

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 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 Risen Lord, You came to live and to love so that life and love could flow through us. Help us to live as Easter people--renewing our spirits, looking toward the future, and rejoicing all our days. And help us to live out the love You shared with us by welcoming, accepting, and uplifting the people around us.

Living and loving Lord, enliven us with Your constant compassion.

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: 816; 556 v.1-4,10; 578

FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:16-31 (p.926)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22 (p.1016)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-21 (p.901)

SERMON: "He Descended into Hell" - 1 Peter 3:18-20

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 Gene and Anna Makish in thanksgiving for God's blessings in their lives.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**USHERS TODAY:** Mia and Logan Mulligan**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Lorne and Susan Campbell**ACOLYTE TODAY:** Olivia Irons**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:** Irene Carey; Rev. Oscar, Mayra and Oscar Jr. Castillo; Osmayra Castillo; Franco and Betty Catanzariti**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 28 ('16:33)**COMMUNED:** 22**BIBLE CLASS:** 7**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:**(from May 7th): Current 652.00; Missions 20.00; Building 8.00**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**(from May 7th): Loose 2.26

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.

AN ASCENSION DAY SERVICE will be held at Faith this 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 BIBLE STUDY: You are welcome to come and participate in the Bible Study here at Grace on Thursday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. We are studying about Prayer.

LIFE QUOTES: "We cannot be uncreated, unforgiven, unaccepted, unreconciled, unbaptized, unjustified, or uncalled any more than Jesus can be unborn, uncrucified, or unresurrected. His rising again and ascending into heaven ensures that His cross atonement will align and assimilate everything, and sooner rather than later." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Best of Things in the Worst of Times" (Philippians 1:27)

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

As another generation comes along that knows not the Lord or what He has done, God enables His people to do the best of things in the worst of times. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 28th 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.

CAN YOU HELP? This coming Saturday, May 27th (1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.), we will be hosting 60 -70 people at the Lutheran Church - Canada Restructuring meeting. *We are in need of baked items* for the afternoon break time. Please consider bringing or dropping them off at the church. All are welcome to attend.

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.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE is held on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The theme is "Journey From Unbelief to Faith". There is a short video, and then there are questions and discussion about the theme. From June 11 until September 3, there will not be a Bible Study.

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.

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.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING will be held on Sunday, June 4th at Grace in Strathroy. You are encouraged to join your brothers and sisters in Christ for morning worship and the meeting to follow! Service is at 10:00 a.m.

ON MONDAY, JUNE 19TH, Faith will be hosting the Lutheran Social Services London (LSSL) general meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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.		Victoria Day - church office closed
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:00 p.m.	Pot blessing dinner (Faith)
	7:30 p.m.	Ascension Service (Faith)
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	ALOA
Sat.	1:30 p.m.	LCC Restructuring Update (Faith)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith and Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
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	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Faith)
	6:00 p.m.	WellArts Café (Faith)

