

Grace

Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 5, 2011

WORSHIP. **9:00 a.m.**

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Christ, You were sent down to earth to save us, and for that reason, we are now Your people. Show us how to live as Your people in this world. Guide our words and actions so that they may bring glory to You and glory to the Father. In the end, may Your name be known to all people everywhere.

Glorious Lord, by Your grace bring glory to the world.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Service of Holy Communion.. as printed

HYMNS: 537; 660; 477

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-11 (pg. 909)

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23 (pg. 996)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:44-53 (pg. 885)

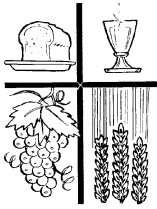
SERMON: A Mission Given to All Believers- Acts 1:1-11

A JOYOUS WELCOME to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Faith your church.



JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP downstairs following the service this morning. We thank the Aitken's and Rosemarie Gmehlin for hosting.

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: Current 242.75; Building Fund 40.00; Missions 30.00; Strathroy 171.00. **PTL!**



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.

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.



FUNERALS

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Ron and Deb Moes and their family at the death of Ron's father. And also to Doreen Varey and her family at the death of her dear friend, Velma. We pray that God would comfort these families with His everlasting love and comfort.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!! Don't forget that next week there is only 1 service, held at Faith, as we bid farewell to Pastor Bode. We are arranging car-pooling. The service begins at 10:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 26 ('10:28); Sunday School: 5

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, Juliana Schieman, Konrad Gmehlin, Marianne Issendorf, Michael Dieterle .

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

Family Focus: Maria Kern; Ritva Kingo; Paul, Marianne, Tyler and Ashley Kippax; Kimble, Roxanne, Jaimie and Christl Kirschner.

R.S.V.P FAREWELL & GODSPEED OPEN HOUSE: You are invited to a farewell open house for Pastor and Brenda on Saturday, June 11th at 2:30 p.m. Parish members, colleagues, family and friends are invited to an informal gathering inside & outside (weather permitting), under tents. At 4:30 p.m. dinner will be provided (we ask that you bring a salad or dessert - there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board). We are asking those from around the circuit and district to RSVP. We also ask that you bring your own lawn chair.

Pastor Bode will preach his last service at Faith and Grace on June 12th.

OUR CALL MEETING with President Zabel will be held on Sunday, June 26th. We appreciate all those who have filled in pastoral expectation forms, and if you have any suggestions to be included on the call list, an online form is available at <http://www.kahleinfotech.com/church/nomination.html>.



OUR MIDWEEK SUMMER SERVICES will begin the last Wednesday in June. These services have been a blessing to many of our members, especially as weekend travel time increases in the summer. They are also a great opportunity for worship for those who work on weekends. Don't miss the opportunity for worship; take advantage of this chance to be in God's house. We begin June 29th, at 7:15 p.m. **Our Sunday schedule** will change on the Second Sunday in June (12th) . At that time, worship will be at 8:30 a.m. Faith will hold their services at 10:15 a.m. the following week. This schedule will continue until after Labour Day.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Office Prayer/Staff meeting
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers and Choir Social @ Bodes'
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study @ Martha Fonger's
Sat.	2:30 p.m.	Farewell & Godspeed Open House @ Faith
	4:30 p.m.	Farewell & Godspeed Dinner @ Faith
Sun.	10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship @ Faith w/Holy Communion

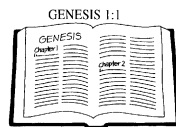
PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS. The past few months have been a bit tougher for us financially, as offerings have dropped off a bit. We know that God provides us with all we need, and that He will still provide. As you make good use of His gifts to you, please remember Him who first gave you all things, as you return to Him your firstfruits in faith and trust.

THE BODES' PHONE NUMBER has been disconnected. You can still reach them through the Peers' number: 519-204-8580.



MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Church-Canada
LCC Sunday is in June. This year we also have our synodical convention in Hamilton which brings us together to consider the greater work we do together as part of the "church at large". LCC is vital to the whole work of our church in missions, in training pastors and other church workers, and in helping preserve the unity of faith and confession we share with others. Your gift can do so much!

PASTOR BODE is attending the LCC convention in Hamilton this weekend. Please pray for him and for all the delegates, both for safe travel tomorrow and a spirit of cooperation that brings the work of the church together.



THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE has set a date for the trip to the Creation Museum in Kentucky. It will be in August. Speak to the Livingstone or to the Balasch families for more information.



OUR BIBLE STUDY is in recess now, during the summer months. We truly appreciate all the members who opened their homes, so that we could gather for the study of God's Word. We will let you know when we resume in the fall, and look forward to sharing together in God's Word of Life.

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, we have had a committee working on a revision of our church constitution. Their work has now resulted in a copy for review and discussion! We have copies available in the tract racks outside the office and by the member mailboxes. Every family will be given a copy once it is adopted, but please pick up a copy and look it over, as we begin the "adoption process."



AS THE WEATHER BECOMES WARM AND SUNNY there are many activities that tempt us to miss church on Sunday. While we need the time of recreation and relaxation—in fact, that is one of the reasons why God gave us the Sabbath, we still need to remember that God's Word is the "one thing needful". Do not let the devil get you out of the habit of worship; don't think of it as an option each week. Faithfully set aside time to be in the Lord's house; to meet with our God, and to be fed, nourished and forgiven by Him; to be strengthened for the life we still live in this sinful world. God calls us here to be in His glorious presence, that He may bless us. Let us take the time to honour Him who is our forgiveness, life and salvation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN THE PARK: We once again hold a one day VBS in the park as an outreach of our Grace parish. VBS Will be Wednesday July 27th, from 9:00 am until 3:30 and will focus on God's creation. Please give prayerful thought to how you can serve.

God is So Good To Us! I offer to serve Him in Vacation Bible School as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd a class | <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd's assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts co-ordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Challenge Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal/Kitchen co-ordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen staff | |

I will sponsor a child (\$5.00 each)

Signed: _____