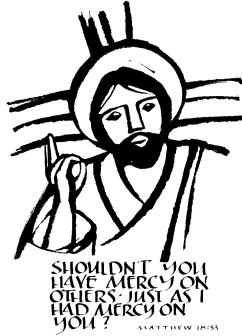


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 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:** Your forgiveness, O Lord, knows no bounds. May we be just as generous in our forgiving of one another. In all things, may Your love and mercy be the force that moves us to act and respond to those who have sinned against us.

*Ever-loving Lord, may we love others as You have loved us.*

**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:** 803; 685; 692; 719

**FIRST LESSON:** Genesis 50:15-21 (p.44)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 14:1-12 (p.948)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 18:21-35 (p.823)

**SERMON:** "Am I in the Place of God?" - Genesis 50:15-21

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines. September is education month - this is a reminder of those preparing to teach God's Word. This is a traditional time throughout the District, too.

**USHERS:** After service, please collect the bulletins from the sanctuary and put them in the box which is located in the office. Also, please collect any paper scraps that have been left in the pews and dispose of them in the garbage cans. As well, make sure to record the names of all those attending service on the attendance sheet and give these sheets along with the offering envelopes to the pastor.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

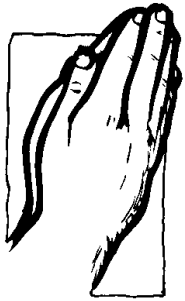
**USHERS TODAY:** Ken and Sharon Beecroft

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mayra Castillo

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Lorne Campbell

**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin and Anna Makish

**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 Orlovski, 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, Ruth Bancroft and family (at the passing of her husband, Don)

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Paul, Marianne, Ashley and Tyler Kippax; Frank Kleiber and Sophie Wilson; Mirja Kukkonen; Shawn, Victoria and Paxton Laker

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 28 (16:21)

**BIBLE CLASS:** 7

**COMMUNED:** 24

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:**

Current 750.00; Missions 520.00

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT FAITH:** Please mark down on your calendars the upcoming meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> following the service. Your presence and support is greatly needed and appreciated!

**LIFE QUOTES:** "Every time you meet another human being you have the opportunity. It's a chance at holiness. For you will do one of two things. Either you will build him up or you will tear him down. There are no useless, minor meetings. There are no dead-end jobs. There are no pointless lives. Swallow your sorrows; forget your grievances and all the hurt your poor life has sustained. Turn your face truly to the human before you and let her, for one pure moment, shine. Think her important, and then she will suspect that she is fashioned of God." *Walt Wangerin, pastor and author - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "The Latest Polls" (Matthew 21:18-21 and Luke 23:23-25)

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Believing the latest public opinion poll is not the same thing as believing the truth. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY:** You are welcome to participate in our Bible Study on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. We are studying the book of Ruth (a gentile woman) of the Old Testament. The book of Ruth focuses on the crown jewel of God's plan of salvation for the world - the history of the ancestors of King David and his heir, our Saviour Jesus Christ.



**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.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The Annual 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion begins Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Bonnie Pember at London Area Right to Life, 519-659-3334 for more information. <http://www.40daysforlife.com/london-on>

**LIFE CHAIN:** will be held Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Join this cross-city (cross country) witness to LIFE as we hold pro-life signs and silently pray for LIFE - in solidarity with the voiceless little ones in our city who die each day by abortion. You are welcome to bring a chair. Please arrive by 2:15 p.m. at our location which is on the northeast corner of Fanshawe Park Road East and Richmond (meet in the parking lot to pick up signs).

**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!

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** Next Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in September. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

**LADIES OF GRACE:** Our next meeting is Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will begin a new video series entitled "Armour of God" based on Ephesians 6. Please come out and join us as we delve into this new study. We will also be completing a blanket at this meeting. Feel free to bring your favourite breakfast goodie to share and the coffee will be on.

Church  
~~DINNER~~★

**NICARAGUA FUNDRAISING DINNER** will be held at Faith on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be made available soon.



**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
<b>Tues.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastors at St. Peter's, Simcoe
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees (Faith)
	7:30 p.m.	Council
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
<b>Fri.</b>	6:00 p.m.	ALOA
<b>Sat.</b>	2:00 p.m.	Livingstone / Vukan wedding
	3:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
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