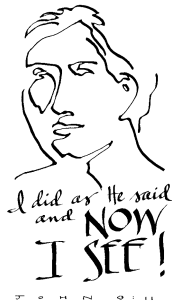


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

24542 Melbourne Road  
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## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

*Encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace...and the  
God of love and peace will be with you.*

BIBLE CLASS..... 9:00 a.m.  
WORSHIP SERVICE..... 10:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** We come before You this day to bask in Your presence ... and to receive something from You. May we find in You forgiveness and strength, cleansing and renewal, and, above all, a better understanding of what You want us to be.

*Present and eternal Lord, look upon us in love.*

**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.

***DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK AND THE GOVERNMENT'S DIRECTIVE, ALL SERVICES, BIBLE STUDIES, ACTIVITIES, AND MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP YOU INFORMED, WEEKLY BULLETINS WILL CONTINUE TO BE PREPARED AS NORMAL. WE PRAY THAT THIS INCONVENIENCE WILL BE SHORT-LIVED. MAY THE LORD GUIDE US THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME.***

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Printed Order of Service

**HYMNS:** 711; 744; 537 (N.T. Canticle - 334)

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 42:14-21 (p.602)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Ephesians 5:8-14 (p.978)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (p.895)

**SERMON:** "From Tragedy to Trust" - John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** "Jesus Sets Us Free" are available. Please take a copy with you.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN OFFERINGS** will support Urban Haven Project.

**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.

**“WHAT IS TRUTH?” OUTREACH INITIATIVE:** Presently, there is an advertisement bearing this heading on the large electronic sign on the corner of Southdale Road and Wonderland Road in London. May the Lord bless this endeavour by drawing people to consider this question, and be led by the Holy Spirit to find their answer in Christ, who is “the Way, the TRUTH, and the Life.”

**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

**USHERS TODAY:** Lorne and Susan Campbell

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Olivia and Samantha Irons

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

**ALTAR GUILD:** Anna Makish, Pastor & Mayra Castillo

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Special Needs:** Walter and Donna Procknow, Maria Paal, Patricia Phillips, Sandra Stewart, Imogen Strike, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Stacy Francis and sons, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Keith and Alice Keller, Reiner Issendorf, Grace Woolner, Bill and Vicky Orłowski, Matthew Danyluk-Gascon, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon’s mother), Jenna Martinuzzi, Dennis and Sara Bradbury, Stan Diehl, Shirley Monk, Bill and Sandy Harrison, Mirja Kukkonen, Melissa MacLean, Michelle Wyllie (Stan Diehl’s daughter), Harry McGee, Peter Mergel, Doreen Varey, Ed Oelke, Betty Muir, Judy Highfield

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Grace and Krista Woolner; Bereket, Sofia and Lily Yosioph; Jonathan, Joanna and Harlen Zubick

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 8 (‘19:20) **COMMUNED:** 7

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:**

(from March 8<sup>th</sup>) Current 450.00; Building 20.00

Our Monthly Stewardship of God’s Gifts	Current Jan and Feb	Missions Jan and Feb	Building Jan and Feb
	<b>\$30,158.01</b>	<b>\$2,618.50</b>	<b>\$1,838.92</b>
<b>Needed Monthly</b>	<b>\$46,193.28</b>	<b>\$5,033.33</b>	<b>\$4,141.67</b>



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**(from March 18): Urban Haven Project (Midweek Lenten) 80.00

**MIDWEEK SERVICE:** Join us for the “*By His Wounds, We Are Healed*” special service for Week 4 in Lent. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. We remember that the *wounds of adultery and unfaithfulness* we committed against our Lord were laid on Christ on the cross. Our Lenten observance reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in Him through the cross.

**LIFE QUOTES:** “At home: can we be more loving and forgiving to those who mean so much to us? Can we take the time to show our unconditional love? At work: are we really a Christian example to our coworkers? Can we be more mindful of the struggles others are going through? At church: where sometimes, ironically, it’s the hardest, can we put on the mind of Christ, giving ourselves to our brothers and sisters in the faith? ... [L]et the message of God’s love in Jesus resonate boldly in your own life ... to God’s glory.” Dr. J. A. O. Preus – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**SANCTUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE:** Please consider taking a turn to clean 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.



**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines

We are reminded of the importance of preparing men for the Holy Ministry.



**EASTER IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY** for you to invite family and friends to join us in the wonderful message of the Saviour, who destroyed death and the grave through His resurrection from the dead. Holiday times are occasions in which people are more open to the invitations that we make. Like the women who couldn't wait to tell others the good news the angel gave, "He is not here; He is risen, as He said", let us also go and share the hope that God has given us through His Son.

**OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES** help us remember how Jesus suffered, died and rose again to save us from sin, death, and hell. We invite you to worship with us at these special services:

<b>Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Seder Service @ Faith
<b>Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Good Friday Service @ Grace
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<b>Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion @ Grace
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**SEDER SUPPER (APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>):** A Seder service is being planned at Faith for Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Members of Grace are welcome to attend. The purpose of the Christian Seder is to help us understand the background and significance of the Passover celebration, during which our Lord Jesus instituted and gave us the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The evening includes dinner, as well as our Maundy Thursday service. Tickets are \$4.00 per person, with a maximum cost of \$12.00/family. Tickets are now available through the pastors. The cost helps us provide the meal and necessary items for this evening. We hope you will join us!



**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Labours of Love"** (Exodus 10)

Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti

The plagues described in Exodus show us the wrath of God and the lengths to which God will go to save His people. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)



**FLOWER CHART:** Please note that during Lent no flowers will be placed on the altar.



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AND ALSO WITH YOU!



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### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

All services, Bible studies, meetings and activities are to be cancelled until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak.