

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Easter Sunday

April 16, 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 Jesus Christ, now risen from the dead, break through the walls of death around us, and shatter all our fears about the future. Take us into Your arms. Hold us forever in Your embrace. And bring us at last to the joy of life everlasting.

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: 457; 477; 469; 475; 480

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43 (p.919)
EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4 (p.984)
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10 (p.835)

SERMON: "Christ Has Risen! He is Alive!" - Matthew 28:1-10

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: Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn our altar as we praise God for the many blessings that He has given us.

GRACE MEMBERS' MEETING will be held next Sunday, April 23rd after Worship. All are welcome to attend.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In the early church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper was viewed as a continuation of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. It was viewed much the same as when the risen Lord said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Stop doubting and believe" (John 20:27). As Jesus promised, we believe that He is really present in this Sacrament with His very body and blood for our forgiveness. As the Sacrament was received by the early Christians only by those who were united in "the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42), we also follow this ancient practice of closed communion and thus ask visitors desiring 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: 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: Terry, Joanne, Kelly and Derek Austin; James and Joseph Balasch; Ruth Bancroft; Chad Baxter

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 32 ('16:31)

COMMUNED: 24 **BIBLE STUDY:** 7

ATTENDANCE MIDWEEK SERVICE(THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH): 12

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS (April 2nd):

Current 415.00; Missions 20.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS (April 2nd):

Love Fund 55.00

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: "The grace of God is more than a message: it's a Person ... His love given in crucified sacrifice changes minds, claims imaginations, heals hearts, and saves souls. His power shown in resurrected presence assigns infinite value to all bodies and ultimate sanctity to every human life. Not only will He treat the culture, He will cure the people, because He has defeated the devil and hell itself." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "A Living Hope for a 'Dead as Doornails' World" (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

No matter how hard the world tries to shake our joy and faith, we have an inheritance in Christ that can never be taken away. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

LOVE TO CAMP? Then, the weekend that you have been waiting for is almost here! The East District's 3rd Annual Camping Event is being held June 16th - 18th, 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 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 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.

GRACE PRAYER GROUP: You are invited to participate in a prayer group session at the church on Thursday, April 27th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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



APRIL HAS A 5TH 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 30th, please let the pastor know.

ATTENTION, YOUTH: There are 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.

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.

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

ATTENTION, LADIES OF GRACE: On Saturday, May 6th, 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.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	Easter Monday - church office closed
Tues.	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
Wed.	10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith) 7:30 p.m. Choir
Thurs.	11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace 6:00 p.m. Grace Music Committee Meeting
Sat.	8:00 a.m. Men's breakfast at Faith 7:00 p.m. Bible Study / Social at Mulligan's
Sun.	9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith and Grace) 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith) 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Grace) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Faith) 11:00 a.m. Members' Meeting (Grace) 6:00 p.m. WellArts Café (Faith)