

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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: Christ Jesus, You came to earth for a purpose--to release us from the power of sin and death. And You gave us a mission, too--to follow You. May we continue to walk in Your way and trust in Your purpose and plan for us.

Obedient Son of the Father, may we obey Your call to live as Your disciples.

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: 430; 763; 420

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 (p.11)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:1-11 (p.942)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:27-38 (p.844)

SERMON: "Faithfulness" - Mark 8:27-38

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: Today, 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.

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: Guests, welcome in the name of the Lord, who has done great things for us! One of those great things is the giving of His own body and blood in **Holy Communion**. We ask guests who desire to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before the service. We practise closed communion because of the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to its common reception.

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: 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 and Fred Neumann and family

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Becky, Ayden and Abigail Virgin; James and Emma Wands; Marc, Jessalynn, Kenzie and Austin Webster; Earl and Kathleen Weiberg

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 25 ('17:36)

BIBLE STUDY: 3

ATTENDANCE FEB. 11th: 17

COMMUNED: 13

BIBLE STUDY: 4

ATTENDANCE FEB. 15TH (ASH WEDNESDAY): 6

COMMUNED: 3

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from Feb. 11th): Current 485.00; Building 5.00

(from Feb. 18th): Current 998.00; Missions 40.00; Building 64.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(from Feb. 11th): Love Fund 90.00

(from Feb. 18th): Choir Music 124.00; Love Fund 50.00; Altar Guild 210.36; Loose 20.00

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.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS will continue at Faith on Wednesdays at 6:20 p.m. You are welcome to attend as well as the service at 7:15 p.m.

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.

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.

GRACE BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to participate in our Bible Study on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. We are studying the Book of Acts. 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.

LIFE QUOTES: "So when we see the embryo ... in that petri dish—vulnerable, helpless, and destined for destruction—we are compelled to speak and defend and help. And not because it is the right thing to do or the moral thing to do, but because it is the *Christ* thing to do. Our God became incarnate as an embryo, giving value to all embryos." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life - Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "When's God's Darkness Surrounds You" (Exodus 20:1-17)

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

When times are darkest, God wants you to know how close He really is. It's in those threatening times that you can especially learn and live in His love. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 4th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at Faith next Sunday, March 4th following the service. Our focus will be to reflect upon the 2017 Annual Report.

GRACE PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet this Thursday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m. at Grace. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

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).

2017 OFFICIAL INCOME TAX RECEIPTS can be found in your mailbox.



SEDER SUPPER AT FAITH (MARCH 29th): A Seder service is being planned for Maundy Thursday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the Christian Seder is to help us understand the background and significance of the Passover celebration, during which our Lord Jesus instituted and gave us the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The evening includes dinner, as well as our Maundy Thursday service. Tickets are \$4.00 per person, with a maximum cost of \$12.00/family. Tickets are now available through the church office. The cost helps us provide the meal and necessary items for this evening. To keep costs down, we also need help to prepare the meal, including items such as green salads (no dairy) and pies. A sign-up list is posted in the parish hall. We hope you will join us!

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)
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper (Faith)
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service (Faith)
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:00 p.m.	Grace Planning Committee
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Faith)
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	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Grace)
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational meeting (Faith)
	2:00 p.m.	Glendale Crossing service