

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Jesus Christ, now risen from the dead, break through the walls of death around us, and shatter all our fears about the future. Take us into Your arms. Hold us forever in Your embrace. And bring us at last to the joy of life everlasting.

Risen Saviour, carry us forward from this life to the next.

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20, 2014

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: as printed
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 457; 477; 458; 480

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43 (p.919)

EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4 (p.984)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10 (p.835)

SERMON: "The King is Risen and Lives Forever!" - Matthew 28:1-10

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In the early church, the celebration of the **Lord's Supper** was viewed as a continuation of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. It was viewed much the same as when the risen Lord said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Stop doubting and believe" (John 20:27). As Jesus promised, we believe that He is really present in this Sacrament with His very body and blood for our forgiveness. As the Sacrament was received by the early Christians only by those who were united in "the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42), we also follow this ancient practice of closed communion and thus ask visitors desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

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 Grace your church.

"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.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "What Will It Take?" (John 20:25)

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
Why didn't Jesus' enemies produce a corpse and nip this new faith in the bud? Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 27th at 9:00 a.m.
Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

SPRING CLEAN-UP AT GRACE will be held Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Please plan to join in the cleaning up of our Church Home and yard. Many hands make for light work!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE at Grace will meet at Brenda's house on Saturday, April 26th at 3:30 p.m.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**USHERS:** Greg Jahns, Tasha Jahns**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft**ALTAR GUILD:** Marianne Issendorf, Lynn Kearns**ACOLYTE:** Logan Mulligan**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 Voege, Nancy Curtis, David Chamberlain, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Joanna Bode, Jackson Lavers and family, Helen Livingstone, Doris Jensen, Sharon Beecroft, Rev. Ed Lehman, Keith Keller, Pastor Bode, Joshua Bode, Harry Weide, Sarah Lawson, Marianne Muller

Homebound: Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Mountenay**Family Focus:** Walter and Donna Procknow; Katrina and Aaralyn Richter; Jim, Lillian, Matthew and Katie Robertson; Carol Robinson**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 37 (13:26)**COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:** 28**BIBLE CLASS:** 6

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: (from April 6 and April 13):
Current 951.00; Missions 55.00; Building 205.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Capital Improvement 10.00; Loose 12.00
Praise The Lord!

THE MARCH FOR LIFE is May 8th in Ottawa, Ontario. Please join Lutherans for Life-Canada and show a strong witness to the Sanctity of Life. We will gather at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 326 MacKay Street, Ottawa at 10:00 a.m. There will be a free will offering for lunch and dinner. To pre-register, contact Judy Obelnycki at jobelnycki@aol.com

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherwood

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.

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!

PHONE NUMBERS: Grace now has two phone numbers that you can use to contact the church. The main number in 519-245-3078. This number will ring at Grace on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. The other number that you could also use is 226-378-6924. This number will ring at Grace at all times.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	Easter Monday - office closed
Tues.	9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors in Tillsonburg 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith)
Wed.	10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith 7:30 p.m. Choir
Thurs.	10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace 5:00 p.m. Confirmation (Grace) 7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study at Martha Fonger's
Fri.	6:00 p.m. ALOA
Sat.	3:30 p.m. Grace Outreach Committee at Brenda Ryan's
Sun.	9:00 a.m. Grace Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Faith Sunday School/Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion LWML Spring Rally