

Peace Lutheran Church

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Welcome

To all who gather to worship the true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you are visiting at Peace today, please introduce yourself to the pastor, or elder at the door, and fill out the guest section of the cards in the pews.

For parents who feel the need to take their infants or toddlers out of the sanctuary for part of the service, there is a quiet room located at the back of the sanctuary.

May you experience Christ's love as you worship with us.

Our Neighbour

We take one last look at the 8th Commandment today as we ponder how to involve the interests of our neighbour along with ours so we can both be encouraged and blessed.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32 p. 893

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O

house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18 p. 1248

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others...

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:23–27 p. 1050

²³And when [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one

question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN’S GOSPEL BOX

SERMON HYMN # 848

SERMON *"Your Own Interests and Others"*

OFFERING

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honour and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (A79)

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Serving This Morning

Elder

Anthony Sealy

Ushers

Helen Mayo, Jacki McDowell

Organist

Connie Shuga, Andrew Vandermeersch

Janice Buchner

Be at Peace This Week

Today	After Service	___ Coffee Fellowship
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	___ Video Bible Study
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	___ Church Cleaning
	10:00 a.m.	___ Mid-Week Bible Study
Friday	11:00 a.m.	___ Retirement Residence Service
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	___ Bible Study
		___ Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	___ LWMLC Sunday Service
	After Service	___ Cake & Coffee fellowship
	1:15 p.m.	___ Life Chain 2026

As you pray this week, please remember:

- *Those who are suffering from illness, injuries, or recovering from surgery especially; Maureen Kleebaum, John Lang, Janet Mayer, Audrey Campbell; Rob(Melody's brother), Leonel, and the driver of the other vehicle, Jeanette Anspach, Eric Dykxhoorn, Pat Mueller, Walt Mason, Nancy Barber, Joel Rock, Murray Sandham, Kathleen (Erwin's Friend), Russell & Helen Hestler, Donna(Connie's Friend), Connie Shuga, Kathy Erhardt, Joyce Wilson, Heather Theissler, Joan Rothenberg, Walter Csoff.*
- *Our shut-in members.*
- *LCC President David Haberstock and Synod Office Staff.*
- *Our Canadian Parliament, Prime Minister Mark Carney, and all those serving in the Armed Forces.*
- *Missions: Rev. Asefa Aredo who serves as pastor of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and LCC's Missionary-at-Large for Oromo Outreach.*
- **To pray for all people:** *That We Would Speak the Truth in Love.*

- *All those celebrating birthdays this week; Jack McDonald (27), Erin Zakel (30).*
- *All those celebrating anniversaries this week; Pat and Elizabeth Carroll (27).*

Announcements

Thank you to Joel Rock and Ed Muth for leading worship while Pastor Paul is on vacation until Wednesday. In case of emergency, phone our Head Elder Joel Rock.

Don't forget to pick up your October newsletter and calendars on the way out today.

Those that met in August about the flower beds are asked to attend a 'next step' meeting following the church service **today**. This meeting will last no longer than 10 minutes and will be held in the choir room. Please direct any questions to Kevin Sandham.

Life Chain 2026 is being held next **Sunday, October 4th** at Broadway and Bridge St. from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For all who will be attending, please meet at the clock tower at 1:15 p.m. For more information, please see the bulletin board, or go to www.lifechain.ca

The cut-off date to reserve your room for our trip to Frankenmuth (November 15th - 17th) is **October 14th**. After that date, the rooms will be released to the public and become available on a first-come first-served basis so make sure you reserve early and guarantee your room. For any more details, speak to Pastor Paul or take the information sheets on the shelf by the bulletin board.

Correction: We are moving our Yearly Theme Planning from January to **Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. to allow for the** design and purchase of the theme banner to go up at the start of the New Year. So bring your ideas about a theme, a theme bible verse, and activities we should explore to add to our 2027 calendar.

Our combination Men's Breakfast and Oktoberfest Sausage making morning will be **Saturday, October 17th**, starting at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast and the sausage making around 10:00 a.m. for those who wish to come later and help out.

We are once again joining our fellow Lutherans in the London and Windsor circuits for our annual **Reformation Service**. It will be held at **Faith, London** on **Sunday, October 25th**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with the service and the potluck supper to follow. There is a sign-up sheet in the usual place.

After such a long absence we are planning on starting our choir again! It would be modified in that we would be singing on special occasions only such as Christmas and Easter and practices would be scheduled approximately 4-6 weeks before the actual event. If you are interested please place your name on the sign up sheet and if we have enough people we will go forward . If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor or Linda Nevado.

In honour of the 50th Anniversary of Concordia Lutheran Seminary in St. Catharines, we are collecting grocery gift cards or cash donations to fill the freezers at the Seminary with meats and prepared meals for the students in the coming school year. There will be a display table set up by the front doors. The LWML thanks all those who are supporting this project.

Helping Hand Food Bank

Fruit Cups	Granola Bars	Applesauce
Cereal	Other easy breakfast items & school snacks	

October Altar Guild

Terry Ehl, Linda Pinter

Janice, Jacki, Helen - LWMLC Sunday

October Envelope Stewards Lou-Anne Felske, Kevin Sandham

The Lutheran Hour - **October 4th, 2026**

"Embrace Life"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros

Jesus offers His abundant life to people plagued by pain and problems.

John 10:10-11

Sundays	8:30 a.m.	CHOK	1070 AM	Sarnia
Sundays	8:30 a.m.	CKPC	1380 AM	Brantford
Sundays	10:30 a.m.	WDCX	99.5 FM or 970 AM	Buffalo
Sundays	1:00 p.m.	Sirius XM satellite radio 170		

On the web in mp3 or by podcast at www.lutheranhour.ca

in text form or Canada Radio Player at www.LLL.ca or The Lutheran Hour APP.

Serving This Month

Altar Guild
Envelope Stewards

Kristy Milmine, Kareen Weide
Janice Buchner, Allan Greer

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