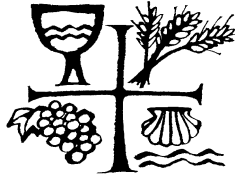


# Grace Lutheran Church

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EPHESIANS 2:10  
IT IS GOD HIMSELF  
WHO MADE US  
WHAT WE ARE  
AND GIVEN US  
NEW LIVES FROM  
JESUS CHRIST

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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, O Lord, so that we might live. We view Your victory on the cross so that we might know Your love. We witness Your sacrifice for our sake, so that we may be a witness to others about Your salvation. Keep our eyes fixed on You.

Lord lifted up on the cross, we lift our heads to see Your face.

**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:** Confession / Absolution. . . . . p. 151  
Prayer and Preaching. . . . . p. 260

**HYMNS:** 571; 915; 918

**NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE (P.266):** omitted during Lent  
- replaced by 933

**FIRST LESSON:** Numbers 21:4-9 (p.129)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Ephesians 2:1-10 (p.976)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 3:14-21 (p.888)

**SERMON:** "Jesus Forgives Our Rebellions!" - Numbers 21:4-9



**THE FLOWERS** which beautify the altar today are given to the glory of God by Ken Beecroft in celebration of Sharon Beecroft's birthday.

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

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

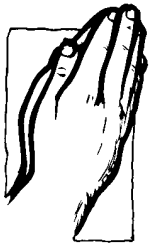
**USHERS TODAY:** Lorne & Susan Campbell

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mia & Logan 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, Glenn Hensel

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Rick, Brenda and Dan Ryan; Andy Ryan; Frederick and Grace Sanders; John, Jill, Pearl, Rosemary and Evelyn Sanderson; Stephen, Vanessa and Anikah Sapp; Annie Schack

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 24 (14:27)

**COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:** 21      **BIBLE STUDY:** 6

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

Current 431.00; Missions 50.00; Building 30.00 **Praise the Lord!**

**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.

**FAITH'S ONE-DAY MARCH BREAK VBS** will take place this Wednesday. Please pray for the staff involved as well as the children. May the Lord grant His blessing upon this important ministry! To God be the glory!

**"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.



**EASTER IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY** for you to *invite family and friends* to join us in the wonderful message of the Saviour, who destroyed death and the grave through His resurrection from the dead. Holiday times are occasions in which people are more open to the invitations that we make. Like the women who couldn't wait to tell others the good news the angel gave, "He is not here; He is risen, as He said", let us also go and share the hope that God has given us through His Son. Invite them to breakfast, too!

**BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE** will be held on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GRACE'S ONE-DAY VBS:** It's time to start preparing for our one-day Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2015. We are looking for volunteers to help with many activities such as food/snacks, crafts, registration, leaders, backdrop crew, etc.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "No regrets? Follow Jesus!" (Matthew 16:21-26)


Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

In the end, forgiven sinners will not regret having followed Jesus. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**MEN'S BREAKFAST AT FAITH:** Our next men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

 **AT GRACE** will be served on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited and please bring family and friends.

**LIFE QUOTES:** “God does not give His truth and grace to speak generically and say that sin is bad and Jesus died for sin. He gives us truth and grace to speak to matters of people’s hearts. He gives us truth to call wrong things wrong, to call killing babies and embryos a sin, and to call assisted suicide a sin. He gives us His grace to ‘speak tenderly’ to the hearts of people crushed by such sins.” 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)

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



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**I PRAISE TOO MUCH AND NOW I'M STUCK**

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
- Tues.** 9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors' Meeting at Pastor Voegel's home
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees
- 8:00 p.m. Council
- Wed.** 9:00 a.m. One-day VBS 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. Grace Bible Study
- Sat.** 8:00 a.m. Men's breakfast
- 4:00 p.m. Servicio en Español at Faith
- 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