

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a ²³“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a}whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 ¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38 ²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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Sunday November 9, 2025

Welcome Everyone!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Weekly Calendar:

- Monday:** Pastor’s day off
- Tuesday:** Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne
- Wednesday:** Pickleball 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Rose City Quilters 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Pastor in Welland
- Thursday:** Pastor in Welland
- Friday:** Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne
- Saturday:** Pickleball 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Upcoming Events & Dates To Remember

Please join us for our **Congregational Christmas Dinner** which will take place on Wednesday December 10 at The Blue Star Restaurant. Please RSVP to Rona in the Church office if you and a guest plan to attend, or email stmatts@cogeco.net. You can also call 905-734-4746. We have reserved the back Banquet Room for 5:30/6:00 (booked for 2 hrs). Approximately 25-30 people.

Dinner Menu Options: **Roast turkey** dinner (dark and white meat), homemade dressing, cranberry sauce and gravy served with mashed (or your choice of fries or roasted potatoes) plus veggie of the day. **\$19.99 per plate.**
Ukrainian trio choice of either 1 piece of white meat, or 2 pieces of dark meat, perogies and cabbage rolls. **\$19.99 per plate.**
Vegan option to be advised.

Dessert;
Choice of pie per slice \$5.75
Pumpkin
Coconut cream
Chocolate cream
Cheesecake \$6.99
Chocolate truffle cake \$6.99
Triple chocolate mousse \$6.99
Peanut butter cheesecake (Gluten Free) \$7.99

On Wednesday, December 3, 2025, the Lutheran Women are hosting their **Christmas luncheon** at M.T.Bellies Family Restaurant, 871 Niagara Street in Welland at 11:30 am. All ladies are invited to join us

in celebrating the Christmas season. Bring a friend if you wish! Contact Marilyn (905-732-5114) by November 30 if you are planning to attend.

Act of Remembrance - As we remember in silence before God those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, let us commend their souls anew to God’s eternal mercy and compassion, and let us pray that God would grant us grace to serve faithfully until our life’s end, to the honour and glory of God’s Holy Name.

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week’s service:

Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week’s service:

Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Last week’s attendance 18, last year’s attendance 21

Next Church Council meeting is Thursday November 20th at 10:00 am.

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord’s day. Our God is the God of the living.
Sundays and Seasons



GATHERING

Order of Confession.....ELW 94
Gathering Hymn.....ELW # 636
“How Small Our Span of Life”
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First ReadingJob 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9..... ELW
Second Reading2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Gospel Acclamation.....ELW Page 205
“Glory to you, O Lord”
Gospel Luke 20:27-38
“Praise to you, O Christ”

Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....ELW # 619
(vv. 1, 5-8)
“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”!
Prayers of Intercession
“Your mercy is great”
Sharing the Peace
Receiving the Offering and Offering Prayer

MEAL

Great ThanksgivingELW Page 206
Sanctus “Holy, Holy”..... ELW Page 207
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer ELW Page 208
O Lamb of GodELW Page 208
Communion HymnsELW # 437 & 622
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....ELW # 439
“Soon and Very Soon”

O Canada
Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.
“Thanks be to God”