

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 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:** You have made us one, O Lord--one in purpose, one in mission, one in spirit, and one in faith. Help us to remain united in our ministry and bonded by our beliefs as we continue to serve You and one another.

*One Lord of all, may we worship You with one accord.*

**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:** 493; 828; 492

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Grace Alone" (Solo - Brenda Ryan)

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 1:12-26 (p.909)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** I John 5:9-15 (p.1023)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 17:11b-19 (p.903)

**SERMON:** "We are Living in the Between Time" - Acts 1:12-26

**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.



**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.

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** Holy Communion is celebrated today. In obedience to God's Word, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practise closed communion. Guests are therefore asked to speak with the pastor before the service, should they desire to commune. Our faith is not exclusive, but God says we should have unity in faith (which communion expresses). This great gift gives us this great responsibility. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care.

**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:** Mike Flikkema & James Mulligan

**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)

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Dave, Julie, Abigail and Madelyn Bunce; Dylan, Michelle, Tyson, Marcus and Taytum Burn; Colin and Doreen Campbell; Lorne, Susan, John and Karen Campbell

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 21 ('17:28)

**BIBLE STUDY:** 5

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4

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

(from April 29<sup>th</sup>): Current 230.00; Missions 20.00; Building 30.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

(from April 29<sup>th</sup>): Choir Music 60.00

**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.

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ALOA** will meet on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at Faith at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker is officer Carl Noel who will speak to us about financial scams and safety. Everyone is welcome! We will start with a potblessing supper. If you plan to come, please let Anna Wissing, Shirley Kendall or Arline Hensel know.

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

**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.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "If you knew that Jesus would be in your church on Sunday to bless your children, to put His hand on your shoulder, to personally assure you of His forgiveness and love, would you be there? He is there, and He does that through the Gospel." Rev. James Albrecht, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota - *Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



**THE FLOWERS** that adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Pastor and Mayra Castillo in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

**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!

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Functional Atheist No More!"** (Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27)

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

Christians like to think of themselves as following the first disciples. That's uncomfortably true. The first disciples had trouble believing the promises of Jesus for their daily lives. Too often we do too. On Pentecost, the spirit of the risen Lord Jesus gave the first disciples faith like they had never had before. Today the same Spirit is ready to do the same for us. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)



**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.

**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.



**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.

**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.



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**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

\*\*\*Pastors at District Pastors' Conference (Angola, New York)

<b>Mon.</b>	****	
<b>Tues.</b>	****	
<b>Wed.</b>	****	
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Grace)