

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 5th Sunday in Lent

March 18, 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:** Draw us to You, O Lord. Gather us close to Your cross, and reveal Your glory to us there. Help us to see that in Your passion and death, You are bringing us back to the Father and binding us together as the family of God. May Your cross bring peace and unity to all.

*Christ of the cross, we stand in awe of what You have done for us.*

**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:** 430; 685; 763

**FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.660)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Hebrews 5:1-10 (p.1003)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 10:32-45 (p.846)

**SERMON:** "God Gives Us The Deal of a Lifetime" - Jeremiah 31:31-34

**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:** Mayra Castillo**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mike Flikkema and James Mulligan**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:** Gary, Deborah, Alexandra, Melanie and Justin Woelfle; Katie, Loyal, Griffin and Vivian Wood; Grace and Krista Woolner; Bereket, Sofia and Lily Yosieph**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 29 ('17:29)      **COMMUNION:** 24**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:**(from March 4<sup>th</sup>): Current 440.00; Building 20.00(from March 11<sup>th</sup>): Current 840.00; Building 20.00**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**(from March 4<sup>th</sup>): Love Fund 10.00(from March 11<sup>th</sup>): Love Fund 190.00**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 22<sup>nd</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:** Next 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:** "Ultimately abortions are antithetical to the Gospel message the church proclaims, as we marvel over the fact that Jesus says to undeserving sinners: 'I will lay my life down for my sheep,' and so He did, taking on our sin and shame and the debt that stood against us and nailing it to the cross. Abortion instead demands of an innocent life, 'You will lay your life down for me.'" *Pastor Gunnar Ingi Gunnarsson, Loftstofan Baptistakirkja, Iceland - Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "And They Crucified Him"** (Mark 14:24a)

Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Next week The Lutheran Hour celebrates the Saviour's resurrection. Today we mourn the unjust murder of the Saviour by considering the text: "And they crucified Him". Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 25<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!

**OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES** help us remember how Jesus suffered, died and rose again to save us from sin, death, and hell. We invite you to worship with us at these special services:

- Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**      **6:30 p.m.** Seder Service @ Faith
- Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**      **10:00 a.m.** Good Friday Service @ Grace
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- Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**        **10:00 a.m.** Resurrection of Our Lord Service  
with Holy Communion @ Grace
- Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**        **10:00 a.m.** Resurrection of Our Lord Service  
with Holy Communion @ Faith



**EASTER IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY** for you to invite family and friends to join us in the wonderful message of the Saviour, who destroyed death and the grave through His resurrection from the dead. Holiday times are occasions in which people are more open to the invitations that we make. Like the women who couldn't wait to tell others the good news the angel gave, "He is not here; He is risen, as He said", let us also go and share the hope that God has given us through His Son. Invite them to breakfast, too!

**EASTER BREAKFAST AT GRACE:** We will be having a pot blessing for Easter Sunday on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 a.m. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

**BIBLE STUDIES AT GRACE:** You are invited 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 still 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.

**GRACE EASTER RADIO MESSAGES** will begin on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and continue until Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> on 105.7 myFM, Strathroy. You can tune in to this radio station and hear the recorded Easter message by Pastor Castillo.

**GRACE BREAKFAST AND VISIT TO FORT ROSE MAPLE SYRUP:**

On March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., you are welcome to attend and spend a good time in fellowship. We will meet you there.



**SANCTUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR 2018:** Please consider 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 help our family of faith.



<b>THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE</b>		
<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
	8:00 p.m.	Council
<b>Tues.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastors at Good Shepherd
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
<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
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Gerda Martinuzzi's
<b>Fri.</b>	6:00 p.m.	ALOA (Pizza Night)
<b>Sat.</b>	4:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion(Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Grace)
<b>Sun.</b>	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)