

Proper 28

Introit (sung responsively by half-verse)

The one who endures | to the end*
will | be saved.

Let mount Zion | be glad!*
**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your |
judgments!**

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels

that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God
forever and | ever.*
he will guide us for- | ever.

**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-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15th, 2009

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Sun. 10:30 am

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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: Daniel 12: 1-3

Epistle: Hebrews 10: 11-25

Holy Gospel: Mark 13: 1-13

The Nicene Creed is confessed on page 158.

“Thank the Lord” is sung on page 164

HYMNS: 337, 508, 655 (sung during offering), 531, 616, 793

Organist: Sandra Doyle

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. 8TH 90 Communion: 78

Offerings: Nov. 8th: Common: \$2,735; Building Fund: \$110; CLWR: \$54; Debt Reduction: \$110; Total: \$3,009.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES: Canadian Armed forces and every soldier fallen or injured in war; Jen and son Daniel; Cam Glazier (friend of Julie Hersey) ; 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 in the Community Christmas concert on December 12th following our Advent Dinner, please meet after church today upstairs in the balcony.

BAPTISM: The baptism of Dawson Hans James Muir is planned for next Sunday. Dawson is the infant son of Joshua and Brigitte Muir.

VOTERS' MEETING is planned for next Sunday, November 22nd after service. We will be looking to approve the 2010 budget among other items of business. All members are encouraged to attend.

A FRENCH HYMNAL: titled “Liturgies et Cantiques Luthériens” by Lutheran Church Canada was recently published and is the first of its kind. A copy was donated to Grace, Oshawa. If anyone is interested in looking at it, contact the church office.

EVANGELISM meeting this Wednesday November 18,2009 7:30p.m. at the church for a brainstorming session. All are welcome.

SAINTS' ALIVE: will be meeting this Wednesday Nov.18th at noon.

CARE BEARS will be meeting on Wed Nov 25 at 1:30 pm at the home of Viena Whalley.

ADVENT DINNER & COMMUNITY CAROL & CHRISTMAS CONCERT: is being held on Saturday December 12th with dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. The dinner will be a pot-blessing so please sign up for a main dish and dessert on the sheet provided and see Bob Rodmell to reserve your seat. The concert will follow at 7:30 pm and is open to everyone, so please invite family and friends. Goodie bags will be given to all children attending the concert and we will be serving cookies and hot chocolate following the presentation.

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.

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.

This Week Under Grace- November 15th, 2009		
Today	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:30 am	Divine Service Practice for Dec. 12 th Concert
Tuesday	9:00 am	Quilting
Wednesday	9:00 am	Matins & Bible Study
	12 noon	Saints Alive
	5:30-7:30pm	Kindermusik
	7:30 pm	Catechesis
	7:30 pm	Evangelism
Thursday	9:30am-11:30am	5:30pm-7:30pm Kindermusik
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday	9:00am – Noon	Confession & Absolution
Saturday	9:00am-1:00pm	Kindermusik
Sunday	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:30 am	Divine Service (C) Voter's Meeting Practice for Dec. 12 th Concert

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