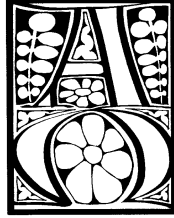


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The Alpha and the Omega



The Beginning and the End
The First and the Last

Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

May 17, 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: You have made us one, O Lord--one in purpose, one in mission, one in spirit, and one in faith. Help us to remain united in our ministry and bonded by our beliefs as we continue to serve You and one another.

One Lord of all, may we worship You with one accord.

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: 493; 828; 537; 492

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-11 (p.909)

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23 (p.976)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:44-53 (p.885)

SERMON: "His Majesty and His Ministry" - Acts 1:1-11



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 which is in the fellowship hall.

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

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Karen Campbell and James Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mia and Logan 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 Voegel, 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 Beecroft, Katie Gross, Ellie Lawson, Marsha Kennedy, Glenn Hensel, Betty and Franco Catanzariti, Bogie Smok

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Anna Wissing; Arnold and Elizabeth Woelfle; Gary, Deborah, Alexandra, Melanie and Justin Woelfle; Loyal, Katie and Griffin Wood

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 30 (*14:35)

COMMUNED: 25 **BIBLE STUDY:** 5

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

Current 636.00; Missions 45.00; Building Fund 115.00 **Praise the Lord!**



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Loose 10.00

LIFE QUOTES: "Christian fathers will want to keep in mind that the threats and demands of the Law can never transform a child's attitude. Rather, we want them to be motivated by the love of Christ. We will teach and remind our children of their Lord's redeeming love and His wonderful merciful kindness toward them and all sinners." Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

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.

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.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Power Connection" (John 15:26-27, 16:14-15)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Pentecost is a day to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit as Counselor and Comforter, sent by Jesus to bless you! Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 24th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

LBT carries out the work of translating the Scriptures into the languages around the world, so that all people may hear the Word of God in their own language and come to saving faith in Christ.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE will be held on Thursday, May 28th 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.



HYMNS: May has a 5th Sunday, and we would like to give you the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like sung on May 31st, please let the pastor know.

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!

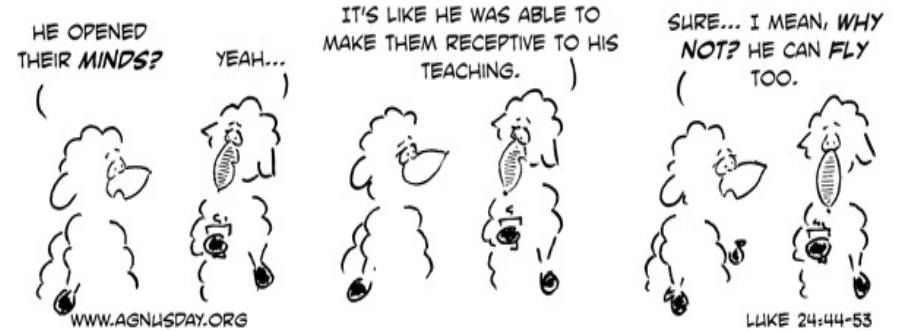
UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS AT GRACE:

- 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.

CHANGE OF DATE: Men's breakfast at Faith will be this Saturday, May 23rd at 8:00 a.m.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Mon. | Victoria Day - office closed |
| Tues. | 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 6:30 p.m. Year 1 Confirmation |
| | 6:30 p.m. Year 2 Confirmation Parents' Meeting (Faith) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Trustees |
| | 8:00 p.m. Council |
| Wed. | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith) |
| | 6:30 p.m. Chimers |
| | 7:30 p.m. Choir |
| Thurs. | 12:00 p.m. Pastor Castillo in Tillsonburg |
| | 7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study at Kareen Weide's |
| Sat. | 8:00 a.m. Men's breakfast (Faith) |
| | 4:00 p.m. Bible Study en Español (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 |
| | Confirmation Day |