

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2014

*Living Our Faith Under His Grace*

BIBLE CLASS. . . . . 9:00 a.m.

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

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Christ, our Healer, You restored sight to a man born blind. Now help us to see You at work in our lives. Remove the blinders of sin and evil. Take away all that obstructs our view of You. And clear our vision to see the glory that awaits us in heaven.

*O guiding Lord, lead us into the bright light of Your love.*

**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. . . . . p. 203  
"Cross Road" Litany. . . . . see insert  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 540; 801; 543

**FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 17:1-7 (p.59)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 5:1-8 (p.942)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42) (p.888)

**SERMON:** "Worshipping Our Lord in Spirit and Truth!" - John 4:19-24

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "The Bogeyman" (John 9:1-41)

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Pastor Ken Klaus says God is not out to get you. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** "It is not our work or speaking but the command and ordinance of Christ that, from the beginning of the first communion until the end of world, make the bread the body and the wine the blood that are daily distributed through our ministry and office" (Luther). As we receive in the **Lord's Supper** what He has commanded, we also teach His church to observe all things that He has commanded (Matt. 28:20). With love for His Word and for all people, we therefore practise closed communion and ask guests to kindly speak with the pastor before the service.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Matt Mulligan

**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin, Tania Mulligan

**ACOLYTE:** TBA

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**



**Special Needs:** Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voegel, Nancy Curtis, David Chamberlain, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Joanna Bode, Jackson Lavers and family, Helen Livingstone, Doris Jensen, Sharon Beecroft, Rev. Ed Lehman, Marie Nixon, Keith Keller, Pastor Bode, Joshua Bode

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Mountenay  
**Family Focus:** Reverend John and Marian Obeda; Ed, Pam and Garth Oelke; Mike and Susan Ohler; Mike, Natasha, Rhiannon and Matthew Ohler

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 37 (13:28) **BIBLE CLASS:** 3

**STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:** Current: 467.00; Missions 30.00; Building 110.00

**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Capital Improvement 20.00; LBT 20.00; Loose 115.00

**Praise The Lord!**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS** will make a budget presentation at Grace as well as discuss some other issues with members and friends on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> after service.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Bible Translators

LBT works to translate the Scriptures into the languages around the world, so that all people may have the Word of God in their own language. There are at least 250 different translations and editions of the Bible in English. The rest of the world is not as fortunate. Here are some facts - current world population is 6.5 billion; 6,909 languages currently spoken in the world; 2,479 languages with all or a portion of the Bible; 451 languages with a complete Bible. LBT's response is that there are 72 total LBT missionaries; 15 countries in which LBT is working; 22 Bible translation programs in process.



**FLOWERS FOR GRACE:** If you would like to bring flowers to adorn altar on Sundays for 2014 to commemorate something special in your life, please indicate this by signing your name and including the date on the flower calendar which is in the fellowship hall.

**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.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "We see the magnitude of God's love for us in that His Son laid aside His Godhood and became a speck, an embryo in Mary's womb. This divine humiliation was necessary so that our God could further magnify His love by taking on human flesh, walking among us, and then becoming a bloody and forsaken spectacle on a cross for the sins of the world. This would all be for naught of course if it had not been for the spectacular—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead!" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Can you help? We are in need of 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!



**MARCH HAS A 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**, and we would like to give you the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn appropriate during Lent that you would like sung on March 30<sup>th</sup>, please let one of the pastors know.

**LENTEN SERVICES**

**UPCOMING LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES:** The theme of our upcoming Lenten series is *"The Passion as I Remember It!"* Each Wednesday evening, at Faith, we will hear one of six witnesses share their personal feelings and impressions of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. In so doing, they will help us apply the meaning of the passion of our Lord to our lives today.

- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Annas: I Can't Believe that Jesus Is Lord (John 18:12-14; Matt. 26:57-68)
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mary: I Know My Son as My Saviour and Lord (John 19:17-30)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Joseph of Arimathea: I Tried to Do My Best (John 19:31-42)

Please make time in your week to attend these services.

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



**OUR SEDER SUPPER** on Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Faith will help us understand the background and significance of the Passover Celebration, during which our Saviour gave us the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. This evening includes dinner, as well as our Maundy Thursday worship. Tickets are \$4.00/person, with a maximum cost of \$12.00/family, and are available through the church

office. The cost helps us provide the meal and the items necessary for this evening. To keep costs down, we also need help to prepare the meal, and with several items, such as green salads (nothing dairy) and pies. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board across from the library. We hope you will join us for this very popular part of our Lenten observance.

**LONDON AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION 31ST ANNUAL DINNER & 13TH SILENT AUCTION** will be Tuesday, April 8 at the Hellenic Centre (133 Southdale Rd. W). The doors open at 5:30 PM for social time and to view and bid on the Silent Auction Items. The two speakers for the evening will be Linda Gibbons and Dr. Charles Lugosi. Linda has spent years in jail for peacefully protesting Toronto abortion clinic "bubble zone" laws, and Dr. Lugosi is Mary Wagner's Defense Counsel. Mary Wagner is currently a pro-life prisoner of conscience. Tickets are \$30 for Adults, \$20 for Students and are available from Marian Obeda.

**ST. CATHARINES SEMINARY GUILD:** Membership is up for renewal. Cost is \$5.00 yearly. All are welcome to support the seminary Guild. Please make your payment to Pam Oelke.

**LADIES OF GRACE COFFEE BREAK:** Please join your sisters in Christ for coffee, tea, treats and fellowship April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. -12:00p.m. at Linda Aitken's home. Looking forward to our initial gathering to enjoy fellowship and growing together in Christ. Invitations should be in your mail boxes. If you have not already received one, please contact Brenda or Linda.

**ALOA** will meet at Faith on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for tacos, sloppy joes and a game of bean bag baseball. Hope that many of you can join us.

*Thank  
you!*

**THE LAVERS AND LIVINGSTONE FAMILIES** would like to offer our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the members of Faith and Grace for their support as Jackson continues his fight against cancer. We have been overwhelmed by the love shown through your prayers, donations and support of the spaghetti dinner and silent auction. A special thanks to Ed Oelke and Fred Werner who organized and prepared the meal for the spaghetti supper. Finally we give thanks to God for his presence in our lives and the strength he provides at such a difficult time. God bless you all!

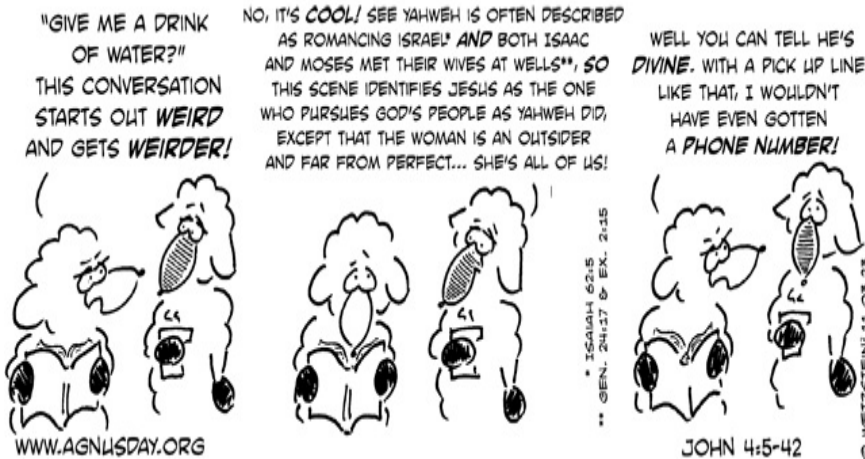


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**WE WISH TO EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME** to our new members at Grace. Please join us for coffee, cake and refreshments today after service. All are welcome to attend.

**IN CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS OF TRANSLATION**, Lutheran Bible Translators is presenting a performance by Christian contemporary singer Naomi Streimer in conjunction with our Annual Meeting. The event will take place on Friday April 11/14 at Messiah Lutheran Church 700 Glen Forrest Blvd. Waterloo, ON. The meeting is at 4:30, followed by a catered dinner at 5:30 and the concert will begin at 7:00 PM. You are welcome to attend all or just parts of the event. Please RSVP by March 31st if you plan to attend the dinner. RSVP to [tara@lbtc.ca](mailto:tara@lbtc.ca) or 519-742-3361. A free will offering would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

**BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE** continues on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in these Bible Studies and learn about God's love for us.



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**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers/Staff Meeting
- Tues.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith)  
8:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers
- Wed.** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith  
6:20 p.m. Soup Supper at Faith  
7:15 p.m. Mid-week Lenten Service at Faith  
8:15 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace  
5:00 p.m. Confirmation (Grace)
- Fri.** 6:00 p.m. ALOA
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Bible Class  
9:30 a.m. Faith Sunday School/Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship