

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**5th Sunday in Lent**

April 2, 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:** Lord, You are the Resurrection and the Life. With Martha, may we say, "I believe that You are the Messiah!" And like Lazarus, may we come forth from our tombs when You call us. Continue to raise all Your people to new life this day and every day.

*O Son of God, revive our hearts and restore our souls.*

**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:** 686; 763; 616; 685

**NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE:** 790 (*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*)

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p.724)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 8:1-11 (p.944)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 11:1-45 (p.897)

**SERMON:** "Jesus is Here!" - John 11:1-45

**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.



**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:** Ken and Sharon Beecroft**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Lorne Campbell and Mike Flikkema**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Gene Makish**ALTAR GUILD:** Lynn Kearns and Tania Mulligan**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, Reverend Kurt Reinhardt

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa**Family Focus:** Fred and Rose Zepp; Bruce and Linda Aitken; Gerald and Joyce Ames; Becky Ames**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 29 ('16:31)**COMMUNED:** 23**BIBLE STUDY:** 6**ATTENDANCE MIDWEEK SERVICE (THURSDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>):** 16**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS (March 19<sup>th</sup>):**

Current 1,065.00; Missions 40.00; Building 40.00

**NON-BUDGET GIFTS (March 19<sup>th</sup>):**

Love Fund 87.00; VBS 15.00

**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.

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



**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!

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Humble Strength for Eternal Salvation"** (Philippians 2:5-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, not to set up an earthly kingdom, but to overcome sin and death - for us. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 9<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. 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.

**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.

**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, March 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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**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 using a Bible Study from Lutheran Hour Ministries. The theme is "Journey From Unbelief to Faith". There is a short video, and then there are questions and discussion about the theme.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "What do we tell you young people as you struggle with temptations and tough choices, mood swings, and confused feelings about your identity? We want you to know whose you are and that you can make good choices because you are created, redeemed, and called." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life -A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*  
•[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE:** This week "At the Crossroads" series, Jesus nears the time when He must die for our sins and He asks his Father if the cup might pass from him, but when the time comes, he obeys his Father's will. When we are called upon to follow God's will, we must obey. This week we hear John's response to his Saviour's call to follow God's plan wholeheartedly. Come and join us this Thursday for worship at 7:00 p.m.



**105.7 MY FM RADIO STATION** will be broadcasting a series of one-minute Easter messages from Grace every day beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup> and continuing until April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** On April 30<sup>th</sup> after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in April.

### **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
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (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>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service (Grace)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith and Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Faith)
	6:00 p.m.	Wells Art Café (Faith)