

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

WORSHIP SERVICE. . . . . 10:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Prince of Peace, provide us with the comfort and counsel that you alone can give. Quiet our minds with your words of hope and soothe our aching bodies with your healing touch. Grant us rest and renewal in your loving embrace.

*O blessed Lord, bless us with your peace.*

**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:** Confession and Absolution. . . . . p. 151  
Prayer and Preaching. . . . . p. 260  
Commissioning of EMV volunteers

**HYMNS:** 849; 556; 411

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 16:9-15 (p.925)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 (p.1041)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 16:23-33 (p.903)

**SERMON:** "God Hears the Prayers of the Believer!" - John 16:23-33

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "The Prayer a Faithful Mother Would Love" (John 17:20-26)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

The love of a faithful mother or father reflects the deeper love God has for us in Jesus Christ. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:****ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Lorne Campbell**ALTAR GUILD:** Lynn Kearns, Betty Catanzariti**ACOLYTE:** Logan Mulligan**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Special Needs:** Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Alan and Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voege, Nancy Curtis, David Holden, David Chamberlain, Harold and Leone Sillers, Tom Mitchell

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Moutenay, Melvin Dale

**Family Focus:** Mike and Susan Ohler; Michael, Natasha, Rhiannon and Matthew Ohler; Bill, Vicky, Margaret and Chrissy Orłowski; Rudi and Lynn Pahl

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 40 (\*12:66)**BIBLE CLASS:** 7**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 5

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts	Current	Missions	Building
	<b>\$575.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
Needed Weekly	<b>\$352.70</b>	<b>\$49.47</b>	<b>\$57.69</b>

**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Flowers 13.50; Loose 25.00 **PTL!**

**FAITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be August 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We will explore the theme: "TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN - Where Jesus Christ is Lord". Judy Balasch is our director - we are in need of teachers as well as other volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this rewarding ministry, please contact one of the pastors or the church office.

**BE SURE TO "LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK!** Join Faith Lutheran Church's new online community at [www.facebook.com/faithlutheranlondon](http://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranlondon).

**OUR EVERY MEMBER VISITATION (EMV)** begins this week!

Pray for our visitors as they make contact with members over the next two weeks. May God bless our efforts and strengthen our unity in Christ Jesus, our Lord!

**FAITH/GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** has organized a trip to Nicaragua for December of 2013 to hold VBS, Adult Bible Study and to undertake some construction projects. This team will organize a few fundraising activities this year. If you would like to donate to this Mission trip, please write "*Jesus Salva Mission*" on your envelope beside "*other*".

**ELECTRONIC DEPOSITS:** We have now set up electronic deposits for offerings through LCC - East District. There is no cost to you if you choose to use this method. The amount will come out of your bank account on the first day of every month. If you are interested in more information or would like to start using this deposit method, please contact Barb Werner.



**ONE DAY VBS AT GRACE:** We are looking for a VBS co-ordinator and other volunteers. If you are interested in leading this outreach activity or in helping, please speak with one of the pastors.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "God does not require mothers and fathers to sacrifice their children so that others might live well or fear less. God made the sacrifice for us. The cross of Jesus Christ is the reminder of amazing grace on pitifully desperate people. The cross tells us that no one else—not even a 'fetus' (Latin: young one)—needs to be sacrificed." Linda Bartlett, [www.titus2-4life.org](http://www.titus2-4life.org) - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** The Ark

The Ark's mission objective is to aid their neighbours in need. They provide tools and services to help people get back on their feet and start more productive and joyful lives.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to bring God our regular offerings and tithes as well for the ongoing work of His Church. God calls us here to be in His glorious presence, that He may bless us. Let us commit ourselves to Him who is our forgiveness, life and salvation.



**WE THANK THOSE** who organized our Open House that was held last Sunday, Leap of Faith who played for us during the service and all the members who brought goodies and refreshments.

**EDLYA SPRING RETREAT:** Our next retreat will be held at Loving Saviour Lutheran Church in Barrie May 24<sup>th</sup> - May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Pastor Harold Ristau will be leading our discussions on Christian Ethics: how the “church” affects our lives. Ruth Pollex will be organizing a London carpooling group - please let her know if you need a ride by emailing [London@edlya.ca](mailto:London@edlya.ca)



**OUTREACH COMMITTEE** is looking for more members to help in the planning, organizing and maintaining of Grace’s Outreach efforts. If you have any ideas for future Outreach events, time for a few meetings, and enjoy organizing and attending social activities, please consider serving on this committee. We would welcome you to speak to a committee member: Ken and Sharon Beecroft, and Brenda Ryan.

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS** and bring them in to Grace. You can place them in the designated container.



**ASCENSION DAY AT OUR SAVIOUR, LONDON:** Considered to one of the world’s strongest men, Lutheran Church-Canada pastor Reverend Kevin Fast will be the guest speaker following the annual Ascension Day Supper. Pastor Fast will also be the guest preacher at the Ascension Day Divine Service. The Ascension Supper begins at 6:00 pm on May 9 and the Divine Service is at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the Ascension Day Supper may be reserved by calling Our Saviour at 519-455-4730 or by sending an email to [dr.voege@gmail.com](mailto:dr.voege@gmail.com). Adults: \$6.00; Children (5-12): \$3.00; Under 4: Free



**FLOWER SALE:** Just in time for Mothers’ Day, you can order a variety of plants to help our fundraising efforts to support Jesus Salva Mission trip. Order forms are available now. If you would like more information, please speak with Carol Wilkinson or one of the other committee members. The flowers can be picked up on Saturday, May 11; the time is still to be determined. Orders are due today.

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Can you help? We are in need of coffee, creamer, and cookies for our post-service coffee time. Please sign up for what you are willing to bring on the sheet posted in the parish hall. Thank you!

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND POT BLESSING** will be held Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Faith at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and good food. Ladies of all ages are welcome.

**Thanks!** to all those who came out last Saturday to clean the church. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



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**A SMILE:** A story is told about one very rich man who told Peter at the gates of heaven that, because God had blessed him with great riches during his earthly life, and they had been very important to him in serving God, he wanted permission to bring some evidence of his riches with him into heaven. Peter finally relented and told him he could bring one suitcase full of whatever he wanted. The man went back to earth and, after giving it much thought, decided to fill the suitcase with gold bullion. At the gate of heaven Peter could not resist opening the suitcase to see what he had brought. Suddenly the angels were giggling and poking each other. "Look," they said, "he brought pavement!"

(Hint: Read Revelation 21:21)

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THAT FIRST MOMENT OF INTRODUCTION ...  
BEFORE THE SERPENT HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK

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**MR. DOUG DEICHERT OF FAITHLIFE FINANCIAL** will give us a presentation on today after service. It will only last about 30 minutes. Please stay and hear how Grace can take advantage of the programs that FaithLife offers.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE:** Please note our new times: Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. and worship at 10:00 a.m.

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| <b>Mon.</b>   | 9:30 a.m.  | Office Prayers / Staff Meeting<br>EMV Begins  |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | 9:30 a.m.  | Office Prayers  |
|               | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace  |
|               | 6:30 p.m.  | Confirmation (Faith)  |
|               | 8:00 p.m.  | Council Meeting   |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study at Faith  |
|               | 6:30 p.m.  | Chimers   |
|               | 7:30 p.m.  | Choir   |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | 9:30 a.m.  | Office Prayers  |
|               | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace  |
|               | 5:00 p.m.  | Confirmation (Grace)  |
|               | 7:30 p.m.  | Ascension Day Service at Our Saviour  |
| <b>Sat.</b>   | 7:30 a.m.  | Men's Breakfast at Faith  |
|               | 9:00 a.m.  | Spring clean-up at Faith  |
|               | 9:30 a.m.  | MAP/Outreach  |
|               | 10:00 a.m. | Confirmand written examination (Faith)<br>Flower sale at Faith(Jesus Salva Mission Fundraising) |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday School/Bible Class at Grace  |
|               | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School/Bible Class at Faith  |
|               | 10:00 a.m. | Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion   |
|               | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion   |