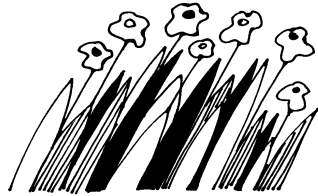


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THE FLOWER FADES.
BUT THE WORD
OF THE LORD
STANDS FOREVER.



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Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2011

WORSHIP. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: May we prepare Your way this Advent, O Lord, as John the Baptist did--preaching and teaching, baptizing and believing what the prophets had foretold. Help us to boldly proclaim what Your coming means to the world ... and to each of us.

Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, come into our world and bring us Your salvation.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 4. pg.203
(Holy Communion)

HYMNS: 347; 344; 352

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11 (pg.599)

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-14 (pg.1019)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:1-8 (pg.836)

SERMON: A Time of Repentance...A Time for Christ!"- Mark 1:1-8

A JOYOUS WELCOME to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Faith your church.

DON'T FORGET! Our voters' meeting will be held today, after the service. This is an election meeting and it is important to have as many members present as possible. A light luncheon will be served before the meeting.

HOLY COMMUNION - One of the great blessings of our Lord's Passion is the gift of His Body and Blood, given for the forgiveness of sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament in our worship this morning, we remember that it was our sins which caused His death, and give thanks for the Saviour who gives us His very body and blood that we may have forgiveness through faith in His promises. We welcome to the Lord's altar all members of Lutheran Church-Canada, and those in fellowship with LCC who desire to commune with us; we ask guests and visitors to speak with the pastor or an elder before the service.

As we come to the Lord's Table today, we prepare our hearts by asking:

- † Do I believe that the Risen Christ is my only Lord and Saviour from sin, death and the devil?
- † Do I believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood?
- † Do I resolve to dedicate, with the help of God, my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, thankful living and sacrificial living?

You may also wish to use the prayers before communing and after receiving the Sacrament, printed on the inside cover of the hymnal. You can also use Luther's *Christian Questions and Answers*, on p. 329 of the hymnal.

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: Current 1412.00; Building Fund 30.00; Strathroy Mission 70.00; Loose 70.00 *Praise the Lord!*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 21 ('10:16)

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Special Needs: Gail Bugbee, John Crowther, Melvin and Geraldine Dale, Else Jacobsen, Frank Kleiber, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Doris Jensen, Erna Kampken, Konrad Gmehlin, Michael Dieterle, Susan Gajdos, David Biederman, Christopher Atkinson, Sarah Holden, Ellen Phillips, Marianne Issendorf, Scott Mitchell

Homebound: Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Erna Kampken, Marsha Kennedy, Jean Mountenay, Scott Mitchell

Family Focus: Donald, Ruth and Jeremy Bancroft; Sharon, Ken, and Ryan Beecroft; Greg Bie; Alec, Lisa, Jacob, Hayden, Stefan and Michael Bildy

WELCOME VISITORS AND FRIENDS! This is God's House, so you and we, too, are His guests. Together we have come to hear His word, and to grow in faith and love to motivate us in our walk with Christ. Do come again to this house of prayer for all. Please sign the Guest Register, and if the pastor can help with any spiritual need, please talk to him. A nursery is available downstairs in our fellowship hall.

A "LIFE QUOTE" from Lutherans For Life- www.lutheransforlife.org: "Of all the Greek words used for child, brephos connotes a baby or very small child. That's the word attributed to Elizabeth: 'The brephos leaped in my womb for joy.' We see the same word in the next chapter: 'Ye shall find the brephos wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And in 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul uses the same word: 'From a brephos thou hast known the holy Scriptures...' The same word is used for a child in the womb, a child newly born, and a child sometime after birth." *Col. John Eidsmoe, Lutherans for Life board of directors-*

WHY NOT BOOK A VISIT? Our pastors are looking for the best way of finding time to meet, to share, and to care for our members. We often let the office or the pastors book the appointments. You could send an email or call the office, both to say you would like a visit, and to offer some times when that might work. Help us to serve you in the Lord!



The Season of Advent

THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT continues, as we look forward in joyful expectation to the Lord who comes to save His people. Services continue at 7:15 pm on Wednesday Dec. 7th. We invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation. We will also host a simple soup supper at 6:20 pm. Can you help with that supper? Please use the forward in Faith sign-up list on the bulletin board in the lower hallway.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Dale family at the death of their son-in-law, Bruce Snelgrove in his 57th year, and to his wife Mary Beth and the Snelgrove family. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Today** 12:30 p.m. Voters Mtg
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Circuit Winkle @ Faith
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:45 p.m. Elders
- Wed.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:20 p.m. Soup Supper
- 6:40 p.m. Chimers
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Service
- 8:15 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study @ Martha Fonger's
- Sat.** 1:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Practice- Faith
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship/Children's Play
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class (Faith)
- 11:00 a.m. Faith Worship/Holy Communion and Children's Service



**What to Do
This Christmas**

- Mend a quarrel.
- Seek out a forgotten friend.
- Share some treasure.
- Give a soft answer.
- Encourage youth.
- Keep a promise.
- Find the time.
- Listen.
- Apologize if you were wrong.
- Be gentle.
- Laugh a little.
- Laugh a little more.
- Express your gratitude.
- Welcome a stranger.
- Gladden the heart of a child.
- Take pleasure in the beauty
and wonder of the earth.
- Speak your love.
- Speak it again.