

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Third Sunday in Lent

March 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:** God the Father, forgive us for not always treating You and Your house the way the we should. May we come to this church ready to worship and praise You. May we come to meditate and pray, and may we come to respect and honour You and this place.

*Builder of the Church, may we always feel at home in Your house.*

**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:** 902; 427; 425

**FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 20: 1-17 (p.61)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p.952)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 2:13-25 (p.887)

**SERMON:** "Written By The Finger of God" - Exodus 20: 1-17, 31:18

**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.

**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.

**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

**USHERS TODAY:** Ken and Sharon Beecroft

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Lorne and Susan Campbell

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Mike Flikkema

**ALTAR GUILD:** Betty Catanzariti and Anna Makish

**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:** Helmut and Diana Wellker; Greg, Diane, Jason and Lauren Wells; Fred and Barb Werner; David and Beth Wilker

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 29 (‘17:26)

**BIBLE STUDY:** 7

**COMMUNED:** 22

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:**

Amounts will be in next week’s bulletin



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

Amounts will be in next week’s bulletin

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines

We are reminded of the importance of preparing men for the Holy Ministry.

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

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** On Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in March. 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 we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we ask God to ‘deliver us from evil.’ We ask Him to protect us against the callous evil of abortion, the taking of a human life. We are harnessed with the burden of belonging to a nation that practices this barbaric procedure and calls it a ‘right.’ May God have mercy on us.”  
*Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS) - Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Condemned Already”** (John 3:19-21)

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

Some things just work better in the dark. You know, things like watching for shooting stars and getting a good night’s sleep or dreaming about the future. People love the darkness for a lot of reasons, and not all of them are good. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)



**SEDER SUPPER AT FAITH (MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>):** A Seder service is being planned for Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held at Faith today following the service. Our focus will be to reflect upon the 2017 Annual Report. A light lunch will be provided. You are welcome to attend.

**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.

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

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** will continue at Faith on Wednesdays at 6:20 p.m. You are welcome to attend the supper and the services to follow.



**NEXT SUNDAY** marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to set your clocks ahead (spring ahead!) so that you don’t miss the opportunity, privilege and joy of being in God’s house each week!

**SPECIAL EVENT:** “*In the beginning...The Concordia Choir*” Peace Lutheran Church, Tillsonburg, will be hosting Concordia Choir from Ann Arbor, Michigan for an evening of music on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. A freewill offering will be received to help offset the choir travel expenses.

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



**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.

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



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**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

<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)
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper (Faith)
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service (Faith)
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study and Prayer
<b>Sat.</b>	4:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
<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)