



“He who gathered much did not have too much,
and he who gathered little did not have too little.”

2 Corinthians 8:15

GRACE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday May 5, 2024 | Year 63, No. 04

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SUNDAY SERVICE — 10:00AM

Leading us in worship today: Pastor Mike Vandyk

*Please Note: We are blessed to record our worship services. By entering and by your presence here,
you consent to being recorded for our livestream broadcast.*

Today's Service

Sunday May 5, 2024

Welcome to worship this Sunday at Grace church as we gather around the Lord's Supper table. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who look to Jesus alone as their salvation and who are members of Christ's body the church, are welcome to partake. May the Word and Sacrament be used by the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in hope, faith and love as we worship together.

We enter into Worship

Gathering Songs: "You Are Holy, You Are Whole" and "Soon and Very Soon"

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

God Greets us - we greet one another.

Opening Song: "Behold the Lamb"

We see God's Grace in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lord's Supper Litany

Song of Thanksgiving: "Give Thanks to the Lord"

We bring our Offerings out of Gratitude

1st: Grace Christian Reformed Church

2nd: NEWGROUND — "Diaconal Ministries Canada"

Offertory Prayer

Children's Song: "Not Be Shaken"

We Pray in Faith to our loving God

Congregational Prayer

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:11-18, 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Sermon: God's Will means sharing for Jesus sake

Theme: The Lord's Prayer calls us to live into God's perfect Will and to live it out. What is God's will in relation to the basics and daily blessings he gives? Are we to hoard more and more as our sinful world says or is it God's will that we who receive his generous grace are to be generous and share with those in need? Let prayer guide you.

Prayer of Application

We Depart to Serve

Closing Song: "Goodness of God"

Blessing

Upcoming Services

Next week May 12 is our Ascension Day celebration as we remember our risen Lord has ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. We will read from Acts 6:8-15, 7:55-8:2 as Stephen declares the truth of the ascension seeing Jesus standing at the right hand of God in heaven. What a comfort. Pastor Mike will lead our worship

Offerings

	<p>This week—NEWGROUND —“Diaconal Ministries Canada is a partner agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) that promotes diaconal work in Canada. The NewGround program partners with deacons and churches to break new missional ground, nurturing Spirit-led ideas that bear everlasting fruit. Examples are youth initiatives, community opportunity scans, new ministry grants and support, and deacons scholarships.”</p>
	<p>Next week—NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS: Gleaning is a biblical concept in which God instructed farmers to leave a portion of their crops for the poor to gather. Niagara Christian Gleaners seeks to demonstrate Christ’s love and grace by sharing the abundance of produce that we enjoy with those around the world who are in need.</p>

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday May 5	Lord’s Supper	10:00 am
Monday May 6	Deacon Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday May 28	A/B Meeting	7:30 pm
Thursday May 30	B & G Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday June 5	Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday June 12	Elder Meeting	7:30 pm

Volunteer Schedule

HELPERS	THIS WEEK May 5	NEXT WEEK May 12	TWO WEEKS May 19
USHERS	Henry & Lorraine	Hank & Betty	Michael, Rebecca, John
READER	Janice Z.	John vdB.	Emilia V.
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	-----	Kayla B.	Karen v.
HALL MONITOR	Kathy vdB.	Hilda VL.	Mary M.
LIBRARY	Pauline B.	Carla L.	Emilia V.
SOUND	Tim L.	Martin Z.	Marten Z.
PROJECTOR	Marika L.	Linden N.	Kim M.
LIVESTREAM	Eric V.	Stephen B.	Braydon T.
NURSERY	Marg. L. Adriana E.	Alana V. Olivia B.	Alice Z. Micah V.
PRAISE TEAM	Joanna, Michael, Barb, Hank, Alana, Andy, Esther	Lori, Ted, Michael, Kelsey, Emilia, John	Joanna, Michael, Marg, Coreen, John, Jane, Andy
COFFEE CLEAN UP	John D.	Pete & Fran	John & Cathy

Children's Ministry



Sunday school is available weekly for children ages 3 yrs. old to Grade 6. Students will be dismissed to their classes following the children's message.

Nursery is available for children ages 0-3. Please sign your children in and out using the Nursery entrance at the back door.

Announcements

CHURCH FAMILY: Thanks you for all the prayers for Henry. God was with us throughout the whole procedure and your prayers were so appreciated. Thank you also for all the birthday wishes. You are truly an amazing Church family. Henry & Lorraine.

NOMINATIONS: The Council has now compiled a list of potential Office Bearers. The next step in this process is for these names to be reviewed by the congregation for approval (ratification) on Sunday, **May 12th**.

The following people will be presented for the **Office of Elder:** Pete Hogeterp and Bryan Stoner. The following people will be presented for the **Office of Deacon:** Stephen Bachorski, Lorraine Klein, Marg Lise, Denis Normandin, Coreen Steen and Emilia Vedder.

Upon ratification of these names by the congregation, the new Office Bearers will be selected by lot on Sunday, **May 19th**.

Installation will be held on Sunday, **June 2nd**.

Please Note: Proxies for ratification are available from the Elders today upon request. They must be signed and returned on or before Sunday morning, **May 12th**.

Also Note: If anyone has a valid objection or concern about any of the names presented, please notify your district Elder before Friday, **May 17th**.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: In Whistling in the Dark, Frederick Buechner writes, “‘Thy kingdom come . . . on earth’ is what we are saying. . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze.” What are we asking when we pray for God’s kingdom to come on earth?

CARETAKER POSITION: The Caretaker position is being tendered out and any interested applicants for this position should submit their application (tender) to the Building & Grounds Committee Secretary, Linda Rynberk lrynberk@cogeco.ca no later than **May 24, 2024**. If you wish to review the duties of the Caretaker, please contact Linda. Position begins July 1, 2024. Thank you, the Building & Grounds Committee.

CHURCH YARD CLEANUP: The Building & Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers to help clean up the church property on **Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (rain date June 1, 2024)** – to do some edging, clean up and mulch the flower beds. We are encouraging church groups (e.g. Cadets, etc) to help as well. Please bring shovels, rakes, leaf bags and wheel barrows. Many hands makes the work quick and fun! Refreshments will be provided. Look forward to seeing you that day.

Announcements

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

Are you ready for something light-hearted? Smithville Christian High School presents, **The Importance of Being Earnest**, by Oscar Wilde, a farcical and absurd comedy in which the main characters pretend to be fictitious personae to escape their burdensome social obligations. Four performances: May 10, 11, 16 & 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased with a credit card here bit.ly/Being_Earnest or reserved by contacting the school office at office@smithvillechristian.ca or (905) 957-3255.

INSIGHT BIBLICAL COUNSELLING invites you to attend a Sweet & Savoury Social, at 7pm on Friday, June 7th at The Shed Out Back in Smithville. Enjoy delectable Charcuterie platters along with delicious desserts, and Insight ministry updates! Tickets are available for individuals, couples and tables of eight. There is no cost to attend but a free will offering will be taken. Eventbrite Reservations are required by May 25th. Go to bit.ly/Insight-Social-2024 to register!

SHALOM MANOR: Please save the date for our **May Plant Sale!** It will be held on **Saturday, May 25th from 9am-1pm** here at Shalom! We hope you will consider us for your garden and porch needs this year – Why? Because the proceeds go directly to improving our Resident experience! What a great cause! There will also be a bake sale, raisin buns, and coffee & cake for sale in the café. Our General Store will be open and well-stocked with Dutch goodies and a BBQ Lunch will take place from 11-1pm. We really hope we will see you there!

COLLECTION OF CHRISTIAN MATERIAL: If you have any Christian books, bibles, reference books, devotionals including used Today devotional, we would like to recycle them and send to overseas missions. There will be a basket in the fellowship hall where you can place them.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!!

Sylvia B. (Mon. April 29) John B. (Mon. April 29) Megan V. (Mon. April 29)

John vdB. (Sun. May 5) Art V. (Mon. May 6) Jane V. (Mon. May 6)

Micah V. (Tues. May 7) Colin V. (Wed. May 8)

Denis N. (Thurs. May 9) Brianna V. (Fri. May 10)