

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East
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First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025

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 3.p.184
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 424; 656; 655; 659; 718

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (p. 167)

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13 (p. 946)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:1-13 (p. 859)

SERMON: “The Three Big Ifs” (Luke 4:1-13)

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.*

WE THANK PASTOR KRESTICK for leading us in worship this morning.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: March 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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: When Jesus said, "Do this", in giving the **Lord's Supper**, He used a verb form which means, "Keep on doing this!", or, "Do it again and again!". As we keep on doing what He has here commanded us to do, we also want to keep on witnessing to the truth of His Word. For this reason, the churches of Lutheran Church-Canada promise to follow the Biblical practice of closed communion. Guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak with the Pastor before the service.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER: Rudy

USHERS: Fred, Walter and Donna

FINANCE STEWARDS: Iris & Liz

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Darcy & Marian

SOUND OPERATOR: Matt

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Linda

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Martha

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special needs: Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Reiner, Marsha, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Marian, Sue, Mike and Anne, Stan, Lloyd and Elsie

Homebound: Becky, Nancy, Stan, Ana, Alice, Grace

Family Focus: Jack, Susannah and Aubrey; Albert; Annie; Randy, Anna, Mathias and Ulrich

LWML MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due. The rates for three issues (Fall 2025 to Spring 2026) are: Regular print \$15.00, Large print \$18.00 and Digital edition (via email) \$10.00. Please submit payment to Rebecca by March 9th at the latest via cash, cheque (payable to Faith Lutheran Church), or designate the amount to "Tapestry" with your regular offering.

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL(VBS) 2025: Exciting news, VBS will be happening this summer at Faith and Grace. Last year's VBS was a huge success; 27 children at Faith and 5 at Grace. Bible study, memory verses, crafts and missionary story was led by 2 missionaries from CEF Ontario. This year we will be hiring 2 missionaries again from CEF Ontario. The theme for this year is Intergalactic Voyage. The date is Aug 11th - 15th. Elders are looking for volunteers and specifically at this time for a co-ordinator. If you are interested, please contact Jack, 519-535-0353, jdgeurkink@gmail.com

**VBS 2025 Intergalactic Voyage
Volunteers Are Needed**

The date is Aug 11th - 15th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please give prayerful thought to how you can serve. Please pray for God's blessings on this time of sharing and learning of His Word.

God is So Good To Us!

I offer to serve Him in VBS as:

- **VBS Co-ordinator**
- Crafts co-ordinator
- Recreation co-ordinator
- Meal kitchen co-ordinator
- Shepherd a class
- Assist with crafts
- Assist with recreation
- Activity Leader
- Kitchen helper
- I will bring requested food (list coming)

Name and contact information

PLEASE DROP THIS SHEET OFF IN THE OFFICE

FRANK MANTZ FROM LSSL is here at Faith today to talk about LSSL membership.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Your Elders have decided to take a break from the “Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency” study. Instead, for the five Sundays in March, we will focus on studying the Gospel of Mark, chapter 14 which describes Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, and trial, and His final Passover with His disciples. Come and join with us as we prepare our hearts to celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection at Easter. Each Sunday in March, the Bible study will take place in classroom #1 (just inside the back entrance), starting at 10:00 a.m. and lasting about 45 minutes. Elder Rudy will lead the study.

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

The primary purpose of Concordia is to prepare men for the pastoral ministry of Lutheran Church – Canada and Lutheran churches around the world. They also offer general theological studies to lay men and women who wish to grow in their understanding and serve more fully in God’s kingdom.

FOOD BANK: is temporarily closed and will not accept any food donations at this time. In the meantime, the Elders are working on a way to re-open our food bank. This will require two volunteers who could dedicate one morning per week to disperse food if requested. Both will need to be in attendance on the same morning and will require Vulnerable Sector Screening prior to starting this volunteer role. Please contact Jack for details.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 74; GOD’S KIDS: 7

ATTENDANCE ASH WEDNESDAY: 29; COMMUNED: 27

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: You are invited to our Congregational meeting here at Faith on Sunday, March 30th after Service.

LIFE QUOTES: “Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God’s masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Light of the World” (John 8:12)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can’t see it, but it changes what we see. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, March 16th at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: God continues to bless us far beyond what we deserve. Let us remember to regularly return our very best to the Lord.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Lenten service (Good Shepherd)
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Elders
	9:00 a.m.	Trustees
	10:00 a.m.	Council
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship / Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	God’s Kids (Faith)