

# Grace Lutheran Church

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**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**  
September 4, 2011

WORSHIP. .... 8:30 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Compel us, O Lord, to gather in Your name as often as we can. As we pray and worship together, sing songs and rejoice together, comfort and care for one another, reveal Your presence with us in a more profound way, that we may grow to know each other even more as brothers and sisters in Christ.

*O Lord of unity, bring us together to glorify You.*

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### OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As Printed

**HYMNS:** 579, 820, 766

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekial 33:7-9 (pg.721)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 13:1-10 (pg.948)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 18:1-20 (pg.823)

**SERMON:** Handling God's People's Problems- Matthew 18:15-20

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.

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:** Current 245.00; Missions 10.00; Building Fund 25.00; Strathroy 150.00; Loose 5.00 **PTL!**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 26 ('10: 22)



**HOLY COMMUNION** - One of the great blessings of our Lord's Passion is the gift of His Body and Blood, given for the forgiveness of sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament in our worship this morning, we remember that it was our sins which caused His death, and give thanks for the Saviour who gives us His very body and blood that we may have forgiveness through faith in His promises. We welcome to the Lord's altar all members of Lutheran Church-Canada, and those in fellowship with LCC who desire to commune with us; we ask guests and visitors to speak with the pastor or an elder before the service.

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, Doris Jensen, Erna Kampken, Juliana Schieman, Konrad Gmehlin, Marianne Issendorf, Michael Dieterle, Susan Gajdos, Elsie Wilker, David Biederman, Christopher Atkinson, Sarah Holden, Bob Scott and family, Dr. Roger Winger and family.



**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Erna Kampken, Marsha Kennedy, Jean Mountenay  
**Family Focus:** Brad and Juliana Schieman; Gord Schweyer; Ann, Benjamin, Diane & Emily Sears; Michelle Shaw

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> IS OUR "RALLY DAY"**, as we rejoice in the privilege and joy of studying God's Word. This is a special day for our Sunday School as we install our teachers and staff and present bibles to the parents of our grade three students. It is also the week we return to our normal service schedule. Come and join us in this time of thanks and praise.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** resumes Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The choir adds a special element to our worship, and we invite you to join us as we raise our voices in praise God.

**DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE HYMN?** Let Pastor know if know if there is one in particular that you love to hear and sing!

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Bob Scott and his family at the death of his dear wife Carol Scott. Also to Rev. Dr. Roger Winger, president emeritus of Lutheran Church-Canada East District and his family, at the death of his dear wife Della Winger. We pray that God would comfort these families with His everlasting love and comfort.

**GROUPS AND COMMITTEES:** As we begin our Fall season here at Faith, please remember to mark your meeting dates and times on the large calendar outside the office door. This is a great help to office staff in order to accurately announce up and coming events in the bulletins and calendars.



**DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP THE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR** from your mailboxes this morning. Many events and groups begin again in September and we hope you will be a part of them. Take special note of our Bible studies:

- Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the church, we will continue our LifeLight study. Come join us, there's always room for more!
- Grace bible studies resume on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm.
- Pastor Castillo wants to know if there are other times and topics that you would like for bible study. We can offer other classes, so that you can grow in the Word. Let the pastor know what interests you.




**COME OUT AND JOIN US** for chimers each Wednesday evening, starting on Wednesday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. New Players are welcome!

**DO YOU HAVE POP CANS TO RECYCLE?** If so, please consider saving the tabs. The LWML collects them and so does Sara Gauld who is making bracelets with them to support ALS research!

**THE COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY EVENT** at Faith will be held this September. We hope that you will keep Saturday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> open, as we gather to welcome the neighbours, and to reach out as we share our church and it's ministry.

**SEMINARY OPENING SERVICE:** You are invited to attend the opening service for the 36th academic year at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, on Sunday, September 11th, at 4:00 p.m. The service will be held in the seminary's Martin Luther Chapel, 470 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines. If you cannot attend, please pray for the students as they begin their studies, for the seminary faculty that they may be faithful in their calling, and for God to raise up benefactors for our seminary whose gifts will ensure that this important work continues. For more information, please call 905-688-2362 or e-mail concordia@brocku.ca .

**See You There!**  **CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN:** on September 6<sup>th</sup>, for all 2<sup>nd</sup> year returning students and catechumens who will be confirmed on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Letters will be sent out to the parents of new first year students in September, letting them know when confirmation classes will start for them.

**WE'RE BACK TO NORMAL** this week, with a whole host of meetings and classes. Bible studies resume, as does the Council meeting and Trustee meeting schedule. Choir and Chimers begin again and confirmation meetings will kick off another year of learning. Sunday morning service times return to 9:00 a.m. at Grace; 11:00 a.m. at Faith; Sunday School and bible study at 9:30 a.m. Your participation is valuable to the whole family of God- and the opportunities for learning and worship feed us on the life-giving Word of God.

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Office Prayer/Staff Meeting
<b>Tues.</b>	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
	8:00 p.m.	Council
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
<b>Sat.</b>	10:00 a.m.	English District Meeting
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship w/Holy Communion



"I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT ..."