

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 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 Lord above, may we take Your call to come and join You seriously. May we prepare ourselves to enter into Your banquet hall rejoicing. May we truly sense how honoured and privileged we are to be invited to spend time with You. And may we be ever grateful to You for giving us so much, when we deserve so little.

Heavenly Father, let us enter into Your kingdom, by Your grace.

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: Printed Order of Service

HYMNS: 803; 918; 922

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9 (p.586)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:4-13 (p.982)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14 (p.827)

SERMON: "Dressed for the Wedding Banquet!" - Matthew 22:1-14

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Haiti Lutheran Mission Society

In view of the needs in Haiti, this is an important effort to re-establish churches and provide resources for their needs.

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.



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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Ken and Sharon Beecroft

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mike Flikkema and James Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Gene Makish

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Kearns and Tania Mulligan

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: Walter and Donna Procknow, Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Carolyn Neumann, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Stacy Francis and sons, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Keith and Alice Keller, Reiner Issendorf, Martha Fonger, David Biederman (Carole Atkinson's brother), Grace Woolner, Bill and Vicky Orlowski, Mary Lewis, Matthew Gascon, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon's mother), Janice Vandermyden, Jenna

Martinuzzi, Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster's mother-in-law), Dennis and Sara Bradbury

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Bryan and Gerda Martinuzzi; Jenna Martinuzzi; Rick, Robin, Kristen and Curtis McDonald; Joshua, Amanda, Blaine and Violet McLarty; Jamie McSporran

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 ('16:19)

COMMUNED: 24 **BIBLE CLASS:** 6

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from Oct. 1st): Current 550.00; Missions 25.00; Building 25.00

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.

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: On Sunday, October 29th after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in October. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

LIFE QUOTES: "When the God of the universe, Who created and redeemed us, calls us by name, claiming us as His very own and assuring us that nothing can snatch us from His hand, where we are engraved, could there be any more loving and comforting words when we are living life even in the midst of death?" *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Enduring Reformation Moment and Message of Grace" (2 Corinthians 4:13-18)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

The Reformation was quite a moment for Martin Luther, but also for people who suddenly heard of a merciful God Who really cared for them. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, October 22nd at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

REFORMATION 500 LONDON: Lutheran Social Services London will be hosting a celebration of the Reformation next 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!

GRACE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Monday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and discuss the work at Grace.

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*

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

Church DINNER * **NICARAGUA OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISING DINNER:** Join us this 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 about 300 families in Nicaragua. Tickets are available now.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The Annual 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion began 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>

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.



OCTOBER HAS A 5TH SUNDAY, and we would like to give you the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like sung on October 29th, please let the pastor know.

MEMBER INFORMATION IN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: If you do not wish to have your personal information (full name, address, phone number, etc.) appear in our weekly bulletins, prayer lists, calendars, or any other public communications, please contact the church office by phone (519-685-9700) or by email (faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com).

GRACE PRAYER GROUP: You are invited to participate in our Grace Prayer Group on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. Come and let us pray for the people of God and all their needs.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
*** LCC Synodical Convention (October 13 - 16) Pastor Castillo is in attendance		
***** Christian Growth Retreat (Cambridge - October 20-21)		
Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Planning Meeting
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
	7:30 p.m.	Council (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.	Faith Bible Study at Gerda Martinuzzi's
Fri.	8:30 p.m.	Ansell / Paolini Wedding Rehearsal
Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Faith)
	2:00 p.m.	Ansell / Paolini Wedding
	6:00 p.m.	Nicaragua Fundraising dinner (Faith)
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 with Holy Communion (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Grace)
	3:30 p.m.	Reformation Event - LSSL (St. Paul's Cathedral)