

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 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: O Lord, forgive us for not always listening to what You have to say to us, and have mercy on us for not always speaking the words You have called us to proclaim. Keep us attentive to Your Word, and give us the courage to use our voices to glorify Your name.

You who make the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, keep us open to Your will, O Lord.

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: 849; 768; 832

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a (p.595)

EPISTLE LESSON: James 2:1-10, 14-18 (p.1011)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:24-37 (p.843)

SERMON: "Faith Without Works Is Dead" - James 2:1-10, 14-18

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring God our regular offerings and tithes as well as offerings for the ongoing work of His church. Through the district, we offer Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) monthly deposits. For more information, please contact Barb Werner.

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: When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He said, "I tell you that I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29). St. Paul also sets forth the connection between Christ's second coming and the Lord's Supper, saying that in receiving it we "proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Cor. 11:26). As we commune today, we thus confidently confess our faith in the Lord's return! Our reception of Holy Communion is also a confession that we share the same faith (doctrine), and for this reason guests are asked to speak with the pastor before communing.

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: Ken and Sharon Beecroft

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: Keith and Alice Keller; Samantha Keller; Warren, Peter and John Keller; Shirley Kendall

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 16 ('17:27)

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from August 26th): Current 325.00; Missions 20.00; Building 20.00

(from September 2nd): Current 450.00; Building 100.00

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.

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: On Sunday, September 30th 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: "The culture of life respects human life at all its stages, recognizing that those who have lived long and well have much to offer those who are just beginning their journeys on this earth. Not only should the young respect the aging, but the elderly should also respect themselves with the honor God says is due them. If Grandpa is too weak to work, he is not too weak to pray. Let us cherish our parents and grandparents as they intercede on our behalf and pass down to their children's children the wisdom of the Lord." *Ryan C. MacPherson, Professor at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota* - A 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.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Mystery of God"(Isaiah 55:6-9)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffman

The undeniable hiddenness of God becomes the openness of God when you see His Son, Jesus Christ. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WELCOME/REGISTRATION TABLE AT EAST DISTRICT CONVENTION:

From Sunday, October 14 - Wednesday, October 17, delegates and guests will come to London for the 11th 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 Thank you for considering sharing your time.

GRACE BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAYS 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. The Bible Study will be at the Flikkema's on September 20th.

LADIES OF GRACE: Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 29th at 10:00 a.m. We continue our series "The Armour of God" as well as working on another blanket project. We will discuss ways to help decorate our church for the upcoming "Christmas in the Country" event. Bring a breakfast treat to share! Hope to see you all there!



SEPTEMBER HAS A 5TH SUNDAY, and we would like to give you the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like sung on September 30th, please let the pastor know.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

*** Pastor Scholz on holidays until September 10th

Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Year 2 (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	LWML
Wed.	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	4:00 p.m.	District Convention Committee Mtg(Double Tree Inn)
Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Men's breakfast (Grace)
	2:00 p.m.	VOL Outreach (Sudanese)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Faith)
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	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Grace)