

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 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:** May the love You have for us, O Lord, transform our hearts. May we be more open to caring for the needs of our family and friends. And may we be more committed to developing deeper relationships with Your fellow followers.

*Merciful Saviour, help us to show mercy to others, as You show mercy to 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:** 660; 838; 832

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 10:34-48 (p.919)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** I John 5:1-8 (p.1023)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 15:9-17 (p.902)

**SERMON:** "The Challenge of Change" - Acts 10:34-48

**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:** Lorne and Susan Campbell

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mayra Castillo

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Mike Flikkema

**ALTAR GUILD:** Betty Catanzariti

**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, Jenna Martinuzzi, Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster's mother-in-law), Dennis and Sara Bradbury, Pastor and Marian Obeda, Loretta Baker (Stan Diehl's sister), Michael Prell (Nelson Highfield's brother-in-law)

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Dennis and Sara Bradbury; Martin Brandt; Dean, Cindy, Lily and Jacob Buehler; Rick and Linda Buehler

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 21 ('17:22)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 3

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

(from April 22<sup>nd</sup>): Current 2,040.00; Missions 60.00; Building 590.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

(from April 22<sup>nd</sup>): Memorial 50.00

**MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS:**



\* to **Memorial Fund** in memory of *Carolyn Neumann* from Lorne & Susan Campbell

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Bible Translators

LBT carries out the work of translating the Scriptures into the languages around the world, so that all people may hear the Word of God in their own language and come to saving faith in Christ.



**FAITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will run from July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The theme is "*Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride*". We invite all parents who have children aged 3 - 12 years old to add this date to their calendars. We will need members to serve in this Outreach activity.

If you are able to help, please speak with one of the pastors.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "Young women within our churches are watching how we as the Christian community treat unplanned pregnancy within our own four walls. Yes, it is very important to educate our people on the dangers of abortion and the value of life. But we will fail as life advocates if we do not demonstrate compassion for those among us who find themselves caught in the web of unplanned pregnancy." *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life - Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Keep Them"** (John 17:14-17)

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

There are times Christians might readily wish the Lord would airlift them out of this world. Because we have some work to do, the Lord Jesus prays we be kept safe. So, how's that working for you? Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 13<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.

**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.



**LADIES:** You are invited to our annual Mother/Daughter/Friend Pot Blessing at Faith which will be held this Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Come out, share your favourite foods and/or dessert. Talent is always welcomed! Check the poster for further details.

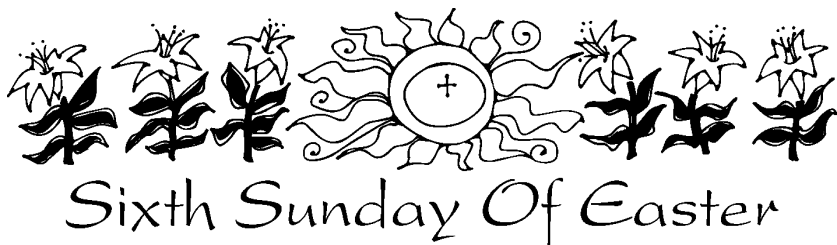
**CONFIRMATION DAY (MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>):** Please pray for Olivia and Samantha Irons as they prepare for their day of Confirmation. They are completing a two-year course of instruction in the Lutheran faith. Praise the Lord!

*Thank You!* **TO ALL THOSE** who came out yesterday to help with our spring clean-up at Grace. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**AN ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** will be held at Our Saviour on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. A pot blessing dinner will precede the service at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favourite casserole and/or dessert to share. All are encouraged to attend.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** On Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in May. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

**GRACE BIBLE STUDY:** You are invited to participate in our Bible Study Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m at Ken and Sharon Beecroft'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.



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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 (Mother/Daughter/Friend Pot Blessing)
<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
	6:00 p.m.	Pot Blessing Supper (Our Saviour)
	7:30 p.m.	Ascension Day Service at Our Saviour
<b>Sat.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation exam (Faith)
	4:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español
<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)