

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*310 Southdale Road East
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Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 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: Printed Order of Service
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 443; “*Hosanna to Israel’s King*”; 454; 420; 512; 837

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12 (p. 797)

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 980)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 15:1-47 (p. 852)

SERMON: “From Palms to Passion” (Mark 15:1-47)

THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH COUNCIL will host our Easter breakfast, serving from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. If you plan to attend the Easter breakfast, please contact the church either by phone (519 685 9700) or by email (faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com). A free will offering will be received. These offerings will be allocated toward Ark Aid Mission. Join us for the fun, fellowship, and our rejoicing together at the good news of the Resurrection!

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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: On the Sunday before His death (Palm Sunday), Jesus is hailed as King and Lord; and palm branches carpet the path of His humble entrance into Jerusalem. In the **Lord's Supper**, Jesus still enters our lives with humble means; and He is still Lord and King. It is not too great a thing for Him to be present with His flesh and blood for our forgiveness! We do practise closed communion, and guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

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

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

Family Focus: Jim, Lillian, Matthew and Katie; Jennifer; Rebecca; Delbert

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 83

Livestream: Peak Viewers: 1

Total Unique Viewers: (until March 19th): 11

GOD'S KIDS: 6

ATTENDANCE MIDWEEK SERVICE: 20

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

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER: David

USHERS: Fred, David, Walter & Donna

FINANCE STEWARDS: Iris & Nancy

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Pam & Barb

SOUND OPERATOR: Fred

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Connie

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Connie

LESSON READER TODAY: Elder

LESSON READER NEXT WEEK: Matt

EASTER FLOWERS SIGN-UP: A variety of Easter flowers will be offered to purchase for Easter Sunday. Please see the sign-up sheets located beside the mailboxes at the front entrance or on the flower chart by the library entrance. Your assistance in decorating our sanctuary Easter Sunday is a real blessing. Due to supply issues and availability at the local nurseries, pricing is approximate: Easter Lilies, Daffodils, Tulips 6" pot -\$10, Hydrangeas 6" pot - \$25. If you would like to purchase flowers for Easter Sunday, please write "*Easter Flowers*" on your offering envelope beside "*other*" and indicate the dollar amount.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "**Eucatastrophe**" (Mark 16:6-7)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, Mar. 31st at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held here at Faith on Sunday, April 7th following the service. The 2023 annual reports are available now in the office. Feel free to pick up a copy. There will be a poor boy lunch available at the Congregational meeting. We look forward to seeing you there to hear how your donations have been put to work and what our many volunteers have been doing through the many groups, council and committees.

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 couple of leaders to lead this VBS and other volunteers to help with this outreach activity. 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.

SEMINARY FOOD PANTRY: As part of Guild Day, Faith Lutheran members are invited to contribute to the Seminary Food Pantry. The pantry helps students and families, and donations will be collected and taken on Guild Day, April 13th. Place your items in the box labelled Seminary Food Pantry located just outside the sanctuary doors at the top of the stairs outside the library.

Suggested donations are non-perishable food items and gift cards. Cash may be given as well and placed in your offering envelope. If you choose to include cash, please write “Seminary Food Pantry” on your envelope beside the designation “*other*”. Any way you can help is much appreciated.

For further information please contact your Guild representative at Faith – Wendy .

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.

OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES help us remember how Jesus suffered, died and rose again to save us from sin, death, and hell. We invite you to worship with us at these special services:

Thursday, March 28th 5:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday @ Grace
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday @ Faith

Friday, March 29th 9:00 a.m. Good Friday Service @ Grace
11:00 a.m. Good Friday Service @ Faith

Sunday, March 31st 9:00 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord
Service / Communion @ Grace
11:00 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord
Service / Communion @ Faith

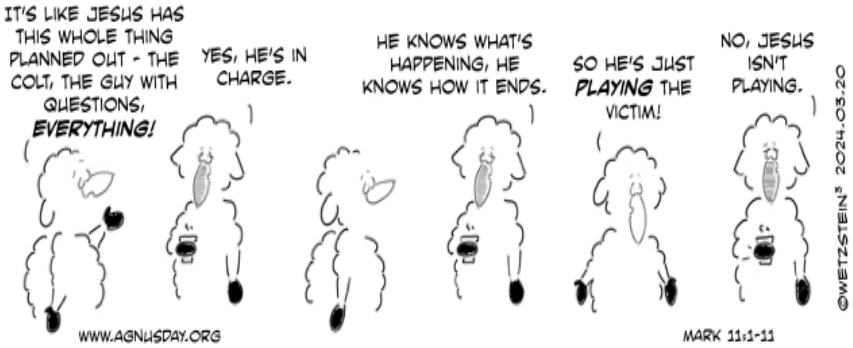
LIFE QUOTES: “So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus.” *Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •lutheransforlife*

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: March 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.

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.

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.

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.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study (Faith)
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service (Grace)
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service (Faith)
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Good Friday service (Grace)
	11:00 a.m.	Good Friday service (Faith)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast (Faith)
	9:00 a.m.	Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion (Grace)
	11:00 a.m.	Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion (Faith)
	11:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)

