

Grace
Lutheran Church
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

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: So many times, O Lord, we, like the Prodigal Son, have been "far off." Thank you for always welcoming us back into your arms when we stray. Forgive us for ever thinking that we could make it in the world on our own. And lead us in the way you want us to go.

O Guiding God, stay close beside us forever.

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" as it is being circulated.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Confession / Absolution. p. 151
 Prayer and Preaching. p. 260

HYMNS: 915; 710; 809; 686

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 12:1-6 (p.576)

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p.966)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (p.874)

SERMON: "Two Lost Sons" - Luke 15:11-32



EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to help decorate the altar for Easter, please bring flowers for Easter Sunday. After the service, you may take them home.

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:** Mia & Logan Mulligan**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** John & Gale Baker**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Gene Makish**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin, Anna Makish**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, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Marianne Muller, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Keith Keller, Joanna Bode, Reiner Issendorf, Martha Fonger, David Biederman (Carole Atkinson's brother)

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: David, Jessica, Mackenzie, Zachary and Joey Schweyer; Gord Schweyer; Jeff, Jane and James Skelding; Bogie and Janet Smok

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 34 ('15:32)**COMMUNED:** 25**BIBLE CLASS:** 5**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:****(From Feb. 21st):** Current 830.00; Missions 30.00; Building 70.00**NON-BUDGET GIFTS: (From Feb. 21st):** Loose 32.95 PTL!

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: "While human history is in flux and certain seasons have yet to be fulfilled (e.g., Divine Judgment), in the life of the Church there is no season or hour in which Christ is not worshiped as Lord. The eternal penetrates the temporal.

'Pray without ceasing' (1 Thessalonians 5:17)." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

•www.lutheransforlife.org



NEXT SUNDAY marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time.

Remember to set your clocks ahead (spring ahead!) so that you don't miss the opportunity, privilege and joy of being in God's house each week!

GRACE BIBLE STUDY will be held on Thursday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. We will continue studying "Heaven and Hell". Come and learn about what the Bible says about this subject.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "It's Worth the Sacrifice"

(Philippians 3:8-14)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

God calls us to be the right people in the wrong place, for the sake of others. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES AT FAITH: Our theme is "A Prayer for all Seasons" as we look at the various petitions of the Lord's Prayer. May our time together in these important services strengthen us in our faith. Our services continue this Wednesday, March 9th at 7:15 p.m. A soup supper precedes each

service at 6:20 p.m.



SEDER SUPPER AT FAITH (MARCH 24TH): A Seder service

is being planned for Maundy Thursday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the Christian Seder is to help us understand the background and significance of the Passover celebration, during which our Lord Jesus instituted and gave us the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The evening includes dinner, as well as our Maundy

Thursday service. Tickets are \$4.00 per person, with a maximum cost of \$12.00/family. Tickets are now available from one of the pastors. The cost helps us provide the meal and necessary items for this evening. To keep costs down, we also need help to prepare the meal, including items such as green salads (no dairy) and pies. See the pastor for the sign-up sheet. We hope you will join us!

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

50th ANNIVERSARY, GOOD SHEPHERD-LONDON: The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in London are excited to celebrate their 50th Anniversary as a congregation on **April 24th 2016**. There will be a *Regular Worship Service* at **10:30 a.m.** followed by a special fellowship hour. The *Service of Celebration* will begin at **3:00 p.m.** with Rev. Dr. Robert Bugbee as the guest preacher. The *Anniversary Banquet* will be held at the Greek Canadian Community Centre, London, following the *Service of Celebration*, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** Banquet tickets will be available at \$32 per ticket until **March 31st 2016** and **must be ordered and paid for in advance**. Tickets **will not** be sold at the door. Children 10 and under are free, but will require a ticket to attend the banquet so be sure to include their names and ages when you are purchasing your tickets.

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, March 24th	6:30 p.m. Seder Service @ Faith
Friday, March 25th	10:00 a.m. Good Friday Service @ Grace
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Sunday, March 27th	10:00 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion @ Grace
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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!

BAKE SALE AT FAITH: Faith's ladies will be running a Bake Sale on Sunday, March 13th following the service. All ladies are invited to come out on Saturday, March 12th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to participate in the baking of items for the following day. We will be baking butter tarts and cookies. A light lunch will be provided.



EASTER BREAKFAST AT GRACE: Come and join us for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Easter morning. Bring a dish to share for a pot blessing breakfast.

EVENING OF MUSIC: A special evening celebrating God's gift of music is being planned for Friday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Faith. A free will offering will be received and allocated to the 35th Anniversary Fund. We encourage you to invite a friend to join us for this special occasion!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet at Faith
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper at Faith
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Mid-week Lenten Service at Faith
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing's
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	LWML - fundraising bake day
Sun.	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Savings Time Begins
	9:00 a.m.	Faith and Grace Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion
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	10:00 a.m.	Faith Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Bake Sale at Faith