## **GRACE**

### **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Dear God, as You commanded us in the Fourth Commandment, may we honour and respect all those in authority over us--our parents, employers, coaches, teachers, and government officials. But as You commanded in the First Commandment, may we respect and honour You most of all. May Your leadership be the driving force in our lives.

O Leader of all, guide to follow Your will.

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 Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 817; 940; 782

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 45:1-7 (p.605)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (p.986)
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22 (p.827)

SERMON: "What Shall I Do?" - Matthew 22:15-22

#### 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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: 1 Corinthians 10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. His very body and very blood are really present in the Lord's Supper. According to the Word of God, there is also a doctrinal oneness testified to by the common reception of this Sacrament. With love for His Word and for all people, we therefore ask guests desiring to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before the service.

**PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION:** You may find it helpful to read Luther's Questions and Answers on p. 329 (LSB) prior to communing at the Lord's Table today.

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

**USHERS TODAY:** Mike Flikkema and James Mulligan **USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mayra Castillo and volunteer ????

**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: Peter and Maria Mergel; Adam Mitchell; Shirley and Scott

Mitchell; Keith and Shirley Monk

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 25 ('16:19)
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 4

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

(from Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>): Current 530.00; Missions 10.00; Building 10.00



#### **NON-BUDGET GIFTS**:

(from Oct. 8th): Thanksgiving (LWML-C) 40.00; Care Package 10.00

**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:** Next Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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: "The Eternal Being, who knows everything and who created the whole universe, became not only a man but (before that) a baby, and before that a fetus in a woman's body." C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

# LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "A Reformation Invitation - the Just Live by Faith" (Romans 1:16-17)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

500 years ago, Martin Luther rediscovered a truth that turned the world upside down: the just shall live by faith. Can this message transform you today? Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

BIBLE STUDIES AT GRACE: You are welcome to participate in our Bible Study on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. We are continuing to study the Gospel of Mark. Also, you are invited to our Bible Study every second Thursday of the month. We are studying the book of Acts. Come and learn about the work and the struggles that the first Christians faced to proclaim the "Good News" of Jesus Christ to others.



**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.

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

MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE NIGHT: As one of Good Shepherd's (London) observances of Reformation 500, we are planning to show the new Martin Luther movie called "Martin Luther - The Idea That Changed The World" on Saturday, October 28th at 6:30 p.m. in our lower hall. Please join us to view this new work presented with live actors including both a narration and commentary to enhance understanding. We hope to provide light refreshments as well.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Nomination forms and descriptions of positions for service can be found on the pastor's desk in the parish hall.

**GRACE'S FALL CLEAN-UP** will be on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



OCTOBER HAS A 5<sup>TH</sup> 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, let the pastor know.

**DONATE \$30 - FEED A FAMILY:** In addition to leading VBS for over 1000 children and construction/repair of Church property, the plan is to give Care packages to approximately 300 families during the Mission trip in January. The Care packages include soap, coffee, beans, sugar, pasta and oil. All items are basic to keep families nourished and healthy. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, purchasing a Care package for a family in need is a great way to give thanks for the many blessings we have been given. It's as simple as including your donation in your offering (identify donation on your envelope - "Care package" beside "other"), or attending the Oktoberfest dinner on Saturday, October 21st. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask Pastor Castillo.

**GRACE PRAYER GROUP:** You are invited to participate in our Grace Prayer Group at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, October 26th. This prayer session was an idea approved by the Planning Committee. Come and let us pray for the people of God and all their needs.

**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).

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

| THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE |            |  |
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| Mon.                         | 9:30 a.m.  | Office Prayers / Staff meeting           |
|                              | 10:00 a.m. | Kitchen Clean-Up (Faith)                 |
| 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 Group                       |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing's      |
| Fri.                         | 6:00 p.m.  | ALOA                                     |
| Sat.                         | 9:00 a.m   | 12:00 NOON Fall Clean-Up (Faith & Grace) |
|                              | 9:30 a.m   | 12:00 NOON Banner Committee              |
|                              | 10:00 a.m. | Estudio Biblico en Español (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 (Faith & Grace)          |
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