

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

I... urge you to walk in a manner... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:2-3)

MORNING WORSHIP at FAITH.....11:00 a.m.

GOD'S KIDS.....11:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP at GRACE 9:00 a.m.

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

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Printed Order of Service
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 593; 923; 476v.1,4,5; “*Embracing Accusation*”;
578; 919; 655

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (p. 910)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-25 (p. 1014)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35 (p. 885)

SERMON: “Faith Changes Us” (1 Peter 1:17-25)

LWML TAPESTRY MAGAZINE: New subscriptions and renewals are due **today**. Cost is just \$15.00 for four issues (regular or large print), conveniently delivered to your Faith mailbox. Please contact Rebecca at 53rrock@gmail.com to be added to our group order list.

CONGREGATIONAL INPUT REQUIRED: After the service on Sunday, May 7th, all are requested to remain for a very important brief meeting. A list of community outreach ideas will be distributed to each person. Each person is to rank the ideas. The completed ranked list will be collected prior to people leaving. The elders will review and discuss the information during their next meeting.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Many people often say or think, "I wish I could get closer to God." A wondrous Scriptural truth, however, is that God cannot come closer to us than He does in the **Lord's Supper**; for here the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, comes to us in and with the bread and wine, giving us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we receive this gift, we also thereby testify to the unity of our faith in Christ. For this reason, we practise closed communion; and guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special needs: Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Alice, Reiner, Marsha, Shirley, Sara, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Ed, Marian, Sue, Mike and Anne, Stan, Gerda, Melissa, Cheryl, Rachel and children

Homebound: Becky, Ana, Dolores, Grace, Nancy, Delbert

Family Focus: Jennifer; Rebecca; Delbert; Bob and Marian

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR SEMINARY STUDENTS – CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ST. CATHARINES: For your annual membership, please contact your Guild rep - Wendy. At Harvest Day last year, the guild membership voted to raise the membership cost to \$10—it had been \$5 for 44 years—but it remains a real bargain! These small membership fees add up to support great projects for our seminary students. Here is the link for the latest Concordia Seminary Guild Newsletter: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VVPYoIdg13StVLEZNvgppJQm-uL5ub88/view>

COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH: Next Sunday, our trustees will be hosting coffee hour. Coffee and tea will be available downstairs.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for help in some areas. If you are interested in being an usher, a counter for Sunday offerings, a sound operator or livestream operator, please speak with Pastor or let the office know.

HOLY BAPTISM: Today, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into our church family, Fredric James. We rejoice with his parents, Eric and Jessica, sponsors Pastor and Sandy, and the rest of the family and friends over what God has done for him. “Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through your faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” (Col.2:12)

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDERS: Jack, Darcy

USHERS: Nelson, Bob; Dan & Cheryl, Rick

FINANCE STEWARDS: Iris & Nancy

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Pam & Barb

ACOLYTE TODAY: Adam

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SOUND OPERATOR: to be determined

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD: Mayra & Martha

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Haiti Lutheran Mission Society

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 75; Livestream: Peak Viewers:8;

Total Unique Viewers: (until April 18th): 24

GOD’S KIDS: 5

UKRAINE NEEDS OUR HELP! Considering the crisis in the Ukraine and the humanitarian needs that are arising, we are inviting members to consider donating to the C.L.W.R – Ukraine. The Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ukraine (SELCU) consists of 14 Congregations; 5 Mission Stations; 3 Humanitarian Foundations; and 1 Seminary. Your donations can be made through Faith offering, use the Lutheran Church Canada website (Missions) or directly to C.L.W.R. donations@clwr.org.

FRIENDSHIP WORSHIP SERVICE: Next Sunday, April 30th, the Youth will be the readers, and we will sing contemporary songs. Invite family and friends to this special service.

NEW SIDEWALK: A recommendation from the Trustees and approved at the last Congregational meeting was a project to replace the cracked and broken sidewalk pads both at the main (east) entrance, and the classroom (north) entrance. We need to enlarge the north entrance sidewalk at the same time, to allow easier access to the entrance doors, when cars are stopped to drop people off. Our goal is to have this work completed sometime in June/July. Donations to the Faith Capital Improvement Fund are requested to help pay for this project.

LIFE QUOTES: “I encourage everyone that I meet with to check my words and teaching against God’s Word. Ask questions, challenge everything by that Word. I want them to know Jesus and to have that faith which says, ‘This is what Jesus says, I am forgiven! I am set free! I am serving and living as a disciple of Jesus! I will go into heaven because of Jesus! ... I am part of God’s family!’” *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY: We are getting low on some items which are: *cereal, cereal bars, Kraft dinner, sugar, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned fish, hearty soups, fruit cups, peanut butter, juice boxes, soap, and a variety of soups, but not tomato.* 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 pastor to those individuals requiring perishable items.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Bridge Builders”
(1 Peter 2:11-12)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the “air bridge” that saved a city and the cross-shaped bridge God built to break a spiritual blockage. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM on Sunday, April 30th at 12:00 p.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

EASTER BREAKFAST: The breakfast was well received by 78 people who attended. The generous donations that were given go to Ark Aid Mission. We could not have done this without all the members who came out to set up, host, and clean up at our first Easter Breakfast in three years.
A big thank you to you all. *Fred*

FAITH SPRING CLEAN-UP will be this Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Any volunteers that are available to help with this very important job would be greatly welcomed. Many hands make light work. We hope that many of you can join us.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

***** Mon. – Wed.** *Pastor Castillo at Pastors' and Deacons' Conference at Mount Carmel Retreat, Niagara Falls*

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| Wed. | 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study (Faith) |
| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study (Grace) |
| Sat. | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon | Spring Clean-Up (Faith) |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Confirmation class |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Spanish Devotion / Bible Study |
| Sun. | 9:00 a.m. | Grace Morning Worship |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship |
| | 11:00 a.m. | God's Kids (Faith) |