

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 5, 2025

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14)

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.

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.*

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Confession and Absolution. p. 151
Prayer and Preaching. p. 260

HYMNS: “*Father Abraham*”; 587; “*In Christ Alone*”; 511

FIRST LESSON: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (p. 785)

SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (p. 995)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:1-10 (p. 876)

SERMON: “Do Not Harm, Practise Forgiveness, and Serve Faithfully”
- the 5th Commandment and Luke 17:1-10

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: October 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER: Dave

USHERS: Nelson, Dan & Cheryl

FINANCE STEWARDS: Cheryl & Liz

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Pam & Barb

SOUND OPERATOR: Fred

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Carol

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Linda

LECTOR TODAY: Dave

LECTOR NEXT WEEK: Philip

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, Lloyd and Elsie

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

Family Focus: Marsha; Ritva and Marcus; Paul, Marianne, Ashley and Tyler; Gbelee and Sehvika

PHILOXENIA/HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: At both entrances, you will find copies of Philoxenia/Hospitality Ministry's Thanksgiving Newsletter. Inside you'll read the story of our lay missionary sharing the Gospel of Christ with Muslim religious teachers in Canada.

FOOD PANTRY: The need for our food bank has increased. Your donations of food or grocery store gift cards are welcomed. Thank you to all those who have contributed and continue to contribute to the food bank. For more information on how or what to contribute, please contact the church office.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 57; COMMUNED: 49

GOD'S KIDS: 2

REFORMATION SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION will be held here at Faith on Sunday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m. followed by a pot blessing dinner. ***There will be no 11:00 a.m. service or God's Kids at Faith on Oct. 26th.***

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Canada

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.

LIFE QUOTES: “We shouldn't expect to know or understand the ways of God. We simply live in trust and ask God's blessing on our lives of sanctification, lived in love and thanksgiving to Christ.”
Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
• lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible” (Numbers 14:30-31)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, October 12th at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AT 10:00 A.M.:

You are invited to study with me, the book of Ruth from the Old Testament. Ruth's story underscores God's grace and providence, emphasizing that faith and loyalty, even from an outsider like Ruth, align with God's redemptive plan. It reflects the Lutheran focus on salvation by grace through faith and God's work through ordinary people and events to accomplish His purposes. Whether you are new to the Bible or a lifelong reader, come and join us! Feel free to bring a friend. *Pastor Castillo*

FALL CLEAN-UP AT FAITH will be on Saturday, October 25th at 9:00 a.m. If you are able to volunteer for this worthwhile work, please come out to help. Many hands make light work.

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM covers the 10 commandments, the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, the Lord's Supper and prayers. It remains a cornerstone of our Lutheran teaching. Today, we will continue with a sermon series about the 10 commandments. You are welcome to foster a deeper connection to Lutheran theology and practice, shaping both personal faith and communal life.

TODAY, Pastor Castillo will stay at Grace to celebrate members' birthdays and anniversaries from the previous month. There will be cake, coffee and tea. On October 12th, Pastor Castillo will lead a Bible Study at Faith at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES LONDON is at risk of losing their charitable status unless their membership is increased. They have provided thousands of dollars for projects in our church. We have upcoming requests for more work to be undertaken at our church but without more LSSL members, they may not have the ability to be as generous. Lifetime membership is only \$1. Please see Anna for application forms.

PD DAY CAMP: The first day camp has been changed to Friday, November 14th running from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There are now 15 volunteers (3 are high school students) willing to help with the first camp. Praise the Lord.

Feel free to volunteer as there is always room for more. There will be lessons, games, movies, and crafts. Please inform Pastor Castillo or Barb if you are willing to help with this.

OKTOBERFEST AT FAITH Join us for fun and fellowship on Friday October 17th at 6:00 p.m. There will be a dinner of schnitzel, potatoes, and red cabbage, and apple strudel for dessert. Tickets must be purchased in advance at a cost of \$20.00/person. This is to cover the food costs. Any funds over the amount of food will be donated to the Faith Love Fund. Tickets are available in the library after service. Due to space, there is a limit of 80 people for this event. Last day for tickets will be October 12th. For more details, contact Fred.

TEMPORARY SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT FAITH AND GRACE:

Today, the first Sunday of the month, Pastor Castillo will only be at Grace, and the Elders will lead the service at Faith. The second Sunday of the month, Pastor Castillo will only be at Faith and the Elders will lead the service at Grace. We will try this schedule for the months of October, November and December. This is only a trial schedule. Please let the Elders or Pastor Castillo know your opinions on whether this would be suitable to continue to be used in the future.

PRO-LIFE WITNESS OPPORTUNITIES:

This fall, join with fellow parishioners in two powerful opportunities to pray and stand publicly for life at **Wellington Rd & Commissioners Rd E**.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL:

Every day **until Nov. 1st**, people will gather to pray for an end to abortion, for mothers and their children, and for all impacted by abortion. You can sign up for a prayer hour at 40daysforlife.com/en/londonON or contact 4LifeLondon (519-659-3334 | info@4lifelondon.ca).

LIFE CHAIN:

Today, Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2–3 PM, join thousands across North America in a silent, prayerful witness. We will stand along **Wellington Rd & Commissioners Rd** with signs bearing messages of hope and life, calling our community to protect the most vulnerable. Everyone is welcome—simply come and participate.

Please join us to help save lives and be a voice for the most vulnerable in our society. *“Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me.” (Mt 25:40)*

GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY: This draft policy was distributed at the Sept. 21st congregational meeting. On November 2nd after the service here at Faith, James will explain this policy and why we need it. Please mark your calendars and take the time to attend so that we can revise and approve the policy. This special meeting was approved by those attending our congregational meeting. It should only take an hour. Copies of the draft policy are available on the bulletin board in the hallway.

HOW TO DONATE: If you wish to donate to Faith Lutheran Church or Grace Lutheran Church, we have three options:

If you choose to use an envelope for your gift to the church, please place it in the offering plate at either entrance of the Sanctuary.

For E-transfer, please use the following email, and direct your gift using the “memo” box: treasurerflc@rogers.com

Any gifts directed to funds that are not already established at the church will be directed to the current account.

For monthly PAP contact our treasurer at treasurerflc@rogers.com

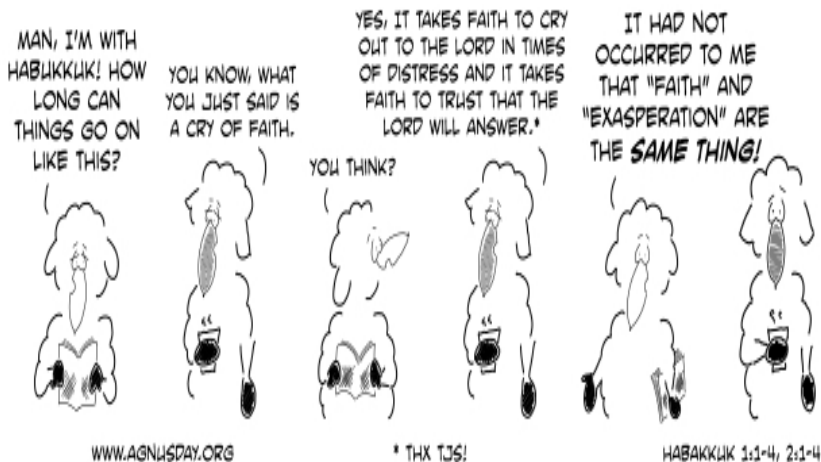
COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH is held after non-Communion worship services. Sign up sheets are in the office and at the kitchen counter. Set up can be before service. It involves making coffee, tea and juice. Snacks can be store bought or homemade (gluten free is also appreciated) the choice is yours.

SHORTBREAD COOKIE DOUGH: If you are looking for some yummy Christmas treats, all butter, ready-to-bake, Shortbread cookie dough is now for sale. Shortbread varieties are traditional, cranberry orange, chocolate toffee, and pecan crunch. Cost is \$14.00 for one cookie dough log or \$12.50 each for two or more. Each log makes 40+ cookies. **Order deadline is November 14th**, and the cookies will be delivered November 23rd. All proceeds will be used to support the Lutheran mission work of Team Zion among the children and families of the Leon area of Nicaragua in January 2026. You can place your order at Faith’s office.



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please sign up on the flower chart which is on the wall across from the library so it can be announced in the bulletin. For last minute, call before Wednesday's bulletin deadline.

CHURCH LECTORS: If you are interested in being a lector during service, you can sign up on the Readers’ schedule which is on the wall at the west entrance of the sanctuary, beside the flower chart. Both men and women are invited to be lectors during the service.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (Faith)
Fri.	10:00 a.m.	Office hours at Grace
Sat.	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Worship / Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)