

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East
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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 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.

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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 / Absolution..... p. 151
Prayer and Preaching p. 260

HYMNS: “*Our Hearts are Overflowing*”; 923; 711; 643; 919

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9 (p. 586)

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:4-13 (p. 982)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14 (p. 827)

SERMON: “All are Called; Few are Chosen” (Matthew 22:1-14)

2024 NOMINATION FORMS are available for you to nominate church officers. These forms can be found at both entrances. Please nominate members for different positions in the congregation and put the forms in the boxes provided.

LIFE QUOTES: “For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: ‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest’ (Matthew 11:28). God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!” *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

Homebound: Becky, Ana, Grace, Nancy, Delbert

Family Focus: Jack and Diane; Edwin, Pushua, Gladwin, Calvin and Natasha; Rosemarie; Charlie, Colleen, Corey and Audrey

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 83; ***COMMUNED:*** 65

Livestream: Peak Viewers:3

Total Unique Viewers: (until October 10th): 21

GOD'S KIDS: 7

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDERS: Jack, Darcy

USHERS: Fred, Bob, Rick

FINANCE STEWARDS: Pam & Barb

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Iris & Nancy

SOUND OPERATOR: to be determined

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Rebecca

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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, canned fish, hearty soups, fruit cups, peanut butter, juice boxes, 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.



THE FLOWERS that decorate the altar today are given to the glory of God by Bill and Linda in celebration of their birthdays.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: October 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.

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Women's Missionary League
The MISSION of Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada is to Equip, Motivate and Encourage women to grow in God's Word, serve God's people and share God's Son.

CAULKING REQUIRED: When I met with various bricklayers, they all mentioned the need to replace the caulking around the windows and doors at Faith. This item was on this year's Spring Clean-Up list; however, the weather did not co-operate with us, and therefore, this job was not completed. If you can help us in any way, or if we could get a team lead to instruct others on what is required, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Marian Rutledge or one of the Trustees. Thank you. *Marian*

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.

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

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A HYMN SING on Sunday, October 22nd at Trinity Lutheran Church, 746 Colborne St. at Oxford, London at 3:00 p.m. The hymns will include Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A light meal will be served after the hymnsing.



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.

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.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK ELIODIA AND SYNTYCHE WERE FIGHTING ABOUT?



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THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN FIGHTING AT ALL.



CHRYSOSTOM* READ THIS AS ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PAUL TO THESE TWO WOMEN WHO WERE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH. "HAVE THE SAME MIND" IS A PHRASE HE USES ELSEWHERE TO ENCOURAGE BELIEVERS.**



*HOMILIES ON PHILIPPIANS 13. **PHIL 3:14-17



WOMEN LEADING THE CHURCH? NOW THAT'S **LOOKING** FOR A FIGHT!



PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Tues. | 6:30 p.m. | Trustees |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Council |
| Wed. | 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study (Faith) |
| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. | Office hours at Grace |
| Sat. | 10:00 a.m. | Confirmation class |
| Sun. | 10:00 a.m. | Grace Morning Worship |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship / Holy Communion |
| | 11:00 a.m. | God's Kids (Faith) |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Grace Oktoberfest |