

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*310 Southdale Road East
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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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: Divine Service Setting 1 p. 151
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 738; 782; 543; 555; 924

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-9 (p. 615)

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (p. 980)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 825)

SERMON: “It is All About Grace” (Matthew 20:1-16)

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.

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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: "I certainly love it with all my heart, the precious, blessed supper of my Lord Jesus Christ, in which He gives me His body and blood to eat and to drink orally, with the mouth of my body, accompanied by the exceedingly sweet and gracious words: Given for you, Shed for you" (Luther). While the **Lord's Supper** 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, 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: Roberto, Wendy, Naomi and Zach; Micah, Jessica, Ryken, Blakely and Mila; Mike and Anne; Michael and Gail; Scott, Lindsay and Matthew

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 94

Livestream: Peak Viewers:3

Total Unique Viewers: (until September 19th): 23

GOD'S KIDS: 16



THE FLOWERS that decorate the altar today are given to the glory of God Mike and Iris in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY AT FAITH: The Elders and Pastor invite you to come join us two Sundays a month as we gather together to study God's Word. Our first Bible Study will be held next Sunday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDERS: David, David

ELDERS NEXT MONTH: Jack, Darcy

USHERS: Fred, Dave, Walter & Donna

USHERS NEXT MONTH: Fred, Bob, Rick

FINANCE STEWARDS: Iris & Nancy

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Carole & Darcy

SOUND OPERATOR: to be determined

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Connie

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Carol

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

LIFE CHAIN is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year at Richmond Street and Fanshawe Park Road on Sunday, October 1st from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs with messages like “Abortion kills children,” “Abortion hurts women,” “Life, the first inalienable right,” and “Adoption, the loving option.” You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour.

LIFE QUOTES: “Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over.”
Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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.

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.

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*

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Community Care Centre, Ontario

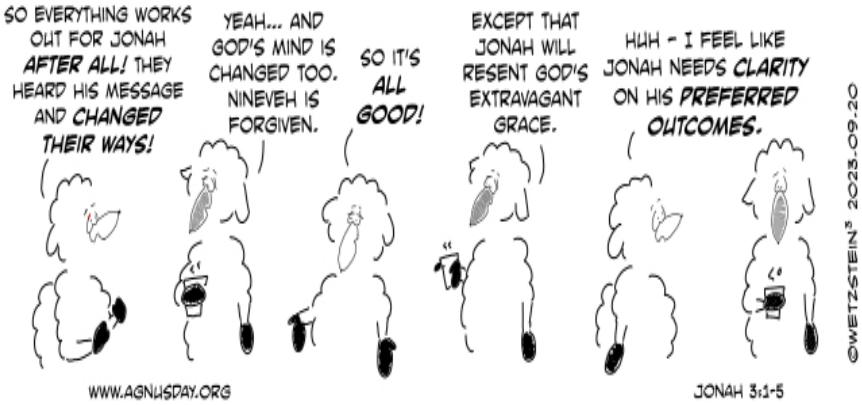
“The Lutheran Community Care Centre provides flexible and responsive social, developmental and spiritual services to people in the northern region of Ontario.”



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please let the office know so that it can be included in the bulletin.

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.

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.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Grace)
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship / Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)