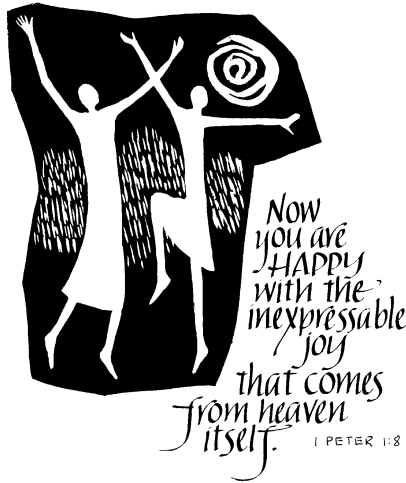


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*Second Sunday of Easter*  
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**WORSHIP. . . . . 9:00 a.m.**

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Like Thomas, O Lord, we have doubted Your presence among us, and we have wondered if You are truly real. In those moments when we waver in our faith, reach out to us, O Lord. Touch us in some special way, and help us to feel that You are near.

*Ever-present Lord, let us know that You are real.*

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**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Confession and Absolution. . . . . p. 151  
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**HYMNS:** 593; 818; 527

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 5:29-42 (pg. 913)

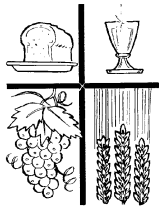
**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Peter 1:3-9 (pg. 1014)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 20:19-31 (pg. 906)

**SERMON:** Hope Far Greater Than our Hurt - 1 Peter 1:3-9

**WELCOME** to all members and visitors with us this morning. On this glorious day, we celebrate the best news the world has ever known: Jesus Christ is risen, the victor over death and the grave. We gather in His name each week, to celebrate this joyous event, and to rejoice that our life is in Him, who gives life now and forever. We are glad you have joined us today, and hope you will join us again. Introduce yourself to our pastors. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:** 458.00; Missions 30.00; Building Fund 85.00; CLMS 35.00; Flowers 8.00; Easter (Grace Building) 35.00; Memorial Fund 25.00; Strathroy 80.00; VBS 10.00; Loose 35.00



**THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION** in which our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-

Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service. All are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing—just cross your arms across your chest and the pastors and elder will know how to respond.

As we come to the Lord's Table today, we prepare our hearts by asking:

- † Do I believe that the Risen Christ is my only Lord and Saviour from sin, death and the devil?
- † Do I believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood?
- † Do I resolve to dedicate, with the help of God, my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, thankful living and sacrificial living?

You may also wish to use the prayers before communing and after receiving the Sacrament, printed on the inside cover of the hymnal. You can also use Luther's *Christian Questions and Answers*, on p. 329 of the hymnal.

### **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 Doris Jensen, Erna Kampken.

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

**Family Focus:** Nelson and Judy Highfield; David, Sharon, Sarah, Matt and Rachael Holden; Ralph, Lynn, Nydia, Nicole, Madison and Marissa Humphrey

**OUR MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND BANQUET** is soon approaching! Ladies don't forget to mark May 10<sup>th</sup> on your Calendar!

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Good Friday 25; Easter Sunday 29 ('10:22).

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Ark Aid Mission: There are more and more 'street people' in our world. Ark Aid seeks to reach out, teach and encourage people in their needs. Your support helps with this growing need.

### **MEMORIALS / SPECIAL GIFTS:**

- to the **Memorial Fund**, in memory of *Viola Coombes* from Betty Muir.
- to the **Chimers**, in memory of *Viola Coombes* from Tom and Shirley Mitchell.
- to the **Capital Improvement Fund** (lift), in memory of *Viola Coombes* from Marie Nixon and Anna Wissing.



**OUR SPRING CLEANUP** at Faith is on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Mark the date on your calendar, and lend a hand as we care for God's church.

**PASTOR AND BRENDA** will be travelling to Calgary this week to look for a home. Please keep them in your prayers, that God will grant them safe travel and guide them through the transition ahead.

**WE THANK YOU, OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST** for your prayers, remembrances, cards and encouragement in these days, as we mourn the loss of mother and grandmother. Your reflexion of God's love has once again been a true blessing to us, and your thoughtfulness is most appreciated. God bless you for your kindness and encouragement!

In His love *Brenda, Pastor and family*

**OUR MAY BIBLE STUDIES** will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, instead of on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. This is to accommodate Pastor Bode's schedule in May. The next study will be at the Mulligans'. We invite you to join us as we gather around God's Word in our discussion on heaven and hell and the glorious life we have in the living Lord, Jesus Christ!



### **FLY NEWS**

Our next FLY meeting will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm! Please meet at the Church for an afternoon of Christian fellowship, games and snacks! Bring a friend!

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Office Prayer/Staff Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study @ Bode's
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Pastors at Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 p.m.	Church Council
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
<b>Sat.</b>	7:30 p.m.	Choir
	9:00 a.m.	Spring Cleanup
<b>Sun.</b>	10:00a.m.	Circuit Forum-Tillsonburg
	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship w/ Holy Communion

**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! Please use this form to register for Holy Communion, too.



**LCC CONVENTION NEWS:** “*In Your Light, we see Light*” *Psalm 36:9* is the theme for our LCC Convention, which will be held at the Hamilton Convention Centre & Sheraton Hotel on June 3-6, 2011. Only once in a decade does a national convention of Lutheran Church-Canada come to this part of the country. You are invited to join hundreds of other LCC Lutherans as part of the congregation at the 2011 LCC Convention Opening Service June 3 @ 8:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Hamilton.

**JOIN US TODAY AFTER SERVICE AT FAITH** for the pre-call meeting with our district president, Pastor Paul Zabel. We ask that our members take a few moments and fill out a survey of pastoral expectations if you haven't already done so online. You can fill in the form online, but only by entering the following link: <http://www.faithlutheranlondon.com/church/survey>. Printed copies are available at the entrances. We appreciate your returning these as soon as possible. We also have a form on which you can make a referral for consideration. It can be found at <http://www.kahleinfotech.com/church/nomination.html>



**OUR GRACE PLANNING COMMITTEE** will meet on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Mulligans'. As we look at the ways we can work together to strengthen our young church we ask for your prayers and for your participation that day. Let the Mulligans know that you will be able to join us.

**GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH**  
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**A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE**