

Grace Lutheran Church

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5th Sunday in Lent
April 10, 2011

WORSHIP. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord, You are the Resurrection and the Life. With Martha, may we say, "I believe that You are the Messiah!" And like Lazarus, may we come forth from our tombs when You call us. Continue to raise all Your people to new life this day and every day.

O Son of God, revive our hearts and restore our souls.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As Printed

HYMNS: 756; 552; 752

CHOIR ANTHEM: *It Should Have Been Me*

CHIME DUET: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (pg.724)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:1-11 (pg.944)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:17-27, 38-53 (46-53)

SERMON: Is That All There Is?- John 11:11-14, 38-44

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! By God's grace we are privileged to worship and grow in Christ through our worship and Bible study opportunities this morning. We are pleased to have you be a part of this. If it is your first time with us, help us to get to know you by signing our guest book, and introduce yourself to the Pastor. We hope that you will join us again as we worship and praise God for His goodness to us in Christ Jesus, our Saviour.

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: Current 546.55; Building Fund 325.50; CLMS (Lent) 10.00; Strathroy 175.00; Loose 5.00

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 30 ('10:15). Sunday School: 4

PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP after the service today! Refreshments are provided this month by Marianne Issendorf Susan Campbell.

PLEASE USE OUR RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP: Recording the presence of our **members, visitors and friends** each week is an “**Act of Friendship**” because it allows us to know who is sitting down the pew from us. Please fill out this form and pass it down the pew. When it reaches the end, pass it back up to the centre aisle. Say hello to those who have joined you in worship today!

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Special Needs: Gail Bugbee, John Crowther, Melvin and Geraldine Dale, Else Jacobsen, Frank Kleiber, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Betty Muir. The concerns in Japan; our congregation, as we begin the call process.

Homebound: Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Erna Kampken, Marsha Kennedy, Jean Mountenay

Family Focus: Charlie, Colleen, Corey, Audrey and Dalton Gobert; Paul and Ana Greksa; Paul, Marta, John Paul and Marian Greksa; Dieter Groneberg.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Haiti Lutheran Mission Society*

God has blessed the work in Haiti, even in spite of the setbacks after the devastation caused by the earthquake. Churches are being rebuilt, but the work and the needs continue. Your gift helps the work of the Gospel in this land so in need of God's Word of truth.



JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN SERVICE this Wednesday at 7:15 p.m., as we journey to the cross, and give thanks to God for the blessings of life and forgiveness that come from our dear Saviour. Soup supper begins at 6:20 p.m.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GUILD will host their Guild Day, Saturday, April 30th, at 8:30 a.m. Special guests Rev. Ron and Karen Mohr will present musical entertainment. Registration should be sent to Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary by Friday, April 15th, to the attention of Bonnie Stephenson at 470 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, ON L2T 4C3. Cost is \$3.00 for the day and \$12.00 for the luncheon.



OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES help us remember how Jesus suffered, died and rose again to save us from sin, death and hell.

We invite you to worship with us at these special services:

Thurs., April 21 7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Communion

Fri., April 22 9:00 a.m. Grace Good Friday Worship

10:30 a.m. Good Friday Worship

Sun., April 24 11:00 a.m. Easter Resurrection Celebration w/Communion

(9:00 a.m. Easter Service w/ Communion at Grace)

Invite others to join us, as we share this great and glorious news of the Living Lord with our friends and family. Invite them to breakfast, too! We begin at 8:30 a.m. and serve until 10:15 am. Grace's breakfast, begins at 8:00 a.m.

HYMN OF THE MONTH: *Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?*

Paul Gerhardt was an excellent pastor and the best hymn writer the Church has ever known. He wrote a total of 133 hymns. Many of the outward circumstances of his life were gloomy, but his hymns are full of cheerful trust. They show a great faith in a God, who always gives His grace to those who are His through faith in Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Crosses, sadness, death, and distress even come to the Christian. But the treasures of this life are not that to which the Christian clings. In Christ we have treasures that will last forever. Christ is near, and He is ours. He is the helper who knows how to end our suffering. He gives us good days and tempers our ill. Even death cannot destroy the Christian. It only opens the way to heaven's eternal glory.



AS WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION on Easter Sunday, we will again gather for breakfast before worship. There is a sign-up list for those items you wish to contribute to this effort.

Join us for the fellowship, with breakfast served as 8:00 a.m. Speak to Kim Wiersema for more information.

FLY NEWS

Our next meeting will be on April 30th at 2:00pm here at the church! Join us for games, snacks and fun! Invite a friend!!

JOIN US IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FAITH'S SERVICE TODAY for a brief congregational meeting! This meeting will give guidance to our trustees regarding the installation of a lift. We will also discuss the elders proposal regarding calling a senior pastor.

A SPECIAL LUNCHEON to honour those "more precious than gold" - our 70+ ladies, will be held on Saturday, April 16th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the adult Bible study room. Ladies, please let the office know that you will be attending. Speak to Pam Oelke or Brenda Bode for more information.



EASTER IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY for you to invite family and friends to join us in the wonderful message of the Saviour, who destroyed death and the grave through His resurrection from the dead. Holiday times are occasions in which people are more open to the invitations that we make. To help you share the schedule of our Holy Week services with your friends, we have prepared some flyers, which are at the entrance ways of the church. Please take as many as you need. Leave them with your neighbours. Give them to your relatives and friends. Like the women who couldn't wait to tell others the good news the angel gave, "He is not here; He is risen, as He said", let us also go and share the hope that God has given us through His Son.

Invite them to breakfast, too! We begin at 8:30 and serve until 10:15 am.

WE REJOICE WITH PEACE LUTHERAN IN TILLSONBURG as they dedicate their new building this afternoon. You are invited to join them for this joyous event at 60 Young St., Tillsonburg. (intersection of Hwy 3 & 19). The service will be at 3:00 p.m. A pot-blessing dinner will follow.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Is scheduled for Monday, May 30th, 2011 at Sawmill Golf Course in Fenwick at 11:30 am. The \$100/person registration fee includes A BBQ lunch, green fees, golf cart, chicken/rib combo dinner, dessert and prizes. We are also collecting prizes! If you would like to make a donation to the prize table, please send it to the East District Office at 275 Lawrence Ave. In Kitchener or to the seminary at 470 Glenridge Ave in St. Catharines by May 23rd. If you would like your prize donation to be picked up, please contact Linda Lantz at 905-688-2362, ext.22.

PASTOR BODE will be attending the synodical convention 'floor committee' meeting in Winnipeg Thursday - Saturday. Please pray for the safety of those travelling, and for the wisdom to work for the good of our church and synod.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Office Prayer/Staff Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study @ Parsonage (Bode)
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastors-St. Peter's Simcoe
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	LWML
	7:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Elders
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study @ Marie Nixon's
Sat.	11:00 a.m.	"More Precious Than Gold" Women's Lunch
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship