

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27)

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: Divine Service Setting 4.....p. 203
Holy Communion

HYMNS: “God is so Good”; 691; “The Commission”; 540; 845; 808

FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26-40 (p. 917)

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:1-11 (p. 1023)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8 (p. 901)

SERMON: “God Reaffirms His Commitment to You” (Acts 8:26-40)

FROM THE ELDERS: Check out Lutheran Public Radio at lutheranpublicradio.org or their podcasts "issues, etc." and "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever" or download the LPR app for Lutheran bible studies and discussions pertaining to the culture in which we live.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Rejoicing on the Way” (Acts 8:28-39)

Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes
God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, May 5th at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In the Lord's Supper the risen Lord Jesus Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His own Word and promise, His very body and blood are really present in and with the bread and the wine; and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ, receiving in this Sacrament ^athe medicine of immortality! As we partake of this eternal food, we also testify thereby to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we practise closed communion and guests are thus 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



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

Jessica

Family Focus: Alan and Nancy; Rainer, Judy, Ian and Kieran; Jeffery; Lunda

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 75

GOD'S KIDS: 7

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: May 2024 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 don't miss any fellowship activities, bible studies and meetings. We ask that you take a minute each week to see if anything is in there. Keep in mind members tend to put greeting cards into each others' mailboxes from time to time.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER: David

ELDER NEXT MONTH: David

USHERS: Nelson, Dan & Cheryl, Janko

USHERS NEXT MONTH: Fred, Brian & Carol

FINANCE STEWARDS: Cheryl & Liz

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Iris & Nancy

SOUND OPERATOR: Fred

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Connie

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Carol

LESSON READER TODAY: Matt

LESSON READER NEXT WEEK: Philip



THE FLOWERS that decorate the altar today are given to the glory of God by George & Carol in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

REV. SAULO (our adopted student) and his wife Kira are excited to announce the arrival of their son, Johannes Otto on April 18th at 12:44 p.m. He was baptized last Sunday, April 21st. Our congregation rejoices with them and pray to the Lord that they are doing well.

SPRING CLEAN-UP AT FAITH will be on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. If you are able to volunteer for this worthwhile work, please come out to help. Many hands make light work.

LIFE QUOTES: “It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.” *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •lutheransforlife*

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 will run from August 12th – August 16th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Faith and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Grace. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with this outreach activity. A couple of leaders of CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) will do the opening, closing and Bible lessons. Also, we invite all parents who have children aged 4-12 years old to add this date to their calendar. If you are able to help, please speak with the pastor or an Elder.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY: We are getting low on some items which are: *cereal, cereal bars, Kraft dinner, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned fish, hearty soups, fruit cups, peanut butter, juice boxes, canned vegetables, (but not baked beans), personal hygiene items, and a variety of soups, but not tomato.* We also welcome donations of grocery store gift cards, which are given out at the discretion of the pastor or donate to the Love Fund so we can purchase food for our food cupboard.

2024 SEMINARY GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Golf Tournament Registration for Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines is now open! The event will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024 at Conestoga Golf Club in Conestogo, Ontario (north of Waterloo). The day includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, full dinner, and prizes. To register a foursome, go to: <https://concordia-seminary.ca/golf/> If you have questions, call the seminary at 905-688-2362 or email reception@concordia-seminary.ca. Early Bird Registration is \$150/person (after May 15th, the fee goes up to \$165/person). For anyone wanting to join just for the dinner, the price is \$50/person.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Haiti Lutheran Mission Society
The MISSION of Haiti Lutheran Mission Society (HLMS) is to assist in making known the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to provide help to the poor in the Republic of Haiti through prayer, correspondence, personal contact and financial aid as well as material aid to Lutheran churches, agencies and schools.

UKRAINE NEEDS OUR HELP! Considering the crisis in Ukraine and the humanitarian needs that are arising, we are inviting members to consider donating to the C.L.W.R – Ukraine. Your donations can be made through Faith offering, the Lutheran Church Canada website (Missions) or directly to C.L.W.R.donations@clwr.org

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.



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please let the office know a week or two in advance so that it can be included in the bulletin.

COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH will be held after non-Communion worship services. Anyone is welcome to sign up to put the coffee on, prepare the tea, set out the juice and also to clean up afterwards. Snacks can be store bought or homemade; the choice is yours. When signing up, keep in mind we do appreciate some gluten free items as well.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Fri.** 10:00 a.m. Office hours at Grace
- Sat.** 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Faith Spring clean-up
- 11:00 a.m. Confirmation class
- 3:00 p.m. Spanish Devotion
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship / Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith)
- 11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. God’s Kids (Faith)

