle: Hebrews 9: 24 - 28

Holy Gospel: Mark 12: 38 - 44

The Nicene Creed is confessed on page 158.

“Thank the Lord” is sung on page 164

HYMNS: 726, 787, 781(sung during offering), 821, 732

Choir Anthem: The Infant Priest Was Holy Born (LSB # 624)

Organist: Paula Hohmann

Choir Director: Sandra Doyle

Holy Communion:

Since the Lord's Supper gives the forgiveness of sins in the body and blood of Christ to all who believe the words “given and shed” and is also a celebration of oneness in faith, we ask that only those who have professed such faith publicly in a Lutheran Church-Canada (or Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) congregation come to the Lord's Altar. Everyone intending to commune for the first time is kindly asked to speak with the Pastor prior to the service.

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Attendance Nov. 1st: 92 Communion: 77

Offerings: Nov. 1st: Common: \$2,991; Building Fund: \$80; CLWR: \$64; Debt

Reduction: \$20; LLL: \$30; Thanksgiving: \$65; Total: \$3,250.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES: family of Dorothea Korcok (Christian burial on Thurs.); Kristen Aho- Grootendorst; Reta Curran; Cam Glazier (friend of Julie Hersey recently diagnosed with cancer); Doug Seim(June Drexler's brother); Teresa Formosa; Penny McLeod (cancer); Micheline Tourigny (Rob Vincent's Aunt); Warren Maschke; Merv Brisco; Gail Bugbee; Gary Zytner; Hildegard Vollmer and daughter Heidi; Paul Grant; Kristina Kaverly; Lucie Wunsch.

MUSICIANS: who are involved or wish to be involved in the Community Christmas concert on December 12th following our Advent Dinner, please meet after church today upstairs in the balcony.

PASTORS' AND DEACONS CONFERENCE: is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday at the Mount Carmel Retreat Center in Niagara Falls. Pastor Hetzel and Rev. Murray are planning to attend. If an emergency occurs during Pastor's absence, please contact one of the elders.

PARISH NURSE NEWS: Jane Ibbott will be sponsoring another blood pressure clinic today after the service. She may also have some information on the H1N1 flu (swine flu). **See the insert for a statement from Rev. President Bugbee on H1N1.**

SAINTS' ALIVE: meeting for Nov. has been changed to Nov. 18 at noon.

COUNCIL MEETING: this Tues. November 10 at 7:30pm. All church council members are urged to be in attendance.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: is being held next Saturday, November 14th at 7:15 am.

MISSION QUILTS: We will be working on the mission quilts on the following Tuesday mornings in November- 10th, 17 and 24. We would like you to come out and join us on one or all of these dates-or just come and see what all is involved in making a quilt. We could use your help. We meet from 9:00 am until noon downstairs in the Common Room. Minnie Harfmann and Ann Cameron.

CARE BEARS: will be meeting on Wednesday, November 18th at 1:30 pm at the home of Viena Whalley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & HELPERS ARE NEEDED:

Teachers and helpers are needed now for our Sunday School to move forward. This a very rewarding act of service in your church, as you see our children learn about God's plan of salvation through instruction in Sunday School. Please give prayerful consideration about your becoming involved in your Sunday School in this way. For more information, please contact Kim Grootendorst, Parish Education Director.

With a song in her heart, Tara Lyn Hart (CCMA winner, JUNO nominee), John Rapp (Seminarian, former CREW member) and special guest performers, invite you to join in Concordia Seminary's “*Songs for His Season*” to help prepare your hearts and minds for Christmas. **Where?** Hernder Estate Wines (1607 8th Avenue, St. Catharines - www.hernder.com). **When?** Friday, December 11, 7.30 pm. **Cost?** Concert, dessert and coffee or tea, only \$12.50. You may also wish to sample some of the fine wines (at your own cost). **How?** Phone 905-688-2362 or email concordiarec@brocku.ca to reserve your tickets. *Any other questions, please address to Linda Lantz, Karen McCumber or Dr. Wm. Mundt at the Seminary.*

PUBLIC WORSHIP AND THE H1N1 FLU CHALLENGE

A Statement from the President of Lutheran Church-Canada

The President of Lutheran Church-Canada, with input from the Committee on Music and Worship and encouraged by the church's Council of Presidents, issues the following pastoral message on the H1N1 flu challenge which is causing unrest in various countries and churches, including our own.

Treasured pastors and people:

God be merciful to you, and strengthen your faith. The news is filled with daily stories of the threat from the H1N1 flu virus, and concerns are being sounded in our member congregations also. Many focus specifically on the celebration of Holy Communion at this critical time, as well as other issues that arise in the regular worship gatherings of God's people.

The world around us will see these matters purely in medical and natural terms, as though our lives – and even our worship practices – are only subject to natural forces. As Christ's people, rooted in God's Word, we confess that He is our ultimate Helper and Protector. With regard to Holy Communion services, and especially the use of the common cup, it is vital to remember that this is not natural, but supernatural eating and drinking where the Lord Christ comes to us in His crucified and risen flesh for the forgiveness of sins. We eat and drink His body and blood, hidden beneath the forms of bread and wine. We eat and drink at His invitation, and with the promise that He will benefit and bless us. For this reason, I do not warn God's people to discontinue their use of the common cup as though the Lord would withdraw help and blessing from His table because of the presence of influenza in our land.

To be sure, congregations need to exercise wisdom in dealing with the H1N1 flu threat. They may wish to offer hand sanitizers throughout the church building for members and visitors to use. They may discourage worshippers from extensive physical contact, especially during the "sharing of the peace." Pastors who exhibit the symptoms of cold and flu will do well to take time away from services until they have recovered. Communicants who feel ill may choose to receive the sacrament from individual cups so as not to upset others nearby. Ushers and greeters ought to practice good hygiene, and if one feels the need to cough or sneeze, it is helpful to do it into a tissue or one's upper sleeve, rather than into the hands. Altar guilds are encouraged to take proper care of elements and vessels after the celebration of Holy Communion, washing the vessels thoroughly in hot, soapy water, and then fully towel drying them before putting them in a secure and clean place of storage. I encourage all pastors and people to take comfort in the way the Risen Lord keeps coming to us with forgiveness, life and help, both as His Good News is sounded in our services and as He feeds us at His sacred table. Made strong by His constant love, we do well to pray continually for our neighbours now struggling with the H1N1 flu, and to ask God's blessing on public health leaders and workers labouring to protect the people of Canada. I commend this need to your regular public and private prayers.

Robert Bugbee, President

November 2009

Advent Lessons & Carols: Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, invites you to join our service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This treasured annual event takes place this year on the Second Sunday in Advent, 6 December, at 4:00pm. The Seminary Choir will be joined by Resurrection Lutheran Choir, under the direction of Dianne Humann, with instrumental music by harp, violin, and organ. As members of the seminary community read lessons from the prophets that prepare for Christ's coming, the congregation and choirs sing beloved Advent hymns and carols. The service culminates with the announcement of the Christmas Gospel, by which the students anticipate Christmas just before leaving for the holidays. We heartily welcome you to join us for this service of Word, music, prayer, and praise.

Pray for persecuted Christians November 8: Thousands of Canadian Christians will participate in the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Sunday, November 8. According to International Day of Prayer Canada (IDOP Canada), more than 200 million Christians currently face persecution worldwide.

MATINS & BIBLE STUDY every Wed. at 9:00am

NO CATECHESIS this Wednesday due to the Pastors' Conference in Niagara Falls.

This Week Under Grace- November 8th, 2009

Today	9:15 am 10:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic after service	Bible Study Divine Service
Tuesday	9:00 am	Quilting
Wednesday	9:00 am 5:30-7:30pm	Matins & Bible Study Kindermusik
Thursday	9:30am-11:30am 7:30 pm	5:30pm-7:30pm Kindermusik Choir
Friday	9:00am – Noon	Confession& Absolution
Saturday	9:00am-1:00pm	Kindermusik
Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am	Bible Study Divine Service (C)