FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East London, ON N6E 1A1



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 31, 2025

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

MORNING WORSHIP at FAITH......11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP at GRACE9:00 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: 850; 793; 613; 685; 738; 842

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 25:2-10 (p. 546) SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-17 (p. 1009) GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:1-14 (p. 873)

SERMON: "The Table of Grace" (Luke 14:1-14)

SMALL CATECHISM covers the 10 commandments, the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, the Lord's Supper and prayers. It remains a cornerstone of our Lutheran teaching. Next Sunday, we will begin a sermon series about the 10 commandments. You are welcome to foster a deeper connection to Lutheran theology and practice, shaping both personal faith and communal life.

WELCOME VISITORS AND FRIENDS! Glad to have you worship the Lord with us today! God has placed us here to make disciples of Christ, build them, and send them out. We pray you are strengthened in faith in Christ today through the word of God. And please do come and worship with us again. We would be honoured if you signed the guest register at the back of the church.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: 1 Corinthians 10:16 calls



our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. His very body and very blood are really present in the **Lord's Supper**. According to the Word of God, there is also a doctrinal oneness testified to by the common

reception of this Sacrament. With love for His Word and for all people, we therefore ask guests desiring to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER: Rudy

ELDER NEXT MONTH: Jack USHERS: Ron, Art & Della

USHERS NEXT MONTH: Fred, Walter and Donna

FINANCE STEWARDS: Darcy & Marian STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Cheryl & Liz

SOUND OPERATOR: Fred

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Martha

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Connie

LECTOR TODAY: Barbara LECTOR NEXT WEEK: Gerda

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Special needs: Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Reiner, Marsha, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's

daughter), Marian, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Marian, Sue, Mike and Anne, Lloyd and Elsie **Homebound:** Becky, Nancy, Stan, Ana, Alice, Grace **Family Focus:** Marissa, Callie and Tate; Nicole and

Madison; Ralph and Lynn; Cody, Amber, Hannah and Rachel

COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH is held after non-Communion worship services. Sign up sheets are in the office and at the kitchen counter. Set up can be before service. It involves making coffee, tea and juice. Snacks can be store bought or homemade (gluten free is also appreciated) the choice is yours.



THE FLOWERS that decorate the altar today are given to the glory of God by Barbara in celebration of her birthday and in thanksgiving for all the many blessings throughout her life, given to her by our gracious Lord and Saviour.

LIFE QUOTES: "God created every one of us to shine brightly in the world He made for us. Each person is a candle, sustaining His light to share with others. When a baby is aborted, his or her candle is extinguished. Clearly, that is not what God wants for us. None of us is unimportant to God; He cares about all of us, no matter our size, age, parents, gender, or disabilities. Every candle has a special purpose God designed." Christina, Missouri, Lutherans For Life Essay Contest – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Dying, We Live" (Numbers 14:19-20)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God's love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, September 7th at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

LWML MEETING: Join us on Saturday, September 13th at 9:30 a.m. All ladies are invited.

CHURCH LECTORS: If you are interested in being a lector during service, you can sign up on the Readers' schedule which is on the wall at the west entrance of the sanctuary, beside the flower chart. Both men and women are invited to be lectors during the service.

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, hearty soups, fruit cups, peanut butter, juice boxes, personal hygiene items, and sanitary napkins. We also welcome donations of grocery store gift cards.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: September 2025 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. We ask that you take a minute each week to see if anything is in there.

PRO-LIFE WITNESS OPPORTUNITIES:

This fall, join with fellow parishioners in two powerful opportunities to pray and stand publicly for life at Wellington Rd & Commissioners Rd E.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL:

Every day from **Sept. 24th – Nov. 1st**, people will gather to pray for an end to abortion, for mothers and their children, and for all impacted by abortion. You can sign up for a prayer hour at 40daysforlife.com/en/londonON or contact 4LifeLondon (519-659-3334 | info@4lifelondon.ca).

LIFE CHAIN:

On Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2–3 PM, join thousands across North America in a silent, prayerful witness. We will stand along Wellington Rd & Commissioners Rd with signs bearing messages of hope and life, calling our community to protect the most vulnerable. Everyone is welcome—simply come and participate. Please join us to help save lives and be a voice for the most vulnerable in our society. "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me." (Mt 25:40)

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GUILD, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO:

Join the Concordia Seminary Guild!

Help support our seminary by joining the Guild for just \$10.00 for the year.

Mark your calendar: Harvest Day is Saturday, October 18, 2025! To Join:

- Offering Envelope: Note "Guild Membership."
- E-transfer: Send to <u>guild@concordia-seminary.ca</u> (Please add your name and "Guild Membership" in the note).
- In Person: Pay your guild representative.

Questions? Contact Wendy.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 54

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 155 COLBORNE ST. NORTH, SIMCOE on Saturday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m.: There will be a short devotion taken from the book Man Up! (see CPH). All the men of the congregation are welcome. Kindly let Pastor Castillo know by Sept. 7th if you plan to attend in order that enough food will be prepared.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots (L.A.M.P.)

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held here at Faith Sunday, September 21st following the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

HOW TO DONATE: If you wish to donate to Faith Lutheran Church or Grace Lutheran Church, we have three options:

If you choose to use an envelope for your gift to the church, please place it in the offering plate at either entrance of the Sanctuary.

For E-transfer, please use the following email, and direct your gift using the "memo" box: treasurerflc@rogers.com

Any gifts directed to funds that are not already established at the church will be directed to the current account.

For monthly PAP contact our treasurer at treasurerflc@rogers.com

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon. Labour Day – church office closed

Fri. 10:00 a.m. Office hours at Grace

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Grace Worship / Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Faith Worship 11:00 a.m. God's Kids (Faith)