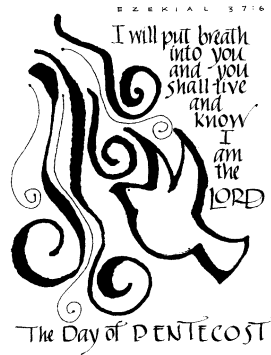


# Grace Lutheran Church

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## Day of Pentecost

May 24, 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:** Speak to us now, Holy Spirit, in ways that we can understand. And inspire us to speak to others of Your love in ways that are meaningful to them. May the messages we exchange with one another continue to excite and encourage us in our beliefs in You.

*O Spirit of every tribe and tongue, share with us the language of Your grace and salvation.*

**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 4. . . . . p. 203  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 803; 650; 605; 922

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p.724)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Acts 2:1-21 (p.909)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 (p.902)

**SERMON:** "There is Hope in the Middle of Despair!" - Ezekiel 37:1-14

**PRAYER:** P. O Lord, pour out your Spirit,  
C. that all who call on the name of the Lord may be saved.



**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.

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** Jesus promised that it was to our advantage that He go away and send the Holy Spirit for His church (John 16:7). That advantage became evident on **Pentecost** as the Holy Spirit empowered the preaching of repentance and forgiveness and employed the use of Baptism and the **Lord's Supper** to build the church of Christ (Acts 2). The Holy Spirit is still acting for our advantage as Christ comes to us with His true body and blood in Holy Communion today. Because doctrinal oneness is central to the common reception of the Lord's Supper, we practise closed communion; and guests desiring to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

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

**USHERS TODAY:** Mia and Logan Mulligan

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Greg and Tasha Jahns

**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:** Grace and Krista Woolner; Bereket, Sofia and Lily Yosieph; Bruce and Linda Aitken; Gerald and Joyce Ames; Becky Ames

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 26 (\*14:26)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4    **BIBLE STUDY:** 4

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

Current 550.00; Building Fund 35.00 **Praise the Lord!**



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** CLWR Nepal 10.00

**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:** "You and I will one day die. But the truths of Scripture we uphold when it comes to the sacredness of life will never die. That is why it is so important to not only protect and defend God's gift of life, but also to protect and defend His truth about what gives value to life. If we lose the latter, the former will quickly erode. Thank you for being people who are 'holding fast the word of Life' (Philippians 2:16)!" 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)

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "Enough is Enough (2 Peter 3:9-10)

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

God shows grace to sinners, but His patience has its limits. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://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.

**GRACE'S ONE-DAY VBS MEETING** will be held on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here at Grace. All volunteers are invited to attend.

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



**HYMNS:** May has a 5<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, please let the pastor know.

**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 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STRAWBERRY SOCIAL** on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

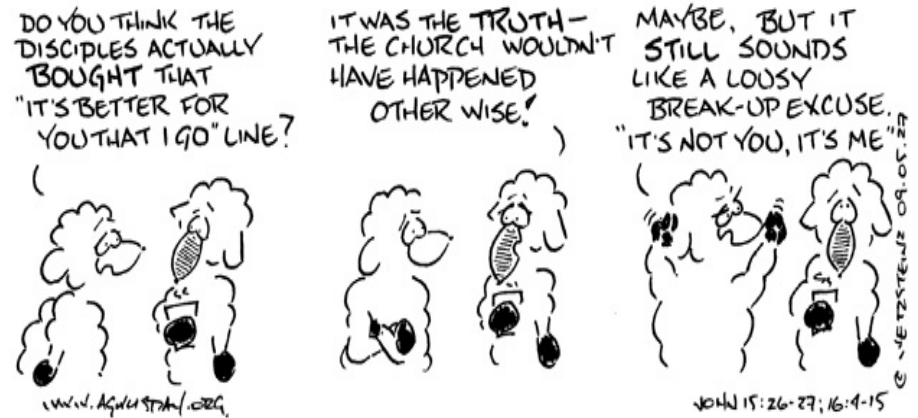
#### UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS AT GRACE:

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MAY VOTERS' MEETING** at Faith will be held on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT GRACE** will begin in two weeks on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Our guest preacher that day will be Reverend Orland Welke, pastor emeritus at Good Shepherd, London.



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#### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	8:00 p.m.	VBS Staff Meeting
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	12:00 p.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing's
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
<b>Sat.</b>	1:00 p.m.	Confirmation (Year 1)
<b>Sun.</b>	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
	12:30 p.m.	Annual General Meeting of the Congregation (Faith and Grace) at Faith