

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*310 Southdale Road East
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Twenty - fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19, 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: Confession and Absolution p. 151
Prayer and Preaching p. 260

HYMNS: “My God Is So Great”; 338; 613; 584; 348

FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 1:7-16 (p. 788)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p. 987)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 830)

SERMON: “Use What God Has Given You” (Matthew 25:14-30)

FAITH ADOPTED STUDENT: Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary from St. Catharines has assigned Pastor Saulo to us. His birthday is August 31st. Please pray for him and his pregnant wife Kira whose birthday is March 2nd. They were married on January 6, 2023. If you would like to help him financially, please write on your offering envelope “*Seminary Adopted Student*” on your offering envelope beside the category “*other*”.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special needs: John, Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Alice, Reiner, Marsha, Shirley, Sara, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Marian, Sue, Mike and Anne, Stan, Gerda, Melissa, Cheryl, Rachel and children, Lloyd and Elsie
Homebound: Becky, Ana, Grace, Nancy, Delbert
Family Focus: Daniel, Pinky, Jennifer, Jessica, Josh, Justina and Jason; Salatiael, Neera, Rahul, Raichel and Sarah; Chris, Rebecca, Ayden and Abigail Jefferson; Niels

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDERS: David, David

USHERS: Nelson, Mathias, Brian & Carol, Ulrich (alternate)

FINANCE STEWARDS: Iris & Nancy

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Carole & Darcy

SOUND OPERATOR: to be determined

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Rebecca

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Linda

LESSON READER TODAY: Mathias

LESSON READER NEXT WEEK: Matt

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 89; ***COMMUNED:*** 77

Livestream: Peak Viewers: 3

Total Unique Viewers: (until November 14th): 11

GOD'S KIDS: 4

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: November 2023 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.

ADVENT is "already" just around the corner. Indwell has again developed (with the assistance of five pastor friends) a series of **five Advent devotionals**. Sign up now at indwell.ca/advent to have the devotionals conveniently delivered into your inbox ahead of each Sunday of Advent.



THE FLOWERS that decorate the altar today are given to the glory of God by Rick and Linda in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

VOTERS' MEETING: You are invited to our Congregational meeting here at Faith on Sunday, November 26th after Service. We will be approving the budget for 2024 and electing new members for the Council. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT begins on Sunday, December 3rd. We again prepare our hearts to greet our Saviour who came, who comes, and is coming again. We also invite you to come to our first midweek Advent Service on Wednesday, December 6th, and future services on December 13th and 20th. Join us for a soup supper beginning at 6:00 p.m. We are looking for members who would be interested in preparing soup. (Two members each week would be wonderful!)

FAITH TELECARE MINISTRY is in operation in our congregation. Five members have taken the task to call members from time to time. The purpose of the Telecare Ministry is to strengthen our relationship with each other and to deliver rich information to the membership. Please give these members your support and prayers. *Pastor Castillo*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: Due to the closure of London, ON CJBK, the Lutheran Hour will no longer be aired on this station. Sponsors and listeners are being contacted through every avenue possible in the hope that alternate stations can provide the Lutheran Hour. You are able to enjoy the Lutheran Hour through many other means including live streaming. To access the live streaming links, visit www.lutheranhour.ca

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.

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LIFE QUOTES: “For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!’ and falls on its face at Jesus’ feet, giving thanks to Christ.” *Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife*

LADY LOOKING TO RENT A ROOM IN LONDON: A friend of one of our members is looking for a place here in London. If you have an extra room, and are able to help this sister in Christ, please contact the church office either by phone (519 685 9700) or by email at faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com

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](mailto:C.L.W.R.donations@clwr.org).

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*. 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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Operation Christmas Child

COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH will be held after non-Communion worship services. Please sign up to prepare coffee and tea and also clean up afterwards.



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.



Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Tues.	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastors' meet at First Lutheran, Windsor
	6:15 p.m.	Trustees
	7:30 p.m.	Council
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Office hours at Grace
Sat.	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation class (at parents' home)
	3:00 p.m.	Spanish Devotion / Bible Study
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship / Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	12:30 p.m.	Voters' meeting (Faith)