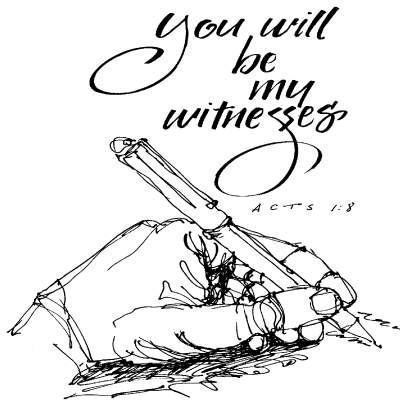


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Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

May 12, 2013

WORSHIP SERVICE. 10:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Through the love of those around us, make known to us your love. Through your Word, make known to us your plan for our lives. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, make your Gospel known to all the world.

O One and Only Lord, make yourself known to us each and every day.

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 3. p. 184
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 493; 491; 495

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23 (p.976)

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

SERMON: "Jesus Ascends Not to Leave, but to Come!"

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "What Does it All Mean?" (Acts 2:1-21)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

To get the right answer, we need to ask the right question. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

SUNDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE: Our worship times for June, July and August will be at 9:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School nor Adult Bible Class.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: The right hand of God is not a confining physical spot! It is, rather, the almighty power and presence of God which fills heaven and earth. The Ascension Of Our Lord to the right hand of His heavenly Father means, therefore, that He now fills and rules all things with His presence and power, not only as God, but also as man. It is, as such, not too great a thing for Him to be present with His very body and blood in the **Lord's Supper** as He promised. For biblical reasons we practise closed communion, and we thus ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Kearns

ACOLYTE: Zach Wiersema

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 Voegel, Nancy Curtis, David Holden, David Chamberlain, Harold and Leone Sillers, Tom Mitchell


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

Family Focus: Colin and Jessica Peers; David, Cindy, Melissa and Michael Petrie; Ellen Phillips; Pat Phillips

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 23 (*12:27)

BIBLE CLASS: 4 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 5

| Our Stewardship of God's Gifts | Current | Missions | Building |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$281.00 | \$5.00 | \$60.00 |
| Needed Weekly | \$352.70 | \$49.47 | \$57.69 |

 **NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Loose 27.00 Praise The Lord!

FAITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be August 12th - 16th 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.



OUR EVERY MEMBER VISITATION (EMV) continues 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: Joanna Bode has offered to be our VBS co-ordinator. We are in need of volunteers to teach, lead crafts, provide music, etc. Please contact Pastor Castillo if you can help.

LIFE QUOTES: "The grave may come my way, and you can be certain that it will, but for those of us who trust in Jesus Christ, it is simply a graduation time. A place is prepared for us in our Father's heaven, and nothing can snatch us away from the loving hand of Jesus Christ, not even death." Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on "The Christian Crusaders" radio program - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational meeting on May 26th after service. Please come and participate in the discussions concerning the internal decisions of our congregation.

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.

EDLYA SPRING RETREAT: Our next retreat will be held at Loving Saviour Lutheran Church in Barrie May 24th - May 26th, 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



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.

“IT’S A GIRL” - THE THREE DEADLIEST WORDS IN THE WORLD: “It’s a Girl” is a documentary film on the problem of and reasons behind sex-selective abortion in China and India today - which is affecting Canada as well. A time to discuss will follow, along with refreshments.
Date and Time: Tuesday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m.
Location: King St. Community Church
649 King St., London



“JESUS SALVA” MISSION FLOWER SALE: A huge thank you to everyone who participated by purchasing flowers this past week. Your support of our upcoming Mission Trip to Nicaragua is greatly appreciated!

MOTHERS’ DAY: “She is a woman of strength and dignity...when she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says...” (Proverbs 31:25,26). God bless our mothers today and everyday!

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND POT BLESSING will be held Tuesday, May 14th 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.

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.

| THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE | | |
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| Mon. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers / Staff Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Elders EMV Continues |
| Tues. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Mother/Daughter/Friend Pot blessing |
| Wed. | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation (Faith) |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study at Faith |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Chimers |
| Thurs. | 7:30 p.m. | Choir |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| Sat. | 5:00 p.m. | Confirmation (Grace) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Grace Bible Study at Mary Lewis’ |
| | | EMV Ends |
| Sun. | 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 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion Day of Confirmation (Faith) |