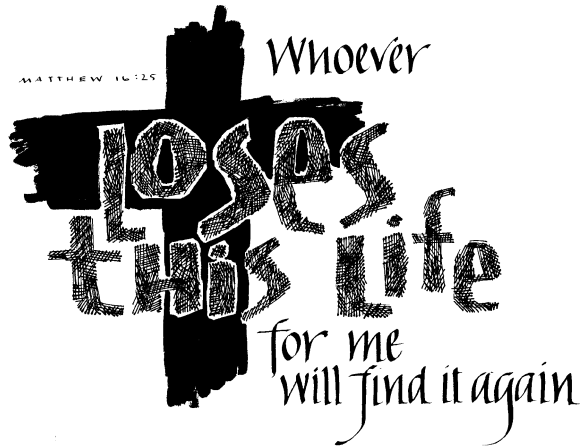


# Grace Lutheran Church

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**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

September 25, 2011

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

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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.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Saviour from sin, forgive us for often putting our plans ahead of Your plans, and for often wanting You to follow our wills instead of Your own. Help us to trust in You wholeheartedly, and to have the faith that Your way is best.

*O Christ crucified for us, we cling to Your promises.*

+ *Preparation* +

**Sharing of Peace:** We greet one another with the peace of Christ.

**Opening Hymn:** LSB # 331

**Order of Divine Service, Setting I** LSB # 151

+ **Service of the Word** +

**Introit**

P: The Lord lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

C: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

P: The Lord builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

C: He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.

P: He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.

C: Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P: The Lord lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

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Hymn of praise: Glory to God in the Highest p. 154

Salutation & Collect of the Day p. 156

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Bible p.692

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18 Bible p.980

Alleluia and Verse p.156

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:23-27 Bible p.826

Hymn of the Day: LSB # 704

SERMON: We Need a New Heart! - Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Apostles Creed p. 159

Prayer of the Church p. 159

Offertory: What Shall I Render p. 159

Lords Prayer p. 162

Collect and Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn: LSB # 801

+ Soli Deo Gloria!

**“WORSHIP ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION”** Recording the presence of our **Visitors and members** each week really is an **“Act of Friendship”** because it allows us to know who is sitting down the pew for us and it enables the church to respond to the needs of our members and visitors alike. Please take the time to fill this Form out and pass it down the pew.

**A CHRISTIAN WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR** presented by Alfred Feth, will be held today at Faith, following the Divine Service. All are welcome to attend.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** In the interest of saving paper and time, periodic contribution statements have not been issued this year. If you wish to know your total contributions to date please advise the financial secretary, Lisa Bilty, directly.

**AN EAST DISTRICT CONVENTION MEETING** will be held on Nov. 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m at Faith Lutheran church, 247 Westmount Road East, Kitchener ON. Attendees can pre-register with Linda Lingard (\$10.00) at 71 Ellis Cres. North, Waterloo ON, N2J 3N5 by October 21. Cheques are to be made out to LLL East District. At this Convention Meeting, we will be presenting the new Constitution and By Laws for approval. We will also be electing the President and Secretary for the next term. Further information, including the proposed new Constitution and By Laws as well as a map to the meeting location are posted at [www.lll.ca](http://www.lll.ca).

**A VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING** will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Faith. Discussions will include the installation of Pastor Scholz, the renovations at Grace and other topics. All are encouraged to attend.

**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, Konrad Gmehlin, Marianne Issendorf, Michael Dieterle, Susan Gajdos, Elsie Wilker, David Biederman, Christopher Atkinson, Sarah Holden, Ellen Phillips.

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

**Family Focus:** Ben, Sandra, Sarah, Jamie and Matthew Stewart; Sandra Stockman; David and Imogen Strike, Christian and Amy Strike.

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:** Current 141.00; Missions 5.00; Building Fund 30.00; Strathroy 75.00; Loose 5.00 **PTL!**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 27 ('10:25)

**COME JOIN IN THE FUN!** The Outreach Committee is hoping to add a minimum of two members from Grace to it's Committee! If you would like more information about joining this group, please contact David Livingstone or Judy Balasch for details.

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Office Prayer/Staff Meeting
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Pastors at Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
<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.	Sunday School Teachers
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship

**The Need Next Door**

I said, "Yes, Lord, I'll go where you call me  
And I'll do what you want me to do."

But how could I know as I knelt there,  
That he'd ask me to stay here with you?

I thought surely he'd call me to China  
Or to Africa's far away shore.  
I would gladly have sailed o'er the ocean,  
But he whispered, "I need you next door."

It's the faraway task that seems brightest  
And the grass seems more green o'er the way;  
But how can he use me afar off,  
If I fail those I meet every day?

It's so easy to look past my neighbor  
Who has needs only God can supply;  
God forgive me if I, like the Levite,  
Have been passing some suff'ring one by.

—Author unknown