

Christ’s Resurrection Is the Firstfruits of the New Creation

The Lord has promised to “create new heavens and a new earth” (Is. 65:17), in which His people shall abide in peace and joy. That new creation has begun in the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus. All the baptized belong to that new creation. Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, they are “the offspring of the blessed of the LORD” (Is. 65:23). The Lord rejoices and is glad in them; He hears and answers their prayers. For “if in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied” (1 Cor. 15:19). But Christ Jesus has been raised, “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor. 15:20). We may be “perplexed about this” (Luke 24:4), perhaps even frightened and brought to our knees, because it seems like an “idle tale” (Luke 24:11). But faith clings to the Word of Christ and finds His resurrected body — not in the tomb, but in His Holy Supper.

Life under Grace – April 20th, 2025

Happy Easter!

He has risen! He has risen indeed! Halleluiah - Series C

Today (G)	10:15 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	11:15 am	Happy Easter Sunday Divine Service (C)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Quilting
Sunday (G)	10:15 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	11:15 am	Divine Service (C)

Attendance: April 13th, 2025 A=64 C=484 V=

***ATTENTION:** Please do not leave any offerings, cash or cheque, and personal information, in the outside church mailbox. Please call the church, 905-728-4381, if you need to arrange a drop off time or if you wish to send a cheque, send to our PO BOX 30623, Oshawa, ON L1J 8L8.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS or UPDATES: May be placed in the holder outside the office door and for the monthly calendar. They are due by Wednesday of each week. Calendar events are due by the 3rd Sun of the month. Email the info to: gracelutheranoshawa.office@gmail.com or call church 905-728-4381, Blessings Debby.

FOOD BANK: Thank you everyone for helping us stock up. **We have relocated the pantry to the library** We support our church members, our Seminary students (1/2) and community. Please check expiry dates. Place your donation on the table in the library. Blessings and thank you.

BIRTHDAYS, Baptisms And Anniversaries and Calendar for April: see copies available on table at back of church. Please let me know if anyone is missing and if you need a printed copy. Let office know if you need a copy.



Good



April 20th, 2025

Happy Easter



Presiding Vacancy Minister (P): Dr. Rev. Kevin Fast **Acolyte: Victor**
Assisting minister (A): Shane
Sound System: Philip / Nathan Webmaster - Victor / Nathan
Church Secretary: Debby Altar: Gail

PRAY FOR: **Our New Pastor, Guntars Baikovs, wife Jana, and Family; Monica, Sherran; Paula; Willie** (car accident) & **Minnie** (broken hip); **Debbie** and **Emilee; Ed; Eloise** (hip/shoulder); **Herta; Albina**

Friends and Fellow Christians: **Alex; Kevin** (Son in law of Mark and Julia); **Diane** (Cancer; friend of Gina); **Christy** (Niece of Norman), **Lynda; Alice; Terry & Brenda; Liam** (liver); **Laura** (cancer); **Chris; Susan; Bev;** (**Elizabeth;** Joan (Carolyn sisters)); **Carolyn** (Medina, OH); **Rose; Jason; Joan; Mary** (homeless); **Adian** & family(Ladies of Grace Seminary Student)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please email them to gracelutheranoshawa.office@gmail.com., call office, contact an Elder or put a note on office desk.

APRIL MISSION PRAYERS: CAMBODIA - Rev. Van Ravy- assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh and also serves with Lutheran Hour Ministries.; **Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi)** - pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school; **Rev. Rochom Binh (Rock-om)-** missionary pastor for the Jarai community in his village in Ratanakiri; **Rev. Romass Svell** - as pastor for the Jarai community in Ratanakiri. **CANADA** – All seminary students.

MISSION PRAYER: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, asking You to sustain THEM by Your Spirit and bless THEIR labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

ATTENTION: Phone lines are up and running.

Updated - NATIONAL YOUTH GROUP 2025 – Theme **UNBREAKABLE** – Waterloo – Ephesians 6:11. See details in narthex. The NYG will be held July 4-8, 2025, link: <https://www.canadianlutheran.ca/2025-nyg-committee-announces-theme-dates/>
NATIONAL: July 4-8, 2025 The registration deadline for the National Youth Gathering (Waterloo, ON) is **April 30.** Visit lccnyg.ca for youth, leader, and Minion volunteer information and [email us](#) for exhibitor and local volunteer information.
WEST: May 2-4, 2025
The Alberta Lutheran Spring Youth Retreat at Camp Bar-V-Nok (Pigeon Lake) will gather under the theme "Unearthing My Identity." Register by March 21 [Here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENT: God has blessed us with a new Shepherd, Pastor Guntars Baikovs (bay-caufs) has accepted our call. " It is with great joy that the Rev. Guntars Baikovs has accepted the call from Grace to serve as our pastor and shepherd. We will begin the process of moving him and his family here to Oshawa." We will begin planning shortly to help get them settled and a gathering to welcome them home at Grace. Please volunteer to be part of the committee. We also need a Social Ministry Leader to organize this great event!

QUILTING: April 22, 2025 at 9:00 am.

LADIES OF GRACE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS LADIES for our Mother, Daughter, Sister Luncheon, on Saturday May 31st, 2025 @10:00 am -1:00 pm.. check your mailbox for invitation. RSVP May 24th. Our guest speaker will be speaking on “Witnessing Where Were at!”; Pickup your invitation in your mailbox. Our May (10th) monthly meetings will be for planning this event at Grace. AND,

GUILD DAY APRIL 26TH. See Diana or Carolyn, if your going, so we can setup car pools. <https://lutheranwomen.ca/events/>; <https://lutheranwomen.ca/growing-gods-word/prayer-calendars/>

WANTED ITEMS:

MENS CLOTHING: The Migrant Workers Ministry Outreach Hub at St. Saviour's in Orono would like to thank Grace Lutheran church members for the men’s clothing donations so far. The men were especially thankful for the handmade quilts from the Ladies of Grace quilting group. The lasting cold wintery weather has made extra blankets a necessity for a comfortable night's rest. At present the MWM is in need of work clothes, coats, hoodies, toques, gloves, work pants, jeans and socks. Many migrant workers are arriving back in Canada now to work at our local apple orchards, greenhouses and farms. Clean used or new clothing donations can be left in the box in the narthex. Blessings, Tracey

FURNITURE NEEDED: Member finally has an apartment on her own. Now needs furniture Love Seat, Cookie Sheets, Cooling Racks, Electric Hand Mixer, Scoops, Wire Whisk, Over the toilet storage, Small narrow table to use as a desk or a small desk. If you have anything like this to donate, please Call the church office.905-728-4381or email gracelutheranoshawa.office@gmail.com; Blessings

DAILY DEVOTIONS LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES- sign up at www.lhm.org
LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS: New forms for 2025 are on the shelf,
CANADIAN LUTHERAN MAGAZINE: Lutheran Magazine has arrived. If you want to read it online, here is the online Link. <https://issuu.com/thecanadianlutheran>
PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS: Please pickup your copy of the April, May June issue., and feel free to pick up a large and a small if needed (1st and 2nd Quarter), Blessings

*******EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CONTACT AN ELDER OR LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE CHURCH PHONELINE 905-728-4381*******
Ask the Pastor

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