

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Palm Sunday

April 9, 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 praise You with palms, O Lord. We laud You with loud shouts. We lift up our hearts and sing, "Hosanna!" You will be our King forever and ever. For You are the King who saves. You are the King who dies for our sake. And You are the King who will live.

*Triumphant King, come to us and care for 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:** ..... see Printed Order of Service  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 443; 525v.1,3; 525v.4,5; "Holy Lord" (blue insert); 547 v.1,2; 425

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 50:4-9a (p.611)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Philippians 2:5-11 (p.980)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 27:1-66 (p.833)

**SERMON:** "I Will Never Leave You Nor Forsake You!" - Matthew 27:46

**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).

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** On the Sunday before His death (Palm Sunday), Jesus is hailed as King and Lord; and palm branches carpet the path of His humble entrance into Jerusalem. In the **Lord's Supper**, Jesus still enters our lives with humble means; and He is still Lord and King. It is not too great a thing for Him to be present with His flesh and blood for our forgiveness! We do practise closed communion, and guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

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

**USHERS TODAY:** Lorne Campbell and Mike Flikkema

**USHERS MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Susan Campbell and Mayra Castillo

**USHERS GOOD FRIDAY:** Mia and Logan Mulligan

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

**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, Kathryn 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:** Jeff, Tracey, Abi and Emily Andrus; Michael and Iris Ansell; Graham Ansell; Carole Atkinson

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4

**BIBLE STUDY:** 7

**ATTENDANCE MIDWEEK SERVICE(THURSDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>):** 6

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS (March 26<sup>th</sup>):**

Current 555.00; Building 60.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS (March 26<sup>th</sup>):**

Love Fund 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:** "If you've ever done anything wrong or missed doing something perfectly, then you are not truly perfect, and you are going to die. It would be without God, but Jesus takes that weight and sentence off your record, onto His own shoulders. Anyone who wants forgiveness from God, peace with Him, Paradise opened—just look at Jesus. 'Everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life' (John 6:40)." *Rev. Chris Cordes, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota -A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Empty Tomb Hope!"** (Matthew 28:1-10)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

The assurance of Christ's resurrection turns wonder into reality and gives us an eternal hope. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 16<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.

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

**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 Joseph Balasch, George and Carol Wilkinson; they would love to have 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.

**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.



**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, 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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**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>.

**JOSEPH:** The bus needs to be confirmed by Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up if you intend to travel by bus with Shirley before that date. Tickets need to be confirmed by Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Mitchell by email (mitchellhome@rogers.com) or speak with one of the pastors.

**BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE** is held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The Bible Study is 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. There will not be a Bible Study on Easter Sunday.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**GRACE MEMBERS' MEETING** will be held on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> after Worship. All are welcome to attend.



**APRIL HAS A 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**, and we would like to give you the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like sung on April 30<sup>th</sup>, please let the pastor know.

**ATTENTION, YOUTH:** There are some upcoming events which may interest you:

**Join the Annual "March for Life" . . . (May 11)**

The East District Youth Committee is working on arrangements for participation of youth, parents and pastors coming together for the May 11, *March for Life* on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Plans for overnighting on May 10th for distant participants would be possible. Set aside these dates to show our support for life from conception to natural death, and keep plans in prayer.

**Youth Retreat . . . (May 19-20)**

EDLY is planning a youth retreat on May 19-20 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Kitchener. This is an overnight event sleeping in the church. Details to follow as they become available.

**"Sharing Jesus" Confirmand Retreat . . . (Jul 23-28)**

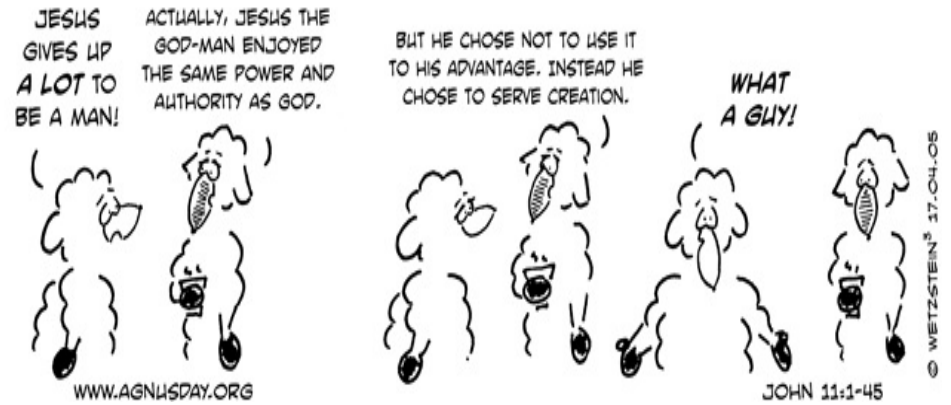
The traditional "Sharing Jesus" confirmand retreat, with pastors from our District giving guidance, is scheduled for July 23-28 this summer. Held at Camp Pioneer, Angola, NY, it is open to all confirmands and confirmation graduates. This is a top-notch laboratory of Lutheran living and learning, especially in verbal expression of our faith in Christ, and how it flows from our baptismal life in Christ. Further details will follow, but place this retreat in prayer, and reserve these dates for the summer schedule of activities.



**EASTER FLOWERS:** You are welcome to bring flowers to adorn our altar for Easter. After Service, you can take them home.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** begins at 8:45 a.m. next Sunday in the fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet where you can indicate which dish you wish to bring to share with others.

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### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

<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
	7:00 p.m.	LWML
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Service with Holy Communion at Grace
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<b>Sun.</b>	8:00 a.m.	Easter breakfast at Faith
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