

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

April 24, 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:** Loving Lord, may we live as your disciples by loving one another as you have loved us. May our words and actions be pleasing to you and be the means by which people are supported and uplifted.

*Compassionate Christ, let your love be the driving force within 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" as it is being circulated.

### *OUR WORSHIP TODAY*

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service Setting 4. . . . . p.203  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 803; 465; 837

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 11:1-18 (p.919)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Revelation 21:1-7 (p.1041)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 16:12-22 (p.902)

**SERMON:** "I Am Making All Things New!" - Revelation 21:1-7



**THE FLOWERS** that beautify the altar today are given to the glory of God by Gene and Anna Makish for God's blessings to their family.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Haiti Lutheran Mission Society

In view of the needs in Haiti, this is an important effort to re-establish churches and provide resources for their needs.

**GRACE BIBLE STUDY** will be held on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will continue studying "Heaven and Hell". Come and learn about what the Bible says about this subject.

**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 <sup>a</sup>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:** Mike & Anne Flikkema

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** James Mulligan & Greg Jahns

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

**ALTAR GUILD:** Lynn Kearns, 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, 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:** George and Carol Wilkinson; Anna Wissing; Arnold and Elizabeth Woelfle; Gary, Deborah, Alexandra, Melanie and Justin Woelfle

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 31 (15:23)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4

**BIBLE CLASS:** 6

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

**(From April 10<sup>th</sup>):** Current 690.00; Missions 55.00; Building 10.00

**(From April 10<sup>th</sup>):** Current 924.44; Missions 40.00; Building 70.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS: (From April 10<sup>th</sup>):** Loose 20.00 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.

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND POT BLESSING AT FAITH** will be held Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> with welcome at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:45 p.m. Please bring a main course and dessert or salad and dessert. Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and good food. Ladies of all ages are welcome.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "Instead of helping people to kill themselves, we should offer them appropriate medical care and human presence. We should respond to suffering with true compassion and solidarity. Doctors should help their patients to die a dignified death of natural causes, not assist in killing. Physicians are always to care, never to kill." *Ryan T. Anderson, William E. Simon Senior Research Fellow in American Principles and Public Policy - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "So, Ask Already!" (John 16:22-33)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

God loves you. He wants to hear from you. Ask Him anything and everything. Go ahead, ask!. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

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



**ALTAR GUILD:** If you are interested in helping to serve the Lord, setting up for Communion or sitting on the Altar Guild, please see Pastor or one of the Altar Guild members. We are having our yearly training session this Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Grace. We would love to have you join our committee.

**EAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE:** Please note Pastor Castillo and Pastor Scholz will be in Kitchener, April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> for meetings. Please keep our District and Synod in your prayers as we continue our discussions on the restructuring of our blessed Synod!

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE AT OUR SAVIOUR:** The congregation of Our Saviour Lutheran Church cordially invites you to a Divine Service celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord at 7:15 pm on Thursday, May 5. Following the Divine Service, cake and ice cream will be served. Our Saviour Lutheran Church is located at 1449 Brydges Street in London.

**EDLY (EAST DISTRICT LUTHERAN YOUTH):** The East District of LCC is currently rebuilding this committee which is a committee of the Department for Parish Services (DPS) and is looking for representation from all circuits within the district. This would include some youth members as well as youth workers and anyone who has a passion for youth work within our district. The function of this group is to organize and run youth events and retreats to energize our young people and give them time with other young Lutherans. If you are interested, please contact Karl Witzke, Youth Liaison, at [bandkwitzke@gmail.com](mailto:bandkwitzke@gmail.com) or 519-894-9716. All names will be presented to District Board of directors for acceptance.

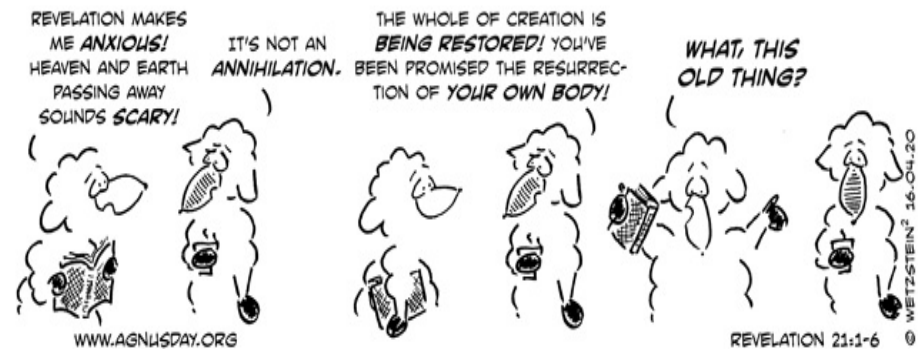


**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FAITH** will be held Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Our theme, "Barnyard Round Up", focuses on Jesus gathering us together to be the sheep of His pasture. We are in need of volunteers for the week. If you are interested and able to assist, please contact Pastor Scholz.

**SEMINARY CALL SERVICE (MAY 28<sup>th</sup>):** We heartily invite members of LCC, and especially friends and family of the students to attend the CLTS' annual Call Service at Grace Lutheran Church, 213 Linwell Rd, St. Catharines, on Saturday, 28 May 2016, 4.00 pm. One or two graduating pastoral students will receive their first calls, pending completion of requirements. One vicar will also receive his placement. Rev. Alan Bauch, a CLTS alumnus and pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lockport, NY, will be guest preacher for the occasion. The service will also honour Mr. Stephen Klinck, managing director of Lutheran Hour Ministries-Canada. The faculty and Board of Regents have chosen him to receive the Delta Chi (Servant of Christ) award, the seminary's highest honour. The seminary will also recognise Dr. David Goicoechea with the Friend of the Seminary award. Dr. Goicoechea, a retired professor of philosophy at Brock University, has tirelessly supported Concordia on the campus where it resides.

**CURRENT FINANCIAL STANDING:** At the recommendation of Council, our current financial statement for the month of March, as well as from January to March, has been posted on the bulletin board. Please take a moment to review them.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** now has a Facebook page. Howard Print is our new webmaster at Grace. We thank him for his work on this task. This page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranChurchStrathroy/>



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### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

<b>Mon.</b>	Pastors'/Deacons' Conference in Waterloo begins
<b>Tues.</b>	Pastors'/Deacons' Conference in Waterloo continues
<b>Wed.</b>	Pastors'/Deacons' Conference in Waterloo continues
	7:30 p.m. Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing's
<b>Sat.</b>	9:00 a.m. Faith Spring clean-up
	10:00 a.m. LWML Convention Committee Mtg (Peace, Tillsonburg)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m. Faith and Grace Bible Study
	10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship
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