

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2015

*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:** We look to You for help and healing, O Lord. Be with all those who are in need at this time. Lift them up and restore them so that they may continue to serve You wholeheartedly.

*Gracious Saviour, bless us with Your tender touch of mercy.*

**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:** 820; 543; 662

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 40:21-31 (p.600)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (p.957)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 1:29-39 (p.836)

**SERMON:** "Being a Servant in all Things and Subject to all!"

- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

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

**MARCH BREAK VBS 2015:** Plans are underway for the March Break VBS 2015 at Faith and volunteers are needed! The one-day VBS will be held on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Fully Rely on God" (F.R.O.G.), so take a "Leap of Faith" and prepare to have a "hopping" good time as we share God's Word with our families and friends from the community. To volunteer, please see Judy Balasch or contact her at [judybalasch@yahoo.ca](mailto:judybalasch@yahoo.ca)



**FLOWERS FOR GRACE:** If you would like to bring flowers to adorn the altar on Sundays for 2015 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.

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** The historic liturgy of the church after which our Divine Service is patterned is a step into reality (unseen, but eternal). It is designed not so much to get in touch with daily life as it is to lift our vision to the life to come. The Lord's Supper is central to this step into reality. In it, the One who has prepared heaven for us by His death and resurrection feeds us with His own body and blood. The spiritual realities of this life necessitate our ongoing witness to the truth of God's Word. For this reason, the church has practised closed communion down through the ages; and such is still our practice today. Guests who desire to commune are thus asked to speak with the pastor before doing so.

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

**USHERS TODAY:** Mia & Logan Mulligan

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** John & Gale Baker

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Gene Makish

**ALTAR GUILD:** Marianne Issendorf & Betty Catanzariti

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Special Needs:** Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voegel, Nancy Curtis, David Chamberlain, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Joanna Bode, Jackson Lavers and family, Doris Jensen, Sarah Lawson, Marianne Muller, Jean Mountenay, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Ken and Sharon Beecroft, Katie Gross, Ellie Lawson, Marsha Kennedy, Joe Klages and family



**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

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

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 32 ('14:28)

**BIBLE STUDY:** 6 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:**

Current 320.00; Missions 50.00; Building 30.00 **Praise the Lord!**



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Initial 10.00; Mom 10.00; Loose 10.00

**LIFE QUOTES:** "Time and experience have taught me a priceless lesson: Any child you take for your own becomes your own if you give of yourself to that child. I have borne two children and had seven others by adoption, and they are all my children, equally beloved and precious." Dale Evans, writer, film star, and singer-songwriter - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "Searching for Love - Listen to Jesus!" (Mark 9)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus is God's Love in action for you. Listen to Him! Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP:** One of the goals of our London Circuit is to make a joint mission trip to Nicaragua each year. In order to share the workload, a different congregation will host each year's trip. This year, St. Peter's in Simcoe will be co-ordinating things for us. If you are interested in joining our Circuit's mission trip, plan to attend the initial planning meeting which will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran in Simcoe on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Tentatively we would travel to Nicaragua after Christmas 2015 and into the first part of January.

**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.

**OUR FAITH/GRACE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held at Faith next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. A lunch will be provided. We encourage all voters to be in attendance. If you are not a voting member and wish to be, please speak with chairman Dan Johnston or one of the pastors.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AT GRACE:** There will not be Bible Study at Grace on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, but rather we will be having Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the first day of the season of Lent.



**PLEASE JOIN MARTHA FONGER AND THE LADIES OF FAITH/GRACE** for a Valentine Luncheon in the dining room of her residence @ Royalcliffe Retirement Residence, 609 Wharncliffe Road South, London on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person (at the door). Please speak with the pastor if you would like to attend or call the church office to have your name added to the list. This will ensure that the chef knows the quantity of food to prepare.

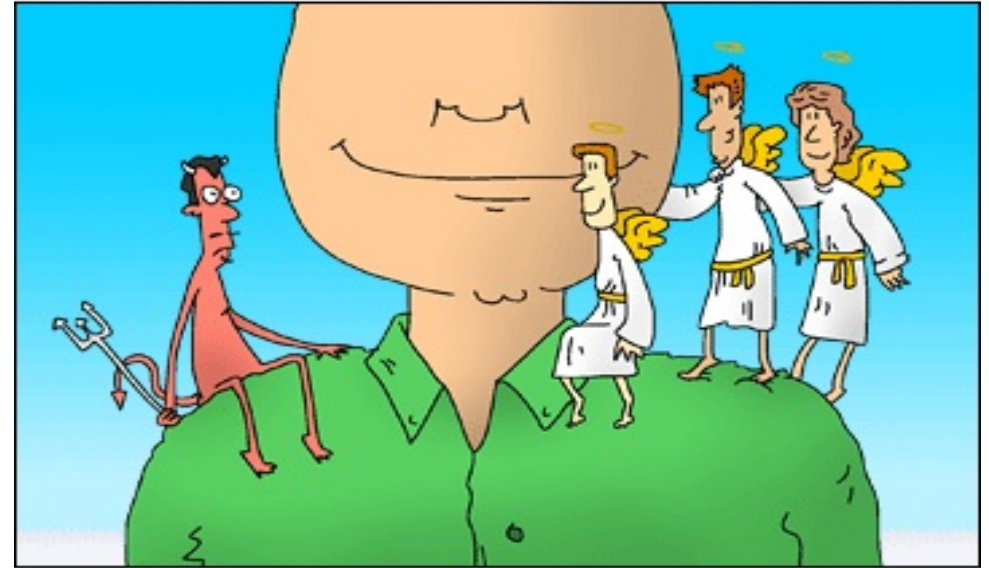
**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** will be held Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Faith. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds will be directed to the Love Fund.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Hour Ministries  
Traditional time of support for the Lutheran Hour and Lutheran Television throughout the Synod.



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**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers  
7:00 p.m. Elders
- Tues.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith)
- Wed.** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith  
6:30 p.m. Chimers  
7:30 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace  
7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study at Mayra Castillo'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  
11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship  
12:30 p.m. Congregational meeting followed by lunch