

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Palm Sunday

March 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: We raise our hosannas to You, O incoming King. We lift up our voices to say, "Save us!" For though You are humble in appearance, You are mighty to save. And though You are gentle at heart, You possess power from on high. We thank You for entering our lives.

Jesus of Nazareth, we lift our palms and praises up to You.

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

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12 (p.797)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 (p.980)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 15:1-47 (p.852)

SERMON: "Our Servant - King Died for You" - Philippians 2:7,8

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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: On the Sunday before His death (Palm Sunday), Jesus is hailed as King and Lord; and palm branches carpet the path of His humble entrance into Jerusalem. In the **Lord's Supper**, Jesus still enters our lives with humble means; and He is still Lord and King. It is not too great a thing for Him to be present with His flesh and blood for our forgiveness! We do practise closed communion, and guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

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: 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: Albert Schachow; Marj and Don Thompson; Fred & Rose Zepp; Jonathan and Joanna Zubick

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 31 ('17:34)

BIBLE STUDY: 4 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 2

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.

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: Today, after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in April. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "They Were Afraid, You Know?"

(Mark 16:1-8)

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

It takes a lot to overcome fear, a lot of words, in fact a lifetime of words. Let this Easter Day be a new beginning of trusting Jesus' words of resurrection and life! Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 1st at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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.

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!



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 29th** **6:30 p.m.** Seder Service @ Faith
- Friday, March 30th** **10:00 a.m.** Good Friday Service @ Grace
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- Sunday, April 1st** **10:00 a.m.** Resurrection of Our Lord Service
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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. 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!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS: "Silent Witnesses" are still 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.

GRACE EASTER RADIO MESSAGES will continue until Sunday, April 1st on 105.7 myFM, Strathroy. You can tune in to this radio station and hear the recorded Easter message by Pastor Castillo.

LIFE QUOTES: "Moreover, when Christ, the Son of God, was to be conceived in His mother's womb and become incarnate, He certainly had to be already present in essence and in person in the Virgin's womb, and had to assume humanity there." *Martin Luther (LW 37:62) - Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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).

EASTER BREAKFAST AT GRACE: We will be having a pot blessing for Easter Sunday next Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

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



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
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Seder Service at Faith
Fri.	10:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service (Faith)
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Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast (Faith)
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	10:00 a.m.	Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion (Faith & Grace)