## Grace

## **Lutheran Church**

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# Second Sunday of Easter

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Living Our Faith Under His Grace

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Like Thomas, O Lord, we have doubted Your presence among us, and we have wondered if You are truly real. In those moments when we waver in our faith, reach out to us, O Lord. Touch us in some special way, and help us to feel that You are near.

Ever-present Lord, let us know that You are real.

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: 465; 470; 480

FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:29-42 (p.913)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (p.1014)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31 (p.906)

SERMON: "Resurrection Scars" - John 20:19-31

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "Live Life, Travelling Well" (1 Peter 1:17-25)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

When God makes a way possible where there is no way, you can trust Him that you will finish the journey well. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutherwood

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise, His very body and blood are really present; and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ! As we do so, witness is also given to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we practise closed communion and kindly ask guests to speak with the pastor before the service.

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

USHERS: John Baker, Gale Baker

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

ALTAR GUILD: Marianne Issendorf, Lynn Kearns

**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 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

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Mountenay

**Family Focus:** Bob and Marian Rutledge; Mark Rutledge; Rick, Brenda and Dan Ryan; Frederick and Grace Sanders; John, Jill, Pearl and Rosemary Sanderson

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 38 ('13:28)

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 31 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 4

ATTENDANCE GOOD FRIDAY: 29

*OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:* Current 460.00; Missions 15.00; Building 75.00

**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Capital Improvement 15.00; Easter Offering (Building Fund - Grace) 220.00; Loose 20.00 **Praise The Lord!** 

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts January-March	Current	Missions	Building
Faith	47,916.23	5,881.50	3,622.00
Grace	6,543.60	702.00	1,620.00
Needed	62,029.17	6,850.00	7,000.00

**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.



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**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.

LIFE QUOTES: "As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him' (Psalm 103:13). His love for us moved Him to sacrifice His Son on the cross that we might receive forgiveness and everlasting life through faith. There is no greater love. His love is the source of our love. 'We love because he first loved us' (1 John 4:19)." Daily Devotions email, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org

**THE MARCH FOR LIFE** is May 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**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!

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

**SPRING CLEAN-UPAT GRACE** will be held this Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**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.

JESUS SALVA - FINAL UPDATE: Praise God for all his blessings. The blessings continue for our amigos in Nicaragua. After all the bills have been paid, the Jesus Salva team has a \$12,086.36 surplus!!! In consultation with Pastor Neitzel, the team has voted on how to distribute the remaining funds. The funds will be given to LCC earmarked "for the mission and ministry support of Pastor Rufino and the work in the Rivas/Jinotepe/La Pita." This option leaves all of the funds at the discretion of ILSN and LCC to be used for a well, and/or Pastor Rufino's salary, and/or purchase of land for a church in Jinotepe, and/or some other project they may deem more important. Many thanks again for the Grace/Faith congregations for their continued support.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for anyone who would be willing to co-ordinate a one-day VBS at Grace this summer. We also need people to assist with various activities. The date is yet to be determined. If you are able to help with this activity, please speak with one of the pastors.

**LWML SPRING RALLY** will be taking place today at Our Saviour Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. Registration will be a donation for ingathering; guest speaker is Dr. Jim Keller of Lutheran Bible Translators and the theme is "Every Man Heard Them Speak In His Own Language". Hope that many of the ladies will be able to attend.

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#### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon. Pastor Castillo on holidays this week

7:00 p.m. Elders

**Tues.** 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith)

8:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers

Wed. 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

7:30 p.m. Choir

Sat. 9:00 a.m. Spring clean-up at Faith and Grace

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