

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East  
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## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018

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

MORNING WORSHIP and God's Kids . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Class . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Grace Lutheran, Strathroy Worship . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** We look to You for help and healing, O Lord. Be with all those who are in need at this time. Lift them up and restore them so that they may continue to serve You wholeheartedly.

*Gracious Saviour, bless us with Your tender touch of mercy.*

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### OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Confession / Absolution. . . . . p. 151  
Prayer and Preaching. . . . . p. 260

**HYMNS:** 790; 820; 237(AGPS); 543

**SPECIAL PRELUDE** on guitar and harmonica (Alec Montroy)

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 40:21-31 (p.600)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (p.957)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 1:29-39 (p.836)

**SERMON:** "The Day of Salvation Has Arrived!" - Mark 1:29-39

**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 Faith 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" at the end of the pew.



**FLOWER CHART:** The flowers that adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Keith and Alice Keller in celebration of Alice's birthday.

**DUE TO SENSITIVITY TO SCENTED PRODUCTS**, we respectfully request members and visitors to refrain from or to minimize such use in worship services and other gatherings within the church building.

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

**USHERS:** Ron Morrison, Mike Ansell, Iris Ansell, Scott Mitchell,  
Keith Keller

**FINANCE STEWARDS:** Martin Brandt & Melissa Danyluk-Gascon  
**STEWARDS NEXT WEEK:** Alice Baughman, Alice Keller, Stan Diehl

**ACOLYTE TODAY:** Scott Mitchell

**ELDERS OF THE MONTH:** Greg Bie and Jack Geurkink

**SANCTUARY CLEANER (February 10<sup>th</sup>):** volunteer needed

**ALTAR GUILD:** Marian Rutledge

**COFFEE TODAY:** Brian & Carol Pierce

**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, Sheila Mizon, Jenna Martinuzzi, Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster's mother-in-law), Dennis and Sara Bradbury, Pastor John and Marian Obeda, Loretta Baker (Stan Diehl's sister), Carolyn Neumann and family

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Addison and Katherine Sutherland; Ian, Stacey, Karlee and Aaron Sutton; Nancy Taylor; Rainer, Judy, Ian and Kieran Tellers; Marj Thompson

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Hour Ministries

Traditional time of support for the Lutheran Hour and Lutheran Television throughout the Synod.

**MIDWEEK OFFERINGS** will be designated to the Love Fund.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 107 + 22 = 129 ('17: 86 + 28)

**COMMUNED:** 91

**BIBLE STUDY:** 19 **GOD'S KIDS:** 9

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

Current 2,271.45; Missions 241.00; Building 111.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Initial 30.00; Anniversary 20.00; CLWR 66.00; LWML 60.00; LWML- Mites 55.00; Memorial Fund 140.00; Misc TO ADD STILL Nicaragua 10.00; Loose 4.00; S.S. Current 36.50 PTL!

**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.



**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:** Join us for "Thy Will Be Done", a special series of services for the season. Each Wednesday service (7:15 p.m.) in the series focuses on a different aspect of God's will at work among us. Biblical characters are used as insightful reference points each week to guide us in following our Lord more closely day by day. On

Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m., the series begins with Abraham (Isaac). Abraham trusted the will of God when He promised that a son would be born to him.

**2017 "DRAFT" INCOME TAX STATEMENTS** can be found in your mailbox. Please check that all the information is correct on this statement. If there are any address corrections, etc., that are required, contact Diane Geurkink at 519-461-1702 or [diane.geurkink@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:diane.geurkink@schulich.uwo.ca) by next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The official tax receipt will be printed in the near future.

**A PANCAKE SUPPER** will be held here on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome!



**MARCH BREAK VBS 2018** will be held on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We need volunteers as teachers, shepherds, kitchen staff helpers and recreational activity co-ordinators. If you are willing to help, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN:** We are blessed to have a newly renovated nursery space available downstairs. Infants and toddlers are always welcome during our Worship Service, but should you need a quiet space with your little one, there are couches and rocking chairs available. Please feel welcome!

**OUR WORSHIP ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION:** Recording the presence of our members, visitors and friends each week really is an “Act of Friendship” because it allows us to know who is sitting down the pew from us, and it enables the church to respond to the needs of our members and visitors alike. Please take the time to fill this form out and pass it down the pew. When it reaches the far end, please pass it back up to the centre aisle. Please use this to register communion attendance, too.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES:** February 2018 calendars are in your mailbox. If you haven’t visited your mailbox recently, please do so in order to get your copy of the calendar to ensure that you are aware of the various activities happening this month.



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN AND CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY** to our Food Bank here at Faith! In particular, we are in need of *peanut butter and soup*. Your kind donations meet a real need. Those who benefit are very appreciative! If you would like to help out in a different capacity, you are most welcome to provide grocery store gift cards. These cards are given at the discretion of the pastors to those individuals requiring perishable items.

**SANCTUARY DOORS TO BE KEPT CLOSED:** In order to reduce the heating bill, we ask that everyone make a concentrated effort to close the sanctuary doors if you are in the sanctuary outside of worship times. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**LIFE QUOTES:** “If it is wrong to kill a human fetus, it is wrong because this interrupts the vocation of that fetus to praise God and enjoy Him forever, a vocation given it by God Himself in and with the gift of existence, a vocation we may not override for purposes of our own without offending against the rights of God.” *Douglas Farrow, author of Desiring a Better Country: Forays in Political Theology* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

**GROUPS AND COMMITTEES:** Please remember to list meetings and events on the large calendar posted outside of the church office. This helps the office staff to announce your events to the church membership in a timely manner.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** will begin Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 p.m. If you would like to help out by providing a soup, please indicate so on the sign-up list across from the church office.



**TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS:** This is a reminder that we will be soon be preparing our 2017 Annual Report. **The deadline for all reports is next Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you to all those who have submitted their reports to the office.

**LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS:** Silent Witnesses” are now available. Please take a copy with you.

**THE 2018 SANCTUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE** is posted on the library window. What does it take? About 1½ hours of your time! This includes 75 minutes to vacuum the carpets and 15 minutes to dust. All equipment is supplied. If you have any questions, please speak with a Trustee. Remember, it is the Lord’s house. Please consider signing up.



**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** “Was Blind, But Now I See” (2 Corinthians 4:3)

Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus  
Would you rather be blind or visioned? That’s an easy one, but, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing? Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

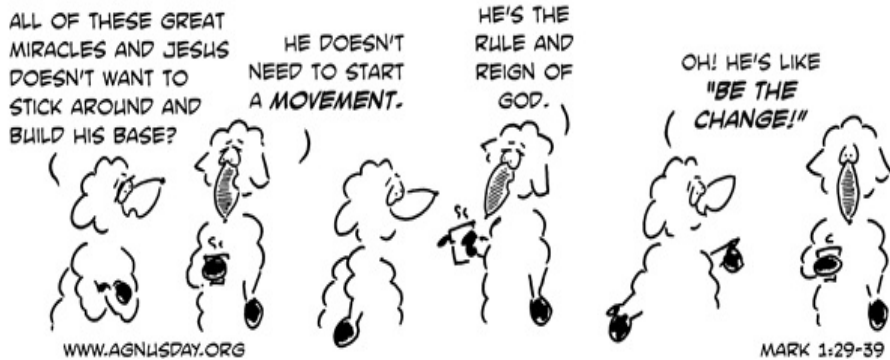


**THE ALTAR GUILD** has posted the sign up sheet for 2018. If you would like more information about this service to the Lord, please speak with Marian Rutledge. This simple service adds a great deal to our worship time. Your help is such a blessing.

**LADIES, JOIN US FOR A VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON:** Invite a friend and come out on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet outside the office for you to sign up or you can call the office. RSVP by this Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CHURCH LIBRARY:** Have you taken time recently to visit our library? Changes have been made to make it more user-friendly. It is a tremendous resource for all ages. Please drop in and check it out.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** We are in need of individuals who would be willing to provide piano accompaniment during worship at Grace Lutheran Church. If you love the Lord and are able to play, please contact Pastor Castillo or Pastor Scholz as soon as possible. We hope to fill that need through a number of volunteers on a rotating basis.



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**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

- Mon.** 9:30 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 (Faith)
  - Wed.** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith)  
6:30 p.m. Chimers  
7:30 p.m. Choir
  - Thurs.** 11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace  
7:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study
  - Sat.** 4:00 p.m. Estudio Biblico en Español
  - Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith & Grace)  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)  
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10:00 a.m. God's Kids (Faith)
- \*\*\*\*\* **Deadline for 2017 Reports** \*\*\*\*\*