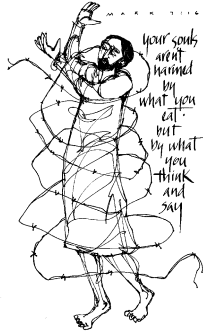


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

24542 Melbourne Road  
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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 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 most holy Lord, keep us from words and actions that would defile You and Your church. May we give You utmost honour and respect. May we always enter into Your house with praise and thanksgiving. And may our days be dedicated to living a holy life.

*O sinless Son of God, sanctify us inside and out.*

**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

**HYMNS:** 660; 571; 918

**FIRST LESSON:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (p.148)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Ephesians 6:10-20 (p.979)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 7:14-23 (p.843)

**SERMON:** "A Christian's Struggle is Primarily Within" - Ephesians 6:10-20



**DURING THESE SUMMER DAYS**, things tend to be fairly quiet around the church. But our work continues, and so do our bills. Please remember to be faithful in your stewardship during these months, remembering in joy that God provides for us, that we may give a faithful, generous, first fruit offering to His service. Through the district, we can offer Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) monthly deposits. For more information speak with Barb Werner. When you are away, please consider 'sending in' your offering, or setting aside your weekly gift until you can be in God's house.

**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

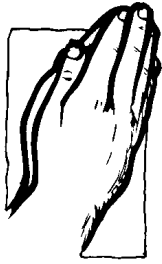
**USHERS TODAY:** Lorne and Susan Campbell

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mayra Castillo

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin & Anna Makish

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**



**Special Needs:** Walter and Donna Procknow, 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 Orłowski, 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, Stan Diehl, Judy Mitchell

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Dan, Rosemary and Andrew Johnston; Darcy Kahle; Jamie and Lynn Kearns; Joe, Kelly and Sam Keller

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 17 (‘17:15)

**COMMUNED:** 12

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:**

(from August 19<sup>th</sup>): Current 335.00; Missions 10.00; Building 10.00

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines. September is education month - this is a reminder of those preparing to teach God’s Word. This is a traditional time throughout the District, too.

**GRACE BIBLE STUDY** begins on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. You are also welcome to attend Thursday Bible Study at members’ homes at 7:00 p.m. We are studying the book of Acts. For September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Bible Study will be at the Beecroft’s and at the Flikkema’s on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in September. 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:** “We come together from all parts of our land ... We come rich and poor, proud and plain, religious and agnostic, politically committed and independent ... The right-to-life cause is not the concern of only a special few, but it should be the cause of all those who care about fairness and justice, love and compassion, and liberty with law.” *Dr. Mildred Fay Jefferson, MD* – 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.



**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.

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR WELCOME/REGISTRATION TABLE AT EAST DISTRICT CONVENTION:**

From Sunday, October 14 - Wednesday, October 17, delegates and guests will come to London for the 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of Lutheran Church - Canada East District. Our London circuit is hosting this convention at the Double Tree hotel and volunteers are needed to serve at the welcome/registration table during the convention. Tasks include: handing out registration packets, providing pertinent information to out-of-towners, and serving as hosts to make everyone feel welcome. Time slots to serve vary from 1 hour or more; however long you are able to help. If this is something that you would like to do or for more information, contact Paul Schalhorn, Welcome/Registration chairman, at 519-842-8331(office); 1-519-409-0224(home); [friartuck1@rogers.com](mailto:friartuck1@rogers.com)

Thank you for considering sharing your time.



**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.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “The Changeless Christ for a Changing World”** (Hebrews 13:8)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Walter A. Maier

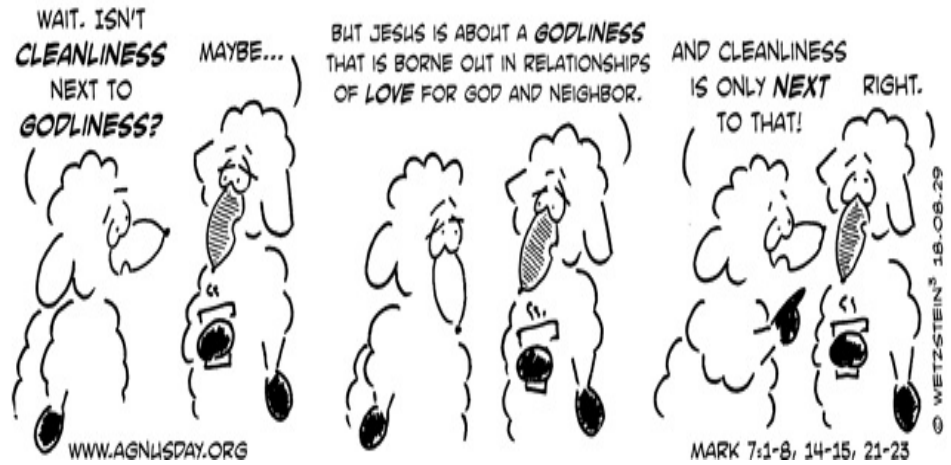
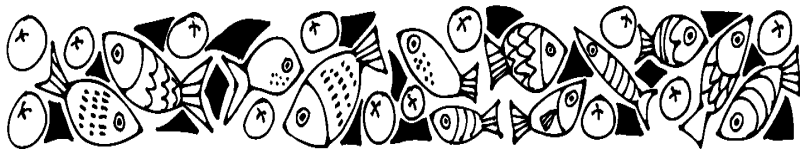
“The Lutheran Hour” presents another classic message from the archives, featuring our program’s founder and first speaker, Dr. Walter A. Maier. In a sermon first broadcast in 1937, Dr. Maier proclaims “The Changeless Christ for a Changing World”. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AT THE EAST DISTRICT CONVENTION:**

If you are able to help as pages (runners) at the East District convention on Monday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 16, 2018. The responsibility of the pages will be to handle the ballots and pick them up during elections. If you can help on one or both of these days, please speak with Pastor Castillo.

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

*With Unwashed Hands?*



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**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

\*\*\* Pastor Scholz on holidays until September 10<sup>th</sup>

- Mon.** Labour Day - church office closed
- Wed.** 10:00 p.m. Bible Study (Faith)
- Thurs.** 11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
- 7:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study (Beecroft’s)
- Sat.** 2:00 p.m. VOL Outreach (Sudanese)
- 4:00 p.m. Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Grace)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
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