

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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: As we work together with others in the Church, O Christ, help us to see that we are all working toward a common goal--the spreading of the Gospel for the salvation of souls. Forgive us for letting conflicts here on earth get in the way of Your heavenly mission, and allow us to see that all will be made clear on the very last day.

Lord of the Church, bless the work we do in Your name.

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: 869; 744; 738

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-9 (p.615)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (p.980)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16 (p.825)

SERMON: "Is God Fair?" - Matthew 20:1-16

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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: "To say that one takes and receives the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament is not speaking incorrectly; for where Christ is, the forgiveness of sins is. Here are His body and blood according to His Word" (Luther). As we receive His gift of forgiveness today, we ask guests desiring to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before the service. For scriptural reasons, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practise closed communion.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mayra Castillo

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mia and Logan Mulligan

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 Orłowski, 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: Jeremy, Heather, Tristan and Quinn Langohr; Wayne, Elizabeth and Katrina Langohr; Matt, Lindy and Grace Lavers; Mary Lewis

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 26 ('16:26)

BIBLE CLASS: 6

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

Amounts will be in next week's bulletin



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

Amounts will be in next week's bulletin

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.

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: Today 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.

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.

A DONATION BOX has been set in the fellowship hall. Please bring non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving for the local Food Bank. Let us all bring food in order to help all those in need at this time of the year.

LIFE CHAIN will be held next Sunday, October 1st 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).

REFORMATION 500 LONDON: Lutheran Social Services London will be hosting a celebration of the Reformation on Sunday, October 22nd from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. All are invited to this event which will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, 472 Richmond St. in London. Guest speaker will be Dr. Christine Helmer from Northwestern in Chicago. The Amabile Youth Singers and the Prima Chorus will also be present. This event is FREE. Let's support the wonderful heritage that we have as Lutherans - Faith alone, Scripture alone, Grace alone, Christ alone!

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



NICARAGUA OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISING DINNER:

Join us on Saturday, October 21st at Faith for an Oktoberfest dinner in support of the Nicaragua Mission trip in January 2018. A delicious meal of pork schnitzel, roasted potatoes, steamed green beans, sauerkraut and apple strudel will be served. Cost is &15.00 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. All funds raised will be used to purchase Care Packages for 300 families in Nicaragua. Tickets will be available next week (October 1st).

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.

GRACE'S FALL CLEAN-UP will be on Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. If you are able to help prepare our beautiful church home for the winter, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. *Trustees*

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

TO CELEBRATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sarnia, is hosting the movie **Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed The World** at the Galaxy Cineplex Theatre in Sarnia on Thursday, October 26th, 2017 at 7:00pm. Dr. Rev. Harold Ristau, Professor at Concordia Lutheran Seminary will introduce the movie and provide a question/answer time following the movie. Tickets are \$10. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brenda Ryan by Sunday, October 15th. She has 30 tickets for the exciting event to learn more about the history of the Lutheran Church and the start of the Protestant movement as a whole.



FLOWERS: The flowers which beautify God's house today are given to the glory of God by Gene and Anna Makish.

LADIES OF GRACE: Our next meeting is this Saturday, September 30th at 10:00 a.m. 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.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Thursday, October 12th at Faith at 7:00 p.m. All boards and committees are reminded to prepare their "wish list" for 2018 and to be in attendance for this important meeting.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to be on our prayer chain and have not received any of these emails, please inform the office either by phone (519-685 9700) or send an email to faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
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 at Faith
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Prayer Session
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	LWML Fall Rally (Redeemer, St. Thomas)
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies of Grace
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Faith)
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	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (Faith)
	2:00 p.m.	Glendale Crossing Service