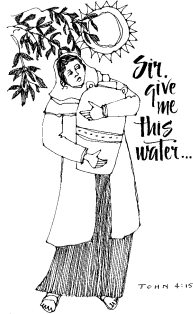


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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:** Christ, our Healer, You restored sight to a man born blind. Now help us to see You at work in our lives. Remove the blinders of sin and evil. Take away all that obstructs our view of You. And clear our vision to see the glory that awaits us in heaven.

*O guiding Lord, lead us into the bright light of Your love.*

**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:** ..... Printed Order of Service

**HYMNS:** 803; 540; 770; 922

**FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 17:1-7 (p.59)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 5:1-8 (p.942)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 4:5-26 (p.888)

**SERMON:** "A Communication Problem!" - John 4:5-26

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary. We are reminded of the importance of preparing men for the Holy Ministry.



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

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:****USHERS TODAY:** Mia and Logan Mulligan**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Greg Jahns and James 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, Stan and Shirley Diehl

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa**Family Focus:** Lloyd and Elsie Wilker; George and Carol Wilkinson; Anna Wissing; Arnold and Elizabeth Woelfle**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 29 ('16:23)**COMMUNED:** 24**BIBLE STUDY:** 7**ATTENDANCE MIDWEEK SERVICE(THURSDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>):** 14**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS (March 5<sup>th</sup>):**

Current 1,260.00; Building 255.00

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

Initial 20.00; Love Fund 160.00; Loose 5.00

**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 might think you've made mistakes that can't be forgiven, you've been broken beyond repair, you've been lost in the eyes of the world. But God has loved you so deeply that He created you, He redeemed you, and He called you to new life through that same Holy One of Israel. Live this new life of faith to the glory of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, today and forever, Amen." *Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and school, Mesa, Arizona - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "God's Got It In For Me"** (John 9:1-41)

Emeritus Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

God can use our troubles and crosses for a higher purpose that we may not understand until we reach heaven. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**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.

**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 speak with Pastor Castillo.

**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 next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

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

**BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE:** You are invited to participate in our Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. We are going to use a Bible Study from Lutheran Hour Ministries. The theme is "Journey From Unbelief to Faith". There is a 10-minute video, and then there are questions and discussion about the theme.

**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, Jesus is taken into custody and He chooses to show compassion to a wounded participant, Malchus, in the arrest. We are called to show compassion, not anger, even to those in our midst whom we might consider our enemies. 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.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	7:30 p.m.	Council
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (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>Fri.</b>	6:00 p.m.	ALOA
<b>Sat.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Banner Group (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study / Social at Mulligan's
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith and Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion
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	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Faith)