

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

*We Love Because He First Loved Us*

BIBLE CLASS..... 9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE..... 10:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Lord Jesus Christ, knowing You changes our lives. Like Abraham, we must change direction and head toward the promised land. And like Nicodemus, we must be born again by the Spirit so that we may live a new life. May we be open to the changes You are bringing about in us, and open to Your will.

*Only begotten Son of God, may Your life transform our lives.*

**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 1..... p. 151  
Holy Communion

**OFFERING MUSIC:** "Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone"

**HYMNS:** 571; 427; 877

**FIRST LESSON:** Genesis 12:1-9 (p.8)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 (p.941)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 3:1-17 (p.887)

**SERMON:** "Our World is Filled With Promises!" - Genesis 12:1-9

**LIFE QUOTES:** "We are carved in the palm of His Hand, and the unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God from conception." *Mother Teresa - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



**FLOWER CHART:** Flowers indeed enhance our worship space and they hold a significant role in God's House. However, during Lent, there are no flowers on the altar( March 1<sup>st</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017).

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** Those who partake of the Lord's **Supper** actually consume bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:17). But more than that, they also receive a miracle in the bread and wine; for therein Christ places His true body and blood (1 Corinthians 10:16) as a sure pledge of forgiveness and eternal life. As His body and blood can be taken to one's judgment (1 Corinthians 11:29), the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practise closed communion. This practice also bears loving witness to the Bible's concern for doctrinal oneness in receiving Holy Communion. If you are a guest, we therefore kindly ask that you speak with the pastor before the Divine Service.

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

**USHERS TODAY:** Susan Campbell and Mayra Castillo

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mia and Logan Mulligan

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Lorne Campbell

**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin and Anna Makish

### **IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**



**Special Needs:** Walter and Donna Procknow, Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Ellen Phillips, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Keith Keller, Reiner Issendorf, Martha Fonger, David Biederman (Carole Atkinson's brother), Grace Woolner, Katherine Atkinson (Carol Wilkinson's mother), Bill and Vicky Orłowski, Emily Playfoot, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Betty Muir, Lindsay Drummond (Cathy Dieterle's father)

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Helmut and Diana Welker; Greg, Diane, Jason and Lauren Wells; Fred and Barb Werner; David and Beth Wilker

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 32 ('16:28)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 2      **BIBLE STUDY:** 6

**ATTENDANCE MIDWEEK SERVICE(THURSDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>):** 11

**COMMUNED:** 8

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS (from March 5<sup>th</sup>):**

Amounts will be in next week's bulletin



### **NON-BUDGET GIFTS (from March 5<sup>th</sup>):**

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**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: "A Well that Runs Deep Because You Need It!" (John 4:5-26)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus is determined to meet you today with the water of grace only He can give. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS:** "From the Cradle to the Empty Grave" are now available. Please take a copy with you.

**LOVE TO CAMP?** Then, the weekend that you have been waiting for is almost here! The East District's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Camping Event is being held June 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Highland Pines Campground in Belwood, Ontario. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

**JOSEPH:** We are planning to buy tickets and go as a group to see "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*" on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend. The show is at 2:00 p.m. If there is enough interest, we would get a bus to take us to/from the church. Tickets are \$42.00 each or with the bus, the cost would be \$57.50. Youth under 20 pay \$30.50 or with the bus \$46.00. We could attend Sunday service, then have lunch at church and the bus would pick us up at 12:30. Arrival back at the church would be around 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in this outing, please contact Shirley Mitchell by email ([mitchellhome@rogers.com](mailto:mitchellhome@rogers.com)) or speak with one of the pastors.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** Our planning committee decided to organize a birthday celebration after service on the last Sunday of the month for those members who had their birthdays that month. Our first birthday cake will be on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

**MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA (JANUARY 2018):** Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waterloo is organizing a Mission trip to Nicaragua. If you are interested in going with the team, you can email Lisa Jackson at [jacklis@gmail.com](mailto:jacklis@gmail.com) or you can speak with Pastor Castillo.

**GRACE CONNECTION CARD:** If you have a question or a prayer request, or a sermon topic suggestion, or would like to have a visit from one of the pastors, please fill out one of these cards which can be found on the back table of the sanctuary as well as on the table in the parish hall and put the card in the offering basket.



**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE:** This week “At the Crossroads” series, Pontius Pilate is called upon by the crowds to make a judgement call about Jesus, and his decision not to decide results in the death of Christ. We look to the cross of Christ as we make definitive judgement calls in our lives. Come and join us this Thursday for worship at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENTION, LADIES OF GRACE:** On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a group of us attending a ladies’ day with Christian speaker, Carol Kent, author of *When I Lay My Isaac Down: Unshakable Faith in Unthinkable Circumstances*, with live praise music, food and fellowship. The event will be held at the Legacy Centre in Thedford from 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35. If you are interested to learn more or purchase a ticket, please see Brenda Ryan and pick up a flyer on the table in the fellowship hall.

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

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### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

\*\*\*\*Pastor Castillo on holidays from March 16<sup>th</sup> - March 23<sup>rd</sup>)

<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff meeting
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastors' meeting-Redeemer, St. Thomas
<b>Wed.</b>	9:00 a.m.	One-day VBS at Faith
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper at Faith
	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service (Faith)
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service (Grace)
<b>Sat.</b>	8:00 a.m.	Men's breakfast (Faith)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Faith and Grace)