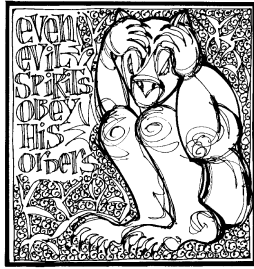


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2018

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come.

BIBLE CLASS..... 9:00 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICE..... 10:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord Jesus Christ, You have authority over everything in heaven and on earth. May we respect Your power and trust in Your ability to overcome the forces of evil all around us.

Lord of all, protect us by Your might.

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: 537; 744; 770

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (p.161)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (p.956)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:21-28 (p.836)

SERMON: "Jesus Speaks to Us With Authority" - Mark 1:21-28



FLOWERS: The flowers which beautify God's house today are given to the glory of God by Rosemarie Gmehlin in celebration of her birthday.

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: Luther found his deepest treasure in the forgiveness of sins and called it "the sun around which all other doctrines revolve like planets." In the **Lord's Supper** Jesus promises to bestow on us this forgiveness as we partake of the very price of that forgiveness – His very body and blood. Deeply thankful for the heavenly gift of this Sacrament, we thus desire to celebrate it according to His will and Word. As this includes doctrinal oneness, we practise closed communion and ask guests to speak with the pastor before communing.

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: Ken and Sharon Beecroft

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Mike Flikkema

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin and Lynn Kearns

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: Walter and Donna Procknow, Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Patricia Phillips, Sandra Stewart, 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, Matthew Danyluk-Gascon, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon's mother),

Janice Vandermyden, Sheila Mizon, Jenna Martinuzzi, Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster's mother-in-law), Dennis and Sara Bradbury, Pastor John Obeda, Loretta Baker (Stan Diehl's sister), Carolyn Neumann and family

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Harry and Sylvia Stantsos; Ben and Sandra Stewart; Imogen Strike; Wayne, Vickey, Kaity and Ethan Strong

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 18 ('17:28)

BIBLE STUDY: 6

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from Jan. 14th): Current 755.00;



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(from Jan. 14th): Initial 10.00

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is one of Canada's most experienced relief and development agencies. Formed in 1946, CLWR has grown to serve the world's poor and disenfranchised through community development, refugee resettlement, emergency relief, and donated commodities shipments (We Care).

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.

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

BIBLE STUDIES AT GRACE have resumed. We encourage you to participate in our Bible Study on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Come and learn about the "Good News" of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: Today, after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in January. 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: "Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God's Word is clear in King David's Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities - Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



MEMBERS' TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: Please check your information in the congregation's telephone directory. If the information is correct, could you please put a check mark and initials beside your name to indicate that you have seen it? If there are changes/updates, please write them directly on the paper. Also, if you are aware of any information changes of other members, please add them. If you have an email address and you would like it included in the new directory, add it or let the office know, either by phone (519-685-9700) or email at faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Lift Up Your Eyes on High and See: Who Created These?" (Isaiah 40:21-31)

Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dale A. Meyer

There's much in science that witnesses to God. Dr. Meyer says telescopes and microscopes can further evangelism more than soap boxes. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, February 4th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS: This is a reminder that we will soon be preparing our 2017 Annual Report. The deadline for all reports is Sunday, February 11th.

GRACE BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to participate in our Bible Study on Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. Come and let us study about the beginning of the Church of Christ and the struggles that the early Christian Church had to go through to proclaim God's Word. We are studying the Book of Acts.



SANCTUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR 2018: Please consider taking a turn at cleaning our church sanctuary. Duties include vacuuming, dusting and cleaning the bathroom. A sign up list has been placed in the parish hall. What a wonderful way to participate in our family of faith.



Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / staff meeting
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 (Faith)
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:00 p.m.	Grace Music Committee
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Trustees Breakfast
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Grace)