

**GRACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2017

We Love Because He First Loved Us

WORSHIP SERVICE..... 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: We thank You, Lord, for putting Your confidence in Your apostle Peter to begin Your Church here on earth. And we thank You, too, for putting Your confidence in us to continue the work of spreading the Gospel. Give us strength and courage in this challenging endeavour, and help those who come after us to keep this Church alive by Your grace.

O Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, lead us on.

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: Summer Printed Order of Service
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 912; 645; 662

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6 (p.611)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 11:33-12:8 (p.947)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-21 (p.822)

SERMON: "Jesus, The Christ" - Matthew 16:13-21

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Hour Ministries
Traditional time of support for the Lutheran Hour and Lutheran Television throughout the Synod.

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: Today after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in August. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, it is our practice to determine doctrinal unity for those partaking of the Sacrament. Our practice in no way denies that there are Christians in other denominations. Rather, we practise closed communion because oneness in doctrine is also witnessed to in this celebration. We ask that guests desiring to commune would thus speak with the pastor before the service. Let us pray that the divisions that separate Christians may one day be healed on the basis of Holy Scripture. "For the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy."

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mike Flikkema and James Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mia and Logan Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Gene Makish

ALTAR GUILD: Betty Catanzariti & 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, Scarlett Peers and her family; Bill and Vicky Orlowski, Emily Playfoot, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon’s mother), Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster’s mother-

in-law), Janice Vandermyden, Jenna Martinuzzi

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Niels Jensen; Dan, Rosemary and Andrew Johnston; Darcy Kahle; Jamie and Lynn Kearns

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 9 (*16:20)

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:

(from August 13th): Current 620.00; Building 65.00

(from August 20th): Current 250.00



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: A prayer for parents for their children: “Today I rededicate them to You. You designed and fashioned them, Father. Lord Jesus, You redeemed them. Spirit, You live in them. Keep them Yours now and always. Keep their guardian angels on duty, as You have promised. Help them grow into adults who will find joy in serving You and building Your kingdom. Lord, thank You for my miracle children.” *Pastor Mark Jeske, (www.timeofgrace.org) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Finding Life in Jesus’ Steps”

(Matthew 16:24-25)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Take joy in the gift of being a follower of Christ who is willing to take His lead and be ordered by His steps. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, September 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA (JANUARY 2018): If you are interested in going on this mission trip with Redeemer Lutheran Church, 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.

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.



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.

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

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES MESSAGE FROM REVEREND FRANK MANTZ:

Come! Reach out to others. Bring someone you know, a friend, a neighbour, a fellow-member of the congregation. We are going to make this a super celebration for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, but unless you are there and make an effort to share your joy with others, all the preparations in the world will fall flat. Martin Luther was one man standing alone against so much opposition to his understanding of how God reached out in Jesus Christ to bring salvation to the world, but people listened to him, heard the message, and responded joyfully to God's love for them. For 500 years the Lutheran Church, around the world, has continued to bring Christ to the nations. We are inviting the six Lutheran Churches in London, plus many other denominations to join us for this exciting afternoon of celebration. We hope to have 1.000 in attendance.

Reformation 500 is being held at St. Paul's Cathedral, 472 Richmond Street on Sunday October 22 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. There is so much planned. Dr. Christine Helmer, from Northwestern in Chicago, a world-renown Luther scholar and author, will be our guest speaker. The Amabile Youth Singers along with the Prima Chorus will help to lead the singing of hymns of the Reformation period as well as those that focus on Luther's four "sola(s)". Musical accompaniment will be provided by the Reverb Brass (from Toronto) as well as our superb organist Angus Sinclair.

Of course, you're wondering about how much this is going to cost. It is absolutely FREE--and, so is the parking that will be provided at London Life parking lot. We just want to pack the church, with you and you and you. We want you to be part of the celebration because we can't wait another 500 years to do this.

Lutheran Social Services (London) is sponsoring the whole event. The Lord has truly blessed our Foundation and we want to share those blessings with you and the whole City (and beyond) of London. You will probably see this offered in newspapers, weekend publications and for the two weeks of October 1 and 15 we are sponsoring the Lutheran Hour to have it announced on that program. We are getting the word out and we would really appreciate if you could help us do that... one-on-one. Thank you!



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
Tues.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
Wed.	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Summer Service with Holy Communion(Faith)
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:00 p.m.	Music Committee Meeting (Grace)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship