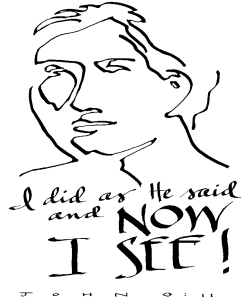


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 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:** We come before You this day to bask in Your presence ... and to receive something from You. May we find in You forgiveness and strength, cleansing and renewal, and, above all, a better understanding of what You want us to be.

*Present and eternal Lord, look upon us in 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:** . . see Printed Order of Service with Holy Communion

**MUSIC LEADERS:** Leap of Faith

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 42:14-21 (p.602)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Ephesians 5:8-14 (p.978)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 9:1-41 (p.895)

**SERMON:** "Now You Can See!" - John 9:1-41

**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).

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

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** The Lord's Supper is God's intrusion into our lives! As Lutherans, we humbly acknowledge the mystery of Jesus' body and Jesus' blood for our forgiveness. Here Jesus comes to us in a way He has not promised to do elsewhere! As we celebrate this Sacrament, we also humbly acknowledge the Bible's concern for doctrinal oneness by those who receive it together. For that reason, we ask guests who desire to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

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

**USHERS TODAY:** Greg Jahns and James Mulligan

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Ken and Sharon Beecroft

**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, Stan and Shirley Diehl, Shirley Kendall, Judy Highfield, Reverend Kurt Reinhardt

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Gary, Deborah, Alexandra, Melanie and Justin Woelfle; Loyal, Katie, Griffin and Vivian Wood; Grace and Krista Woolner; Bereket, Sofia and Lily Yosieph

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 34 ('16:33)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 6

**ATTENDANCE MIDWEEK SERVICE(THURSDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>):** 11

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS (March 12<sup>th</sup>):**

Current 580.00; Missions 50.00; Building 90.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS (March 12<sup>th</sup>):**

Love Fund 287.00; 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.

**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.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Freedom in the Spirit"** (Romans 8:1-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus frees you to be the person you were created, redeemed, and called to be. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</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.



**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!

**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:

<b>Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Maundy Service with Holy Communion @ Faith
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<b>Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Good Friday Service @ Grace
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**PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS** and bring them in to Grace. You can place them in the designated container.

**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 today. All are welcome!

**COLLECTING CANNED FOODS:** The ladies of Grace are asking you to bring in food donations for the Women's Rural Resource Centre in Strathroy. There is a box for them in the fellowship hall. We plan to have these items delivered for Easter.

**BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE:** You are invited to participate in our Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. continuing today 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 a card 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, Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus and he decides to deny his Saviour. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ. Come and join us this Thursday for worship at 7:00 p.m.

**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 or speak with Pastor Castillo. Presently, there are three members of Faith who are planning to go on this Mission trip; they are Rebecca Rock, George and Carol Wilkinson; they would love to have more members from Grace join them. If you would like to contact George and Carol, feel free to do so either in person, by phone or email.

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#### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

\*\*\*\*Pastor Scholz on holidays from March 27<sup>th</sup> - April 3<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 Castillo at Grace
<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>Sat.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español
<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)
	6:00 p.m.	WellArt Café (Faith)