

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East

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Last Sunday in the Church Year

Sunday, November 26, 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: Printed Order of Service
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 'Let's Go, Go, Go', 908, 547, 'In Christ Alone', 624, 633, 924

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (p. 722)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (p. 961)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46 (p. 831)

SERMON: "Sheep and Goats" St. Matthew 25:31-46

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.

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*

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Luther once said, "The Sacrament is of little or no benefit to those who have no misfortune or anxiety or who do not sense their adversity". Knowing our sin and the clever and consistent assaults of our adversary, the devil, we are thankful for the great blessings offered to us in the **Lord's Supper** – forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith and life. While this gift is individually received, testimony is also given that those communing together share doctrinal unity. For this reason we practise closed communion, and guests desiring 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: John, Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Alice, Reiner, Marsh, Shirley, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Marian, Sue, Mike and Anne, Stan, Gerda and Bryan, Melissa, Cheryl, Rachel and children, Lloyd and Elsie

Homebound: Becky, Ana, Grace, Nancy, Delbert

Family Focus: Alice; Dan and Rosemary; Nyaman; Darcy

VOTERS' MEETING: You are invited to our Congregational meeting here *today* after Service. We will be approving the budget for 2024 and electing new members for the Council. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 87

Livestream: Peak Viewers: 1

Total Unique Viewers: (until November 21st): 3

GOD'S KIDS: 14

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDERS: David and David

ELDERS NEXT MONTH: Jack, Darcy

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

USHERS NEXT MONTH: Jack, Keith, Peter, Mike

FINANCE STEWARDS: Carole & Darcy

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Pam & Barb

SOUND OPERATOR: to be determined

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Linda

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Connie

LESSON READER TODAY: Matt

LESSON READER NEXT WEEK: Elders of the month

THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT begins next 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 at Faith 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!)

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.

LIFE QUOTES: “Being For Life is right in line with God’s plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don’t be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don’t stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife*

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: December 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.

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.

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Operation Christmas Child
The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

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 Pamela at 226-926-4019 (cell), or by email at pamela.mcinnis@outlook.com

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.

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.



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.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study (Faith)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (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 / Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)