

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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: Jesus, You are the Way--the Way to the Father, the Way to the truth, the Way to forgiveness, the Way to renewal, the Way to refreshment, the Way to life everlasting. May we never stray from Your Way. And may we never stop looking ahead to all that You have prepared for us on our road of life.

Guiding Lord, lead us to the glory yet to come.

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 4..... p. 203
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 564; 744; 456

FIRST LESSON: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 (p.914)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10 (p.1014)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-14 (p.901)

SERMON: "Being a Witness of Jesus Christ!" - Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

LBT carries out the work of translating the Scriptures into the languages around the world, so that all people may hear the Word of God in their own language and come to saving faith in Christ.



FLOWERS: The flowers which beautify God's house today are given to the glory of God by Pastor and Mayra Castillo in thanksgiving for God's presence in their lives.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In Holy Communion, not only does Jesus give us forgiveness, He also gives us the promise that as we receive His gift, we are proclaiming His death. That is our lifelong duty and delight! As doctrinal oneness is central to this common proclamation, the churches of the Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practise closed communion. For this reason, we ask guests who desire commune to kindly speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mayra Castillo and Rosemarie Gmehlin

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mia and Logan Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Betty Catanzariti and Marianne Issendorf

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 Diehl, Shirley Kendall, Reverend Kurt Reinhardt

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Dave, Julie and Abigail Bunce; Martha Callejas; Colin and Doreen Campbell; Lorne, Susan, John and Karen Campbell

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 (*16:33)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2 **BIBLE CLASS:** 5

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from April 30th): Current 520.00; Missions 70.00; Building 20.00

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: On May 28th after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in May.

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.

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.

LIFE QUOTES: "As the Church of God it's time we rightly extolled the vocation of motherhood, and it's time we finally saw the resplendent majesty concealed therein. There is no greater vocation on earth for it is God's chosen means to bring children into this world and, likewise through parents, to bring children into Christ's kingdom of forgiveness through Holy Baptism." *Rev. Jonathan Conner, Zion Lutheran Church, Manning, Iowa - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Comfort in the Spirit for Our Spirits" (John 14:15-21)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

To be the people God created us to be, we must be connected to His power, to His Word, by His Spirit. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 21st at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts 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.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY! While we gather again today to worship our Triune God, may our prayers of thanksgiving ascend to Him for the gift of mothers everywhere.

AN ASCENSION DAY SERVICE will be held at Faith on Thursday, May 25th at 7:30 p.m. The congregations of Good Shepherd and Our Saviour will be participating with us. A pot blessing dinner will precede the service at 6:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

GRACE STRAWBERRY SOCIAL will take place on Saturday, June 24th, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., rain or shine! Invite family and friends to this fun day. There will be live music. Everyone is welcome! We are in need of volunteers to help out in the following areas: baking cakes, food preparation, outdoor setup, takedown, food servers, kitchen help, clearing and cleaning. A sign up sheet will be posted three weeks before this event.

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, YOUTH: Here is an upcoming event which may interest you.

"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 PRAYER GROUP: Our next prayer session will be held here at Grace on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

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

Thank You! **TO ALL THOSE** who came out yesterday to help with our spring clean-up at Grace. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

YOUTH CATECHISM STUDIES is postponed this week while Pastor Scholz attends a conference in Angola, New York.



THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

****Pastor Scholz at Pastors'/Deacons' Conference in Angola, New York

Mon. *****

Tues. *****

11:00 p.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
7:00 p.m. Trustees
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

Sun. 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 & Grace)

6:00 p.m. WellArts Café (Faith)