

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## *Second Sunday of Easter*

April 8, 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:** Help us to believe in You, O Lord, even when we cannot clearly see or understand the reasons for certain events or circumstances in our lives. May our trust in You bring us peace of mind and confidence of spirit at all times and in every situation.

*Risen Lord, keep us strong in our faith.*

**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:** 470; 464; 480

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 4:32-35 (p.912)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** I John 1:1-2:2 (p.1021)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 20:19-31 (p.906)

**SERMON:** "Are You Behind Locked Doors?" - John 20:19-31

**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:** In the early church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper was viewed as a continuation of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. It was viewed much the same as when the risen Lord said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Stop doubting and believe" (John 20:27). As Jesus promised, we believe that He is really present in this Sacrament with His very body and blood for our forgiveness. As the Sacrament was received by the early Christians only by those who were united in "the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42), we also follow this ancient practice of closed communion and thus ask visitors desiring to commune 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:** Mayra Castillo

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

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin, Lynn Kearns and 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)

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Mike and Iris Ansell; Graham and Sarah Ansell; Carole Atkinson; Terry, Joanne, Kelly and Derek Austin

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 33 ('17:38)

**COMMUNED:** 25

**ATTENDANCE GOOD FRIDAY:** 26 ('17:38)

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

**(FROM MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>):** Current 505.00; Missions 5.00

**(FROM APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>):** Current 340.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

**(FROM GOOD FRIDAY):** Love Fund 176.00

**(FROM APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>):** Love Fund 140.00

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Haiti Lutheran Mission Society

In view of the needs in Haiti, this is an important effort to re-establish churches and provide resources for their needs.

**GRACE BIBLE STUDY:** You are invited to participate in our Bible Study this Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m at Bruce and Linda Aitken's. 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, April 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in the springtime." *Martin Luther - Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



**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.

**IN THE ARMS OF JESUS:** Carolyn Neumann entered her eternal rest last Monday morning. Her funeral service was held at Faith on Friday. Please remember Fred and his family during this time of sadness. May the promise of the resurrection lift up their hearts.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Peace to You"** (Luke 24:36-49)

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

Christians often say, "The Lord be with you." What does that look like? And how do you know Jesus is indeed with you? Jesus' visit to His first disciples shows us the how and what of confidence in Christ. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://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.

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



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

**LADIES OF FAITH:** Join us this Tuesday, April 10 at Faith at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker is Brenda Ryan and the topic "*Journey Through The Bible*". Brenda invites you to bring your portable devices: laptop, Ipad/tablet, and or phone. <https://brendaryancoffeetime.com> "Coffee Ministry"

**SPRING CLEAN-UP** is planned for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Many hands will make this task easier.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ryan and Erin Maille (Miller) on the birth of their daughter, Sylvia Ruth Maille who was born on March 15<sup>th</sup> in London. Proud grandparents are Ken and Sharon Beecroft.



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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)
	7:00 p.m.	LWML
<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 at Aitken's
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing's
<b>Sat.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Ladies of Grace
	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 (Faith)
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	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)