

Grace Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 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: God the Father, forgive us for not always treating You and Your house the way the we should. May we come to this church ready to worship and praise You. May we come to meditate and pray, and may we come to respect and honour You and this place.

Builder of the Church, may we always feel at home in Your house.

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 1. p. 151
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 579; 710; 645

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20 :1-17 (p.61)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p.952)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-25 (p.887)

SERMON: "The Zeal of Our Lord!" - John 2:13-22



THE FLOWERS which beautify the altar today are given to the glory of God by Anna and Gene Makish in celebration of Anna's father's birthday(Andy Elder).

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE will be held on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. We began a new Bible Study named "Heaven and Hell". This Bible Study answers the question "Why do believers go to heaven and unbelievers to hell after they die?" Come and learn what the Bible speaks about this and other subjects.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In Holy Communion, not only does Jesus give us forgiveness, He also gives us the promise that as we receive His gift, we are proclaiming His death. That is our lifelong duty and delight! As doctrinal oneness is central to this common proclamation, the churches of the Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practise closed communion. For this reason, we ask guests who desire commune to kindly speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Greg & Tasha Jahns

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Lorne & Susan Campbell

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Gene Makish

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin, Tania Mulligan

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

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Rebecca Rock; Delbert Roy; Bob and Marian Rutledge; Becky Ryan and Justin Villeneuve

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 32 ('14:27)

BIBLE STUDY: 7

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 4

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

Current 720.00; Missions 60.00; Building 180.00 **Praise the Lord!**



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Love Fund (Lent Midweek)30.00; VBS 20.00

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.

LIFE QUOTES: "Christians do not permit the lifestyle modeled by the world to limit their compassion, but rather they imitate Christ, who willingly gave of Himself to serve others. When the world cries, 'Inconvenience—not now, that's not my job, no, not for me,' imitators of Christ say, 'Heavenly Father, not my will, but Thine be done.'" Ryan C. MacPherson, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines. We are reminded of the importance of preparing men for the Holy Ministry.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Power of God's Enduring Forgiveness and Grace" (John 16:33)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus offers reconciliation and restoration to those overcome by trouble and regret. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 15th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

REGISTRATION HAS STARTED FOR FAITH'S MARCH BREAK VBS:

If you know of a child (ages 3-12 years) that you think would enjoy a day full of F.R.O.G. activities, we have invitations available. Please see Judy Balasch or the church office. If you have a child, grandchild, friend, or neighbour to register, please use the registration form located at both entrances, phone the church office, or online at www.faithlutheranlondon.com

GRACE'S ONE-DAY VBS: It's time to start preparing for our one-day Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2015. Tania Mulligan is co-ordinating this VBS, and we are looking for volunteers to help with many activities such as food/snacks, crafts, registration, leaders, backdrop crew, etc. We will be holding our first VBS meeting on March 13th, 2015 at the Mulligan's home, 57 Ashby Cres., Strathroy at 7:00 p.m. The coffee will be on! See you there.

“CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS WITH THEIR ANSWERS”: Lenten midweek services are being held at Faith each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. The focus for our meditations this year will be upon the questions (and answers) Martin Luther prepared in his Small Catechism for those who intend to go to the Sacrament. We encourage you to attend these services.

OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES help us remember how Jesus suffered, died and rose again to save us from sin, death, and hell. We invite you to worship with us at these special services:

Thursday, April 2nd	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion @ Faith
Friday, April 3rd	10:00 a.m. Good Friday Service @ Grace
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Sunday, April 5th	10:00 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion @ Grace
Sunday, April 5th	11:00 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion @ Faith

MEN’S BREAKFAST AT FAITH: Our next men’s breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 a.m. *All men are invited* to this time of good food and faith-strengthening fellowship. We will continue to look at the topic: “He Who Dies With the Most Toys... Still Dies!” It’s an excellent opportunity to discuss how to get our priorities right according to God’s Word.

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



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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
	7:30 p.m.	LWML Bible Study with Pastor Castillo
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Mid-week Lent Service at Faith
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing’s
Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Grace’s VBS planning meeting at the Mulligan’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