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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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: May the love You have for us, O Lord, transform our hearts. May we be more open to caring for the needs of our family and friends. And may we be more committed to developing deeper relationships with Your fellow followers.

Merciful Saviour, help us to show mercy to others, as You show mercy to us.

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: 809; 655; 761

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-48 (p.919)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 5:1-8 (p.1023)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:9-17 (p.902)

SERMON: "Yes, We Have a True Friend!" - John 15:9-17



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.

CHANGE OF DATE: Men's breakfast at Faith will be on Saturday, May 23rd at 8:00 a.m., not on Saturday, May 16th.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In the Lord's Supper, the risen Lord Jesus Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His own Word and promise, His very body and blood are really present in and with the bread and the wine; and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ, receiving in this Sacrament "the medicine of immortality"! As we partake of this eternal food, we also testify thereby to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we practise closed communion and guests are thus asked to speak with the pastor before communing.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: John and Gale Baker

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Karen Campbell and James Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Betty Catanzariti, Rosemarie Gmehlin

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, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Ken and Sharon Becroft, Katie Gross, Ellie Lawson, Marsha Kennedy, Glenn Hensel, Betty and Franco Catanzariti, Bogie Smok

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Fred and Barb Werner; David and Beth Wilker; Lloyd and Elsie Wilker; George and Carol Wilkinson

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 (14:32) **BIBLE STUDY:** 4

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

Current 675.00; Building Fund 60.00 **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.

LIFE QUOTES: Mother's Day: "As I think back, I feel so blessed with the experiences God has given to me. Adoption is a particular blessing in so many ways. I am so thankful that I chose the gift of life and that my adoptive daughter's birth mom chose the gift of life—for life is indeed a sacred gift from God." Sandy Nielsen, adoptive mom – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Without a Fight or a Prayer" (John 17:11-19)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus prays for us because He knows we are vulnerable and need protection from a world that seeks to steal us away from God. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE will be held on Thursday, May 14th 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.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: CLWR and LCC are calling for financial donations to help earthquake survivors in Nepal. The donations will support the work of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), whose Katmandu-based emergency team launched an immediate large-scale emergency response. LWF staff members distributed tarpaulins, hygiene kits and ready-made food to about 400 families in Kathmandu over the weekend of the earthquake. Along with assessing the situation in remote communities, LWF priorities are now to provide water, sanitation and hygiene materials, as well as emergency shelter to people who lost their homes or who are staying outside for fear of aftershocks. The Canadian government announced that for every dollar given to a registered charity for earthquake relief between April 25 and May 25, the government will put \$1 into their "Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund" which they will then use to fund relief work in Nepal. More: <http://www.canadianlutheran.ca/lcc-and-clwr-issue-appeal-for-nepal-relief>. Please hold the people of Nepal in prayer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GRACE'S 4TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY SOCIAL on Saturday, June 27th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. We need people to make white cakes(9x13), and to help in the following areas: food prep, outdoor setup and take down, serving, clearing and cleaning tables, ongoing kitchen helpers and greeters. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please sign up if you are able to help with this yummy day!

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS AT GRACE:

- Grace Worship Summer hours - beginning Sunday, June 7th; 9:00 a.m.
- Annual Strawberry Social - Saturday, June 27th; 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Outdoor Service and BBQ - Sunday, June 28th; 9:00 a.m.
- One-Day VBS - Wednesday, July 8th; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Movie Night - Friday, July 24th; 8:30 p.m.

LADIES OF GRACE: Next meeting is May 23rd. We will be revealing our Secret Sisters so please plan on attending. Check your mail boxes for details or speak to Brenda Ryan or Linda Aitken.

ANNUAL GENERAL MAY VOTERS' MEETING at Faith will be held on Sunday, May 31st after worship. Please set aside this time to attend this important meeting! If you are not a voting member and wish to become one, please contact our chairman, Dan Johnston or one of the pastors.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S ANNUAL CERTIFICATION AND CALL SERVICE will be held on May 30th at Christ, St. Catharines at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this important service.

ASCENSION DAY AT OUR SAVIOUR, LONDON: A former Jehovah's witness, seminarian Matthew Fenn will be the guest speaker following the annual Ascension Day Supper. He will be speaking about coming to the Lutheran Church. The Ascension Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. on May 14th and the Divine Service is at 7:30 p.m. If you plan to attend the supper, please call the church office at 519-685- 9700 ASAP. There is no cost for the meal, but a free will offering will be taken.

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, FRIENDS OF FAITH AND GRACE: Join us on Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at Faith at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Pot Blessing Dinner. We welcome your talents of readings, songs, and skits to entertain us throughout the evening. We look forward to an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship. Remember the date!



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Mother/Daughter/Friend Pot Blessing
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Circuit Ascension Service at Our Saviour
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