## The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, "they will never perish" (John 10:28), for "no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand" (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, "shepherds") "care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" (Acts 20:28), "testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 7:10).

Life under Grace – May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day!

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

Today	10:15 am	Sunday School today is last day of Sunday School
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	11:15 am	Sunday Divine Service (C) Baptism today
Tuesday	9:00 am	Quilting
Sunday	10:15 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	11:15 am	Divine Service (C

Attendance: May 4th, 2025 A=46 C=39 G=11 3a4c

\*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.

<u>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS or UPDATES</u>: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of the month. Email the info to: <u>gracelutheranoshawa.office@gmail.com</u> 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.



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May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Revised: <a href="https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/news/infodigest/">https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/news/infodigest/</a>

**Presiding Vacancy Minister (P): Rev. Dr. Kevin Fast** 

Assisting minister (A): Shane
Sound System: Philip / Nathan

Acolyte: Christine
Webmaster - Victor / Nathan

Church Secretary: Debby

Altar: Julie

<u>PRAY FOR:</u> Our New Pastor, Guntars Baikovs, wife Jana, and Family; Landon, Monika (Eye Surgery in June), Sherran; Paula; Willie (car accident) & Minnie (broken hip); Debbie and Emilee; Ed; Eloise (hip/shoulder); Herta; Albina

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

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

MAY MISSION PRAYERS: Rev. Seungwoo "Sam" Choi - pastor of Korean Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ontario; Rev. James D. Kay - pastor of the Sudanese congregation of Grace Lutheran Church in Edmonton; Rev. Marco-Antonio Jacobsen who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French ministries in Quebec. Rev. Asefa Aredo - pastor of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and LCC's Missionary-at-Large for Oromo Outreach; All seminary students.

<u>MISSION PRAYER:</u> 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.** 

**BIRTHDAYS, Baptisms And Anniversaries and Calendar for May:** 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.

**BAPTISM:** *The Baptism of Landon*, *son* of Scott and Melissa and big brother Conner, brings us much joy this morning as our Lord Christ welcomes him to his family. Landon was born on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Serving as sponsors are Jeffrey and Kristina. His grandparents are Debby and Grant, & Christina and Ray.

**QUILTING:** May 13, 2025 at 9:00 am.

**REFERENCE MATERIALS:** Summer reading material. Please take a few moments over the next few Sundays to review our Church business and community bulletin board; and other resource materials on the tables/shelves and racks in the narthex and in the church library. Please take some home to read or to a friend.

<u>LADIES OF GRACE</u> *MARK YOUR CALENDARS LADIES* for our Mother, Daughter, Sister Luncheon, on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 10:00 am -1:00 pm, check your mailbox for invitation. RSVP May 24<sup>th</sup>. To Diana or leave a message on church voicemail. Our guest

speaker will be speaking on "Witnessing Where Were at!". We are still in need of food donations; call office or Diana.

We will be setting up on Thursday May 29th, many hands make for light work. Blessings

https://lutheranwomen.ca/events/; https://lutheranwomen.ca/growing-gods-word/prayer-calendars/

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. Thank you to Diana for heading up the social committee and to those who have already volunteered. Our Meet and Greet will be on June 22, 2025, with our Voters meeting. If you wish to donate to the luncheon, contact the office by phone or email. The installation information will be provided at a later date.

<u>REMINDER: EAST - MAY 23-25, 2025 -THE SPRING EAST DISTRICT LUTHERAN YOUNG</u>
<u>ADULTS (EDLYA)</u> Retreat to be held at St. Luke (Ottawa, ON). Rev. Milton Lam will lead a presentation and discussion on Article 4 of the Formula of Concord: Good Works. Please encourage the young adults in your congregation to attend! <a href="http://www.edlya.ca/pages/register.php">http://www.edlya.ca/pages/register.php</a>

## **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. 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, double sheets small pockets; 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 <a href="mailto:gracelutheranoshawa.office@gmail.com">gracelutheranoshawa.office@gmail.com</a>; Blessings

## PASTOR FAST WILL BE ON VACATION FROM May 15th to May 31st.

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

Ask the Pastor
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