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Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

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WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Make us clean, O Lord. Purify us of all sin by Your precious blood. Wash away the evil from our lives. And take away everything that would lead us away from You.

Cleansing Christ, make us Your new creations.



WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU in the name of our Saviour, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. If you do not have a church that you call home, we invite you to make Grace your spiritual home. Amid the trials and tribulations of life it's good that we can come to our Lord for strength through His Word. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, and fill in the "Worship attendance registration" at the end of the pew.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 4. pg. 203
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 852; 394; 782

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (pg.311)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:(19-30) 31-11:1 (pg.958)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:40-45 (pg.837)

SERMON: We Are Clean Because Jesus Is Willing (Mark 1:40-45)

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Hour Ministries

Whether it is providing evangelism training for individuals and congregations or family oriented resources for children, Lutheran Hour Ministries continues to work to bring Christ to the Nations.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 32 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3

OFFERINGS: Current 281.30; Missions 5.00; Building Fund 40.00; Loose 5.00 *Praise the Lord!*

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, Alan and Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Doris and Niels Jensen, Erna Kampken, Michael Dieterle, Susan Gajdos, David Biederman, Christopher Atkinson, Sarah Holden, Ellen Phillips, Marianne Issendorf, Pastor Kenneth Voege, Pastor Paul Pollex, Pastor Dan Abraham, Pastor Oscar Castillo, Konrad and Rosemarie Gmehlin

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

Family Focus: Dieter Groneberg; Katharina Gross; Ruslan and Claire Guzanov; Chad and Tammy Harris



FAMILY DAY- FREE SKATE: Sponsored by the Outreach Committee on **February 20th from 1:30 - 2:30** at Nichols Arena - Ice Pad B. Everyone is welcome! Bring All your Friends and Neighbours!

From 2:30 - 3:30 We will be serving refreshments and snacks back at the church. We are looking for a few volunteers to set up the refreshments at the church while the skate is happening. If you are willing to help please contact the church office or David Livingstone.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the position of secretary at Faith. Michelle sincerely thanks all of the congregation for their love and support over the last year and has enjoyed the position immensely. The position requires working Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 12:00 and would begin as soon as possible. General office and computer skills are required; familiarity with WordPerfect is an asset. To apply, leave your resume with Ed Oelke, chairman of the trustees.



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.

ESTHER- THE MUSICAL: This Musical is a romantic drama based on the book of Esther in the Bible that recounts the story of a young Jewish woman who becomes Queen of Persia. Set in 479 BC we are transported back to the luxurious Persian Court and caught up with Esther in the struggles of her people.

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2012 - matinee at 2:00 pm

Price: Adults \$14 Children \$7 (under 14)

Where: Imperial Theatre, 168 Christina St. N., Sarnia

If you are interested in attending the matinee, please contact Brenda Ryan at 519-786-6525 or rbryan@xcelco.on.ca no later than Tuesday, February 21st.

FAITH LIFE FINANCIAL will host Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 21st 5:00 - 6:30 PM at Faith. Freewill offering proceeds will go to Capital Improvements - Lift.

LENTEN SERVICES



THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT begin next week on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. We hope you will join us Wednesdays 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. Our theme will be "Questions of

Lent". Join us for our soup suppers at 6:20 p.m. Help us host this meal together, and come and join us for the food God gives for the body, and the food He provides for the soul. The sign-up list is on the "Forward in Faith" bulletin board.

COME OUT AND JOIN US on Saturday March 3rd for a Mission presentation about the Nicaragua church. Rev. Oscar Castillo, Rev. Gary Kuenzel and Mr. Gregory Munz will speak about the church in Nicaragua and it's challenges to proclaim God's Word in this nation. Afterwards there will be a light Spanish dinner. A freewill offering will be accepted. Come and learn about the Church in Nicaragua.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Mon. | 7:30 p.m. | Outreach Committee |
| Tues. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Meeting & Prayers |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | 7:30 p.m. | LWML |
| Wed. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Chimers |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Choir |
| Thurs. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Grace Bible Study |
| Sun. | 9:00 a.m. | Grace Morning Worship |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School/Bible Study |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Congregational Annual Meeting @ Faith |



"FRANKLY, THIS MAKES ME A LITTLE NERVOUS."