Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Locksley)



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The Parable of Salt and Light Matthew 5:13-20

WELCOME

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, may you find within these doors rest of soul, peace of heart and strength to walk with God all the days of your life.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10:30 am

February 5^{th} , $202\overline{3}$ **PASTOR:** Reverend Paul Williams

Allan Nagora & Bill Dunn **ASSISTING ELDERS:**

ORGANIST: Mrs. Kim Blais

Divine Service Setting Three with Holy Communion

Phil Witt, M&M Pappin, A&D Raglin **MONEY COUNTERS:**

Mary Ryan & Donna Dament **ALTAR GUILD:**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Holy Communion "is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself." (Luther's Small Catechism) All who partake of this Sacrament are united to the crucified and glorified body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16) and, therefore, must also be united to one another in doctrine (Acts 2:42). Out of love for those who are not united to us in the Faith, we follow the biblical practice of "Closed Communion". If you are not a member in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Canada, her sister Synods or have met with the Pastor or Elders, we respectfully ask you to refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. We thank you for respecting our Scriptural position and practises.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Divine Service Setting Three with Holy Communion					
First Hymn:	The Law of God Is Good and Wise	#579			
Hymn of the Day:	Thy Strong Word	#578			
Installation of Officers					
Communion Hymns: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness		#563			
	Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed	#560			
	You Are the Way; through You Alone	#526			
Closing Hymn: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace		#580			

Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 58:3-9; 1 Cor. 2:1-16; Matt. 5:13-20 Lessons:

Catechism Lesson - The Lord's Prayer, Second Petition pg 323

OUR PRAYERS

Please include in your prayers; Frieda Biesenthal, Addysen Medeiros, Judy and Wilhelm Schalo, Dorothy Craig, Allen Mask, Darlene Raglin, Don Hartwig (Les Hartwig's brother), Jordan Davidson (Gail Saar's grandson), and those in Long-term Care and Retirement homes; Hattie Nagora (family), Vaike Roesner (Carefor), Leona Mau, Myra Witt (Miramichi), Delta Neville (Revera Valley Stream), Shirley Gorr and Gladys Nagora (Heritage Manor).

If anyone desires 'Our Prayers' on behalf of any family or friends, please feel free to contact Pastor Williams or the Church Secretary.

LADIES AID

All Ladies are invited to our Ladies Aid Meeting **Tuesday**, **February** 7th, **2023** at **7:00**. It will be a theme about "Love". Please bring along a friend and don't forget paper towel or dish soap for roll call! Hope to see you there!

WINE & CHEESE TRIVIA NIGHT



There's still time to enter a team for Trivia Night **Friday**, **February 10**th! Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per person with wine. You must register your team (4-6 members) by February 8th. Your tickets will be at the door. To Register, please text or call Sharon Eder (613)639-3434.

COOKIE AND PIE SALE

Ladies Aid is hosting a Cookie and Pie Sale on **Sunday**, **February 12**th after the 10:30 service. Please come out and support our sale. Thanks, Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid.

LWML

LWML is hosting the Shrove Tuesday-Pancake Supper **February 21**st, **2023** and are seeking helpers and food donations. There is a sign up list posted on the kitchen bulletin board. We appreciate and thank you for anything you can assist us with.

PASTOR AWAY

Pastor will be attending a LCMS event in Mississauga, leaving after worship service February 26th and back for the Mid Week Lent service on March 1st.

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

TUES	7:00pm	Ladies Aid Meeting
THURS	5:30pm	Youth Catechesis
FRI	6:30pm	Wine & Cheese Trivia
SUN	9:15am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service (Setting #3)
		Cookie & Pie Sale (Parish Hall)

LAST WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP:

Worship Attendance -	56 Member	ship - 280	Sunday School -No Attendance			
<u>Offerings</u>	Received	Weekly B	udgeted Requirement			
General Treasury	\$1,773.00					
Plate	\$ 52.00					
Total General Treas.	\$1,825.00	\$3,148.00				
Missions	\$ 232.00	\$ 288.00				
Total Offerings	\$2,057.00	\$3,436.00	Total per Week			

Isaiah 58:3-9a 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Matthew 5:13-20 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.