

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Kingdom of God



FIRST A LEAF  
BARE PUSHED  
THROUGH AND  
LATER THE WHEAT  
HEADS APPEARED  
AND FINALLY THE  
GRAIN RIPENED.

M A R K 4:26-34

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come.*

WORSHIP SERVICE..... 9:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O God of growth, work within the soil of our souls. Bring about new and glorious changes within us. And prepare us for further development as disciples of Christ.

Creator God, we grow by Your grace.

**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:** 809; 586; 801

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 17:22-24 (p.704)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17) (p.966)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 4:26-34 (p.839)

**SERMON:** "God Makes the Seed Grow" - Mark 4:26-34

**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.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held next Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> here at Grace. Service is at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

**USHERS TODAY:** Mike Flikkema and James Mulligan

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Ken and Sharon Beecroft

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin 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), Jenna Martinuzzi, Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster's mother-in-law), Dennis and Sara Bradbury, Pastor and Marian Obeda

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Anne Dieterle; Chris, Linda, Rowan and Evan Dieterle; Robert, Cathy, Aaron and Michael Dieterle; Al and Ann DiLella

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 9 ('17:24)

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

(from June 3<sup>rd</sup>): Current 890.00; Missions 50.00; Building 50.00

(from June 10<sup>th</sup>): Current 380.00; Building 40.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** (From June 10<sup>th</sup>): Advertising for Grace 50.00

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Church - Canada

The work and programmes of Synod are dependent upon the financial support given through individual congregations of each District.



**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.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** Next Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in June. 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:** "Children, vulnerable and dependent, desperately need security, and it has ever been a duty and a joy of fatherhood to offer it. Being a father requires strength ... and more than a little courage ... to persevere, to fight discouragement, and to keep working for the family ... With God's grace, fathers find the patience to teach, the fortitude to provide, the compassion to comfort, and the mercy to forgive. All of this is to say that they find the strength to love their wives and children selflessly ... Let us ... express our thanks and affection to our fathers, whether we can do so in person or in prayer." *President Ronald Reagan, Father's Day 1988 - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://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.



**"WORSHIP IN THE PARK":** Please mark on your calendars and plan on attending our outdoor service on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Alexandra Park. This is a wonderful time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to hear God's Word and to share in the fellowship at the picnic to follow. You can tune in to MyFM 105.7 to hear the advertisement for our July 8<sup>th</sup> outdoor service. To God be the glory!

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES LONDON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church on Oxford Street in London. ALL MEMBERS MUST ATTEND OR GIVE THEIR PROXY TO SOMEONE WHO IS ATTENDING OR TO MIKE ANSELL OR ANNA WISSING.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Jesus, Don’t You Care?”** (Mark 4:38-41)

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

After seeing one of the Saviour’s miracles, the disciples asked, “Who is this Guy?” After Pentecost, they knew Who Jesus was and why He had come. Even so, the world keeps coming up with wrong answers when they ask, “Just Who is this Guy?” Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

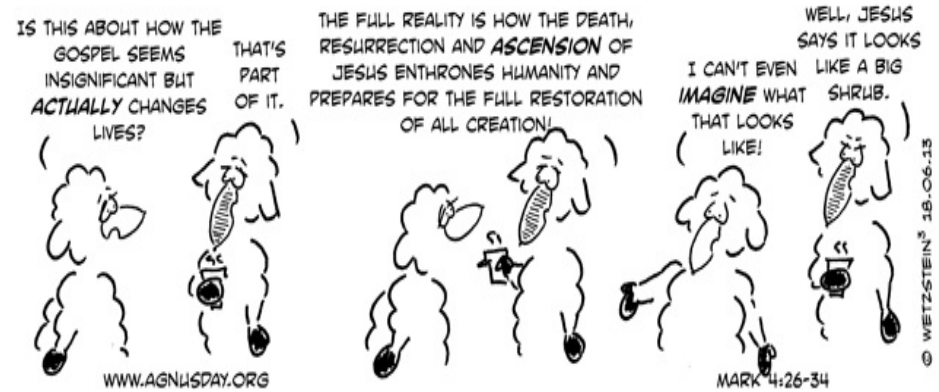
**PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS** and bring them in to Grace. You can place them in the designated container.

**FATAL FLAWS LEGALIZING ASSISTED DEATH:** Euthanasia Prevention Coalition will be presenting an information session on this topic on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Best Western Plus Lamplighter Conference Centre, 591 Wellington Road South, London. A free will offering will be taken. Please RSVP to [info@epcc.ca](mailto:info@epcc.ca) if you plan to attend.

**GRACE BIBLE STUDY:** You are invited to participate in our Bible Study on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m at the Flikkema’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. In July and August, there is no Bible Study.

**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.

*Growth In God’s Garden*



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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.	Trustees
	8:00 p.m.	Council
<b>Tues.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastors’ meeting at Peace, Tillsonburg
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Year 1 (Faith)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir (and Chimers) barbecue
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
<b>Fri.</b>	6:00 p.m.	ALOA
<b>Sat.</b>	4:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	9:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	God’s Kids (Faith)