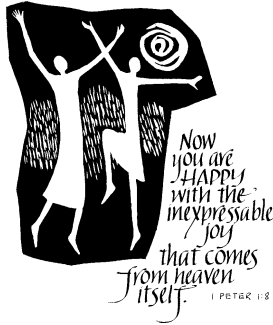


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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:** Like Thomas, O Lord, we have doubted Your presence among us, and we have wondered if You are truly real. In those moments when we waver in our faith, reach out to us, O Lord. Touch us in some special way, and help us to feel that You are near.

*Ever-present Lord, let us know that You are real.*

**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:** Divine Service Setting 1..... p. 151  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 477; 472; 480

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 5:29-42 (p.913)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Peter 1:3-9 (p.1014)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 20:19-31 (p.906)

**SERMON:** "Jesus, Thomas, and You" - John 20:19-31

**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 PRAYER GROUP:** You are invited to participate in a prayer group session at the church this Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** In the Sacrament of the Altar the risen Lord appears to us, giving us His very body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith, the renewal of our joy in Him, and, to use the words of the church father Ignatius, as <sup>a</sup>the medicine of immortality, the antidote that we shall not die but live with Him forever.<sup>o</sup> Since those who partake of the Sacrament are also, thereby, confessing one and the same faith; guests desiring to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so.

**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, 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:** Jordan and Janna-Leigh Baylis; Ken and Sharon Beecroft; Greg Bie; Alec, Lisa, Jacob and Hayden Bildy

**ATTENDANCE MAUNDY THURSDAY:** 11 **COMMUNED:** 11

**ATTENDANCE GOOD FRIDAY:** 38

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 38 ('16:47)

**COMMUNED:** 31

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS (APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>):**

Current 822.00; Building 5.00

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS (April 16<sup>th</sup>):**

Current 305.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS (APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>):**

Love Fund 107.00

**NON-BUDGET GIFTS (APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>):**

Love Fund 605.00; Loose 22.25

**ASLEEP IN JESUS:** Early Thursday morning, Shirley Diehl was called to her eternal rest with Jesus. Please keep Stan and family in your prayers as they mourn her passing. The funeral service will be held here at Faith on Monday, time to be determined. Visitation will likely be Saturday and Sunday.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "The human race was 'hand-made' by the most creative designer possible: God. We were made in HIS IMAGE, with HIS very BREATH within us! We truly are 'fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 139:14)." *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Unadulterated Fact" (Acts 22:22-25)**

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

The early believers knew two things to be true: Jesus performed miraculous works and He rose from the dead. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 30<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.

**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.

**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.

**OUR MEMBERS AT GRACE** will meet today 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.

**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.

**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.

**NOMINATIONS FOR SYNOD PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS** will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> following our service. Prayerfully consider clergy whom God may raise up for these important roles.

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastors at Redeemer, St. Thomas
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
<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.	Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing's
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Prayer Group
<b>Fri.</b>	5:30 p.m.	Bode / Zubick Wedding Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	ALOA (Faith)
<b>Sat.</b>	2:00 p.m.	Bode / Zubick Wedding
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith and Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Faith)
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	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Faith and Grace)
	6:00 p.m.	WellArts Café (Faith)

