## Grace

# **Lutheran Church**

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# Palm Sunday

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Living Our Faith Under His Grace

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** We raise our hosannas to You, O incoming King. We lift up our voices to say, "Save us!" For though You are humble in appearance, You are mighty to save. And though You are gentle at heart, You possess power from on high. We thank You for entering our lives.

Jesus of Nazareth, we lift our palms and praises up to You.

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: ..... see printed order of service

**HYMNS:** 442; 443; 441; 560; 444

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12 (p.797)
EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 (p.980)
GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 15:1-47 (p.852)

SERMON: "A Love Story for You and Me" - Philippians 2:5-11



**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 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.

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

**USHERS TODAY:** John & Gale Baker

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Karen Campbell & James Mulligan

**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 Voege, 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

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Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Gord Schweyer; Jeff, Jane and James Skelding; Bogie and Janet

Smok; Harry and Sylvia Stantos

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 30 ('14:31) COMMUNED: 25 BIBLE STUDY: 10

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

Current 776.00; Missions 10.00; Building 20.00 Praise the Lord!

**LIFE QUOTES:** "A Christian father will also serve as spiritual priest of the family. As such he is to nourish the souls of the children, teaching them about the Lord, His will for their lives, and about His loving, gracious, and merciful ways." Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota

GRACE'S ONE-DAY VBS: Our one-day Vacation Bible School for the summer is being co-ordinated by Tania Mulligan. This VBs will be held on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and will take place in a park in Strathroy. We are looking for volunteers to help with many activities such as food/snacks, crafts, registration, leaders, backdrop crew, etc. If you are able to help with this worthwhile activity, please contact either Tania or one of the pastors. Our next meeting will be held at the Mulligan's on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



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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!

Caster WILL BE SERVED AT GRACE on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. reakfast Everyone is invited and please bring family and friends.

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

### LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "One Step Ahead" (Mark 16:1-8)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Your future is not a mystery. Our risen Saviour is one step ahead and He leads you to eternal life. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

**BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE** will be held on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We are studying "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.

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW: Concordia Seminary's annual golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at Sawmill Golf Course in Fenwick, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The \$100 per person registration fee includes BBQ lunch (sausages, hamburgers, hotdogs and a non-alcoholic beverage), green fees, golf cart, chicken/rib combo dinner, dessert and prizes. Look for a registration form in your bulletin. We are also collecting prizes; if you would like to make a donation to the prize table, please send it to the East District Office at 275 Lawrence Ave. in Kitchener, or to the seminary at 470 Glenridge Ave. in St. Catharines. Prizes need to be in by May 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your prize donation picked up, please contact Linda Lantz at 905-688-2362, ext. 22 (concordia@brocku.ca). We are also looking for committee members for the tournament.

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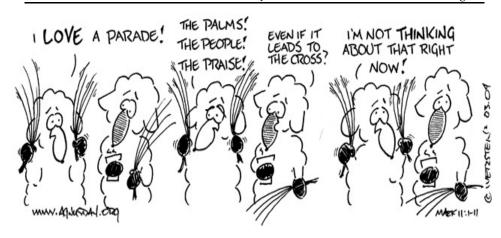
MISSION OF THE MONTH: Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines. We are reminded of the importance of preparing men for the Holy Ministry.

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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

Wed. 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith)

6:30 p.m. Chimers

7:30 p.m. Choir

Thurs. 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace

 $7:00 \, \text{p.m.}$ Maundy Thursday Service / Holy Communion (Faith)

Fri. 10:00 a.m. Good Friday Service (Faith and Grace)

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast at Faith

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