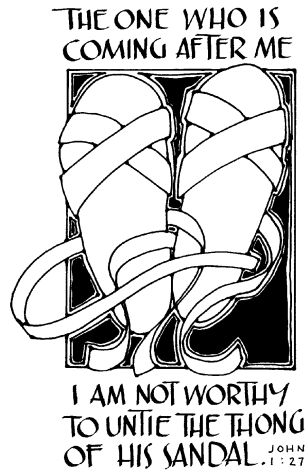


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Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2011

WORSHIP SERVICE..... 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: God, who is, who was and who is to come, help us to see this Advent who we are--for we are Your children--and whose we are--for we belong to Christ. May our identity always be linked to his.

God, our Father, keep us connected to Your Son.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 1. pg.151

HYMNS: 338; 515; 511

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (pg.620)

EPISTLE LESSON: Thessalonians 5:16-24 (pg.988)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (pg.886)

SERMON: Believers Rejoice in their Salvation!!"- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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.

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: Current 615.00.00; Missions 45.00; Building Fund 35.00; Strathroy Mission 76.00; Poinsettias 15.00; *Praise the Lord!*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 30 ('10:24)

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, Keith Keller

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

Family Focus: Joanna Bode; Joshua Bode; Colin and Doreen Campbell; Lorne, Susan, Katherine, John and Karen Campbell.

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.



THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT continues, as we look forward in joyful expectation to the Lord who comes to save His people. We invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation. Services are at Faith on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. Come and join our simple soup supper at 6:20 pm, and stay for the food that God provides for us in His Word of life.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Mission Services, London

Mission Services of London opens doors of hope to those seeking emergency shelter and support, food, clothing as needed. Our help for their efforts helps us fulfill Jesus' encouragement to us: *'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'* (Matthew 25:40 - ESV)

WE OFTEN USE EMAIL to communicate midweek messages to the majority of the congregation. While we know not everyone has email, many of our members do. Can we include your address? Send a message to Michelle in the office: faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com to be on the list.

OUR VOTERS ASSEMBLY elected new members to our Church Council. Those who will be serving on the council this coming year are:

Chairman: Rob Dieterle **Secretary:** Position not filled

Treasurer: Al Schmitt **Financial Secretary:** Lisa Bilty

Elders: Jack Gerking	Henry Balasch
Keith Keller	Darcy Kahle
Nelson Highfield	Lorne Campbell (Grace)
David Livingstone	Matt Mulligan (Grace)
David Holden	Bereket Yosieph

Trustees: Ken Curtis	Janko Galat
Brad Schieman	Walter Procknow
Fred Neumann	Corey Gauthier
Mark Wiersema (Grace)	Fred Werner
Ken Beecroft (Grace)	David Chamberlain
Rick Ryan (Grace)	Ed Oelke

Auditor: Donna Livingstone

Convention Delegate: Henry Balasch

We give thanks for these members, and their willingness to serve the church. May God bless them in their service to Him and to us.

***Please note** that we are seeking a person to fill the position of **Financial Secretary**. For details about this position, please speak with Lisa Baldock or Rob Dieterle.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Our special gift envelopes have been designated as follows this Christmas season:

- our Advent midweek offerings support Concordia Seminary, Edmonton
- Christmas Eve offering supports our District and Synodical Missions
- Christmas Day offerings will support our Building Fund
- New Year's Eve supports Concordia University College in Edmonton.

You can always designate your offering any way you choose by writing on the envelope. Remember, though, that the special envelopes should not be used as substitutes for our regular gifts to the work of the church. Our faithful stewardship provides the needs of our congregation.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Tues. | 9:30 a.m. | Office prayer and staff meeting |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | 7:00 p.m. | LWML |
| 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 |
| | 5:30 p.m. | ALOA @ Betty Muir's |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study @ Grace |
| Friday | 5:30 p.m. | Choir Carolling and Social |
| Sun. | 9:00 a.m. | Grace Morning Worship and Children's Play |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School/Bible Class (Faith) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship |

