



Sunday June 15, 2025

Welcome!

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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FIRST READING. Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

1 Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? 2 On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; 3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 4 “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.

22 “The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. 23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, 26 when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil. 27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, 29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, 30 then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, 31 playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

SECOND READING. Romans 5:1-5

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL. John 16:12-15

[Jesus said,] 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Monday: Pastor’s day off
Tuesday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne
Wednesday: Rose City Quilters 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm (first of the month)
Pastor in Welland
Thursday: Pastor in Welland
Friday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Upcoming Events & Dates To Remember

Our Lutheran Women (LW) is inviting all ladies to join us for our June Luncheon on **Wednesday June 18, 2025 @ 11:30 am** at Dominic’s on 20 Restaurant (Hwy 20 & Rice Road), Fonthill. Contact Anna Bosak for reservation, 905-732-4807 or email: boxbeme2010@gmail.com. Bring a friend and enjoy fellowship, fun and food!

Next Church Council Meeting is Thursday June 19 @ 10:00 am.

If anyone has round, hard plastic lids from cottage cheese or yogurt containers, could they please bring them into the Church, we need them for an upcoming craft event (face painting). Thank you.

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

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

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Scripture Reader - Heartland service
Prayers - Heartland service
Usher/Greeter – Heartland service
Counters – Heartland service

Attendance Sunday June 8 – 12, 1 year ago 19

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Service of the Word

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism.....(in worship guide)
Gathering Hymn.....ELW # 413
“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”
Kyrie.....ELW Page 213
Canticle of Praise.....ELW # vv. 1
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading.....Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8..... ELW
Second Reading..... Romans 5:1-5
Gospel Acclamation.....ELW Page 216
“Glory to you O Lord”
Gospel John 16:12-15
“Praise to you, O Christ”
Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....ELW # 398
“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”
Nicene Creed.....ELW Page 104
Prayers of Intercession
Sharing the Peace

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Hymn of ThanksgivingELW # TBA
“TBA”
Thanksgiving for the Word.....ELW Page 220
Lord’s Prayer.....ELW Page 221

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....ELW # 414
“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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