

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 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:** We look to You for help and healing, O Lord. Be with all those who are in need at this time. Lift them up and restore them so that they may continue to serve You wholeheartedly.

*Gracious Saviour, bless us with Your tender touch of mercy.*

**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:** 684; 398; 543

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "O How He Loves You and Me" - Linda Aitken & Brenda Ryan

### INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 40:21-31 (p.600)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (p.957)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 1:29-39 (p.836)

**SERMON:** "Our Saviour's Touch" - Mark 1:29-39



**FLOWERS:** Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn our altar as we praise God for the many blessings that He has given us.

**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.

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

**USHERS TODAY:** Ken and Sharon Beecroft

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mayra Castillo

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

**ALTAR GUILD:** Marianne Issendorf

**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 and Marian Obeda, Loretta Baker (Stan Diehl's sister), Carolyn Neumann and family

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Addison and Katherine Sutherland; Ian, Stacey, Karlee and Aaron Sutton; Nancy Taylor; Rainer, Judy, Ian and Kieran Tellers; Marj Thompson

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 22 ('17:28) **COMMUNED:** 18

**BIBLE STUDY:** 6

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

(from Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>): Current 920.00; Missions 40.00; Building 60.00

(from Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>): Current 510.00; Building 40.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

(from Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>): Initial 10.00

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Hour Ministries

Traditional time of support for the Lutheran Hour and Lutheran Television throughout the Synod.

**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, February 25<sup>th</sup> after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in February. 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:** "If it is wrong to kill a human fetus, it is wrong because this interrupts the vocation of that fetus to praise God and enjoy Him forever, a vocation given it by God Himself in and with the gift of existence, a vocation we may not override for purposes of our own without offending against the rights of God." *Douglas Farrow, author of Desiring a Better Country: Forays in Political Theology*  
- Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Was Blind, But Now I See"** (2 Corinthians 4:3)

Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one, but, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing? Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://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 next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you to all those who have submitted their reports to the office.

**PRAISE GOD!** Today we install into their elected offices for 2018 the following:  
Sharon Beecroft (Trustee)  
Ken Beecroft (Elder)  
Mike Flikkema (Elder)  
Gene Makish (Trustee)  
God bless them in their service here at Grace and may we be always ready to pray for and encourage them with our participation and service.

**2017 "DRAFT" INCOME TAX STATEMENTS** can be found in your mailbox. Please check that all the information is correct on this statement. If there any address corrections, etc., that are required, contact Diane Geurkink at 519-461-1702 or [diane.geurkink@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:diane.geurkink@schulich.uwo.ca) by next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The official tax receipt will be printed in the near future.

**GRACE BIBLE STUDY:** You are invited to participate in our Bible Study this Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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.

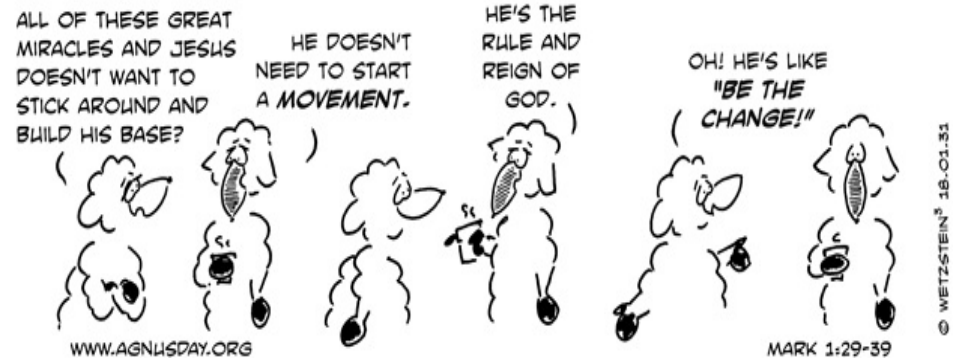
**MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** will be held at Faith on Wednesdays beginning next Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 p.m. You are welcome to attend the supper and the services to follow.

**A PANCAKE SUPPER** will be held at Faith on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome!

**LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS:** "Silent Witnesses" are now available. Please take a copy with you.



**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.



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<b>THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE</b>		
<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / staff meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study
<b>Sat.</b>	4:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
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	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	*****	<b>Deadline for 2017 Reports *****</b>

