



GRACE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday May 12, 2024 | Year 63, No. 05

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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 12, 2024

Welcome to worship this Sunday at Grace church as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus into heaven. We are comforted in knowing he reigns over all things until that great day when he comes again in glory to make all things new. Along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, we worship our ascended Lord Jesus.

We enter into Worship

Gathering Songs: "This is the Day" and "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Luke 24:50-53

God Greets us - we greet one another.

Opening Song: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

We Confess our Sin and receive God's Grace

Confession & Prayer: Psalm 14 – sin of setting ourselves above God

Assurance & Praise: Colossians 3:1-14 – the Lord Jesus above all.

Song of Thanksgiving: "He is Lord"

We bring our Offerings out of Gratitude

1st: Grace Christian Reformed Church

2nd: Niagara Christian Gleaners

Offertory Prayer

Children's Message: Kayla B.

Children's Song: "He is Exalted"

We Pray in Faith to our loving God

Congregational Prayer to our Ascended Lord

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:8-15, 7:51-8:2

Sermon: The Power of the Ascension

Theme: Knowing Jesus reigns from heaven gives us comfort and confidence in our lives and as a church because we know Jesus holds the place of power at the right hand of God and he is establishing his kingdom through the church to the glory of God.

Prayer of Application

We Depart to Serve


Closing Song: "Our God Reigns"


Blessing

Upcoming Services

Next week May 19 we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and the coming of the Holy Spirit in power to lead the church on its mission of bringing the gospel to every people, nation and language. We will read from Acts 2 and Pastor Mike will lead our worship.

Offerings

	<p>This 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>
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	<p>Next week—REDEEMED LIVES MEN'S GROUP (THE BARN): This is one of our fastest growing ministries of Open Arms Mission. Men come from all over the Niagara Region to gather together to worship the Lord, pray and provide accountability for one another, knowing that "Iron Sharpens Iron". The group is open to men 14 years and up at any point in their spiritual walk. Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.</p>
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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Tuesday May 28	A/B Meeting	7:30 pm
Thursday May 30	B & G Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Monday June 3	Deacon 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 12	NEXT WEEK May 19	TWO WEEKS May 26
USHERS	Hank & Betty	Michael, Rebecca, John	Brian & Marlene
READER	John vdB.	Emilia V.	Kim M.
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Kayla B.	Karen v.	Bryan S.
HALL MONITOR	Hilda VL.	Mary M.	Mary V.
LIBRARY	Carla L.	Emilia V.	Angela W.
SOUND	Martin Z.	Marten Z.	George S.
PROJECTOR	Linden N.	Kim M.	Christine V.
LIVESTREAM	Stephen B.	Braydon T.	John D.
NURSERY	Alana V. Olivia B.	Alice Z. Micah V.	Barb V. Marika L.
PRAISE TEAM	Lori, Ted, Michael, Kelsey, Emilia, John	Joanna, Michael, Marg, Coreen, John, Jane, Andy	Lori, Ted, Michael, Kelsey, Kim, Emilia, Fran
COFFEE CLEAN UP	Pete & Fran	John & Cathy	Scott & Alana
Children's Ministry			
	<p>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.</p> <p>Nursery is available for children ages 0-3. Please sign your children in and out using the Nursery entrance at the back door.</p>		

Announcements

NOMINATIONS: Today the congregation is asked to ratify the list of Nominees for the Offices of Elder and Deacon, so please remain in the sanctuary after the morning service. This list is not a vote but a review to determine if each Nominee is fit for Office.

* The following people will be presented for the Office of Elder: Pete Hogeterp & 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 next Sunday, **May 19th** and/or appointed to their office.

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

FROM THE DEACONS: A thank you to all who were able to donate sleeping bags and tents for the homeless in our community. Beyond the Streets picked up the sleeping bags and tents this week and were so very appreciative of your donations.

ALSO FROM THE DEACONS: It has been a while, but the 2024 Clarity Bottle Campaign (in partnership with Elisha House) is starting on Mother's Day May 12th to Father's Day June 16th. If you would like to contribute to this campaign, the bottles are on the table in the fellowship hall and an explanation card is in each of your mailboxes. "Clarity Pregnancy Options is a faith-based non-profit organization. Our mission is to help women EXPLORE the facts about their options relating to unexpected pregnancies, to EMPOWER women to make confident & informed choices with follow up care, and to EQUIP families with the resources they need to thrive."

SENIORS SPRING DRIVE: Please join us on Wednesday May 15th, meeting at Grace CRC at 10:00 a.m. We will car pool and enjoy a nice drive and lunch. Please come and enjoy fellowship together. Thank you, Irene, Pete & Lorraine.

EVERYONE IS INVITED: BETHANY CRC in Fenwick. Tuesday May 28, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. Jeff Dam, a police officer for the Niagara Regional Police will be speaking on topics regarding Frauds & Scams commonly seen today through telephone, computers & internet. He will provide insight on what to watch for and what to do when you find yourself in this kind of situation. Please come out—Everyone is invited—Informative information.



**OPEN ARMS MISSION:
MAY'S FOOD ITEM
BEANS—All varieties of beans.**

Announcements

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.

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.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: The Lord's Prayer: An Intergenerational Event and Worship Experience is a downloadable free resource with which children, teens, and adults can gather to learn about and/or deepen their understanding of the Lord's Prayer. Try it in your church! Find it at tinyurl.com/intergenprayer. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

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!



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!!

Ted V. (Sun. May 12) Kathy vdB. (Mon. May 13)

Hilda VL. (Wed. May 15) Ray N. (Fri. May 17)