

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. (1 Peter 3:8-9)

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: Divine Service Setting 3. p. 184
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 790, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
850, “God of Grace and God of Glory”
711, “Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”
709, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
918, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21 (p. 44)

SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12 (p. 948)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 823)

SERMON

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 70

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER: David

USHERS: Fred, Walter & Donna

FINANCE STEWARDS: Pam & Barb

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Philip & Nancy

SOUND OPERATOR: Fred

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Rebecca

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Linda

LECTOR TODAY: Connie

LECTOR NEXT WEEK: Rebecca

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special needs: Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Reiner, Marsha, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Marian, Sue, Mike and Anne, Lloyd and Elsie, Ellen

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

Family Focus: Pam and Garth; Michael, Natasha, Rhiannon and Matthew; Susan; Geraldine



THE FLOWERS that decorate the altar today are given to the glory of God by Fred and Barb in thanksgiving for the many blessings that God has given.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: September 2026 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.

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP: Please fill out the boards at the end of the pew and return the boards back to the aisle side. That way everyone can meet those around them and the ushers have an easier time collecting them after service.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE LORD:

We will not be passing the offering plates through the pews. Offerings can be put in the plates located inside the Sanctuary entrance or you can give through e-transfers to treasurerflc@rogers.com. Envelopes are available in the pews or on the tables at the Sanctuary entrance. You are still invited to leave an envelope in the plates at the end of service if you would like to leave an offering. Any donations directed to a fund not supported by FLC, will be redirected to the current operating account.

PRAYER CHAIN: May we pray with you? Send your prayer requests – both joys and concerns – to bmwerner@rogers.com. If you would like to join our prayer chain, please send your request to the same email address. If you'd prefer to make a phone call to the church, you can leave a voicemail if you call outside of office hours.

ALL GROUPS AND COMMITTEES: If Elders, LWML, God's Kids or anyone at Grace has any information that you would like on the October calendar or put in upcoming bulletins, please send the specific details to the church office.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “High Bar to Clay Jar”
(Matthew 20:16)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, September 20th at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held here at Faith next Sunday, September 20th following the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

FOOD PANTRY: Our food pantry continues to help those in need. 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.

TAI CHI ANYONE? The Phoenix Tai Chi Centre is holding their sessions here at Faith every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to help promote health and balance to people of all ages. The cost is \$10.00 per session and no equipment is required.

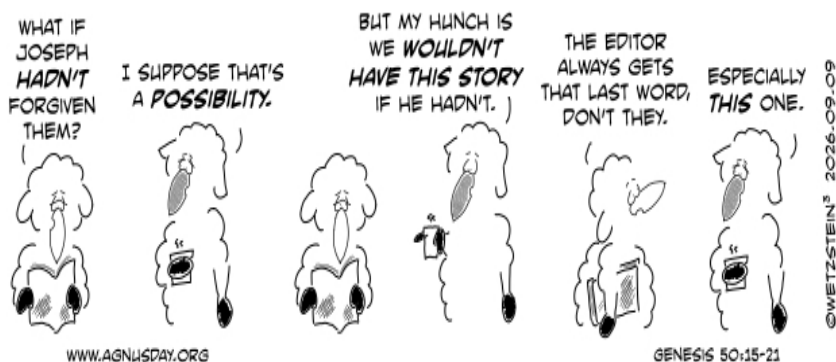
MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Community Care Centre Ontario

The Lutheran Community Care Centre provides flexible and responsive social, developmental, and spiritual services to people in the northern region of Ontario.

LIFE QUOTES: “Again, our worth is never determined by what we do. God has given us value by creating, redeeming, and calling us as His own. Still, we can be comforted knowing that even as we age and reach the point where we can no longer be active, God not only watches over us and cares for us, He accomplishes great and wonderful things through us. May the Lord of life grant us the faith and the strength to bear the crosses of aging in such a way that others are led to see the love of Christ manifest in us!” *Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LONDON) HYMN SING will be held at Faith on Sunday, September 27th, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. The theme is: “*Celebrating the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels*”. A reception will follow. All are invited to attend.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi |
| | 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi |
| Sun. | 9:00 a.m. Grace Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:00 a.m. Faith Worship |
| | 11:00 a.m. God's Kids (Faith) |
| | 12:30 p.m. Congregational meeting (Faith) |