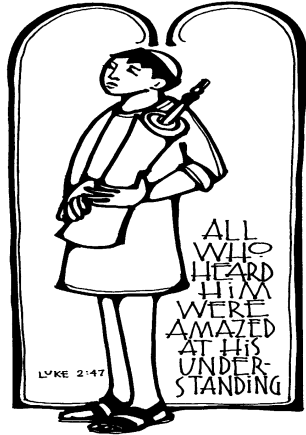


# Grace Lutheran Church

24542 Melbourne Road  
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## First Sunday of Christmas

December 30, 2012

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

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Lord, you came to earth to go about doing the Father's business. We thank you for all the work you have performed. And we thank you for showing us how to continue the work of the Father in this world. May all that we do make the Father proud.

*O Son of the Father, may we bring glory to God above.*

**WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU** in the name of our Saviour, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. If you do not have a church that you call home, we invite you to make Grace your spiritual home. Amid the trials and tribulations of life it's good that we can come to our Lord for strength through His Word. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, and fill in the "Worship attendance registration" at the end of the pew.

### OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Confession and Absolution. . . . . p. 151  
Prayer and Preaching. . . . . p. 260

**HYMNS:** 387; 389; 924

**FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (p.55)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Colossians 3:12-17 (p.984)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 2:22-40 (p.857)

**SERMON:** "Waiting in Faith" - Luke 12:35-40

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "In Christ, a new Day is Dawning, for You"  
(Isaiah 60:1, 3-6)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

The reality for all who trust in Christ: because of Him, a new day has dawned for you. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**  
**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Matt Mulligan

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**



**Special Needs:** John Crowther, Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Alan and Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Doris and Niels Jensen, Susan Gajdos, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voegel, Konrad and Rosemarie Gmehlin, Nancy Curtis, Lois Juritsch, David Holden, David Chamberlain, Harold and Leone Sillers

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Moutenay, Melvin Dale

**Family Focus:** Ruslan and Claire Guzanova; Maxroy, Sarah, Nevaious and Zaiuren Hackshaw; Bill and Sandy Harrison; Marie Hartry

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 20 **COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:** 18

**ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS EVE:** 62

**ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS DAY:** 17 **COMMUNED:** 12

**OFFERINGS:** Current \$1,061.25; Missions \$80.00; Building Fund \$135.00; Flowers \$15.00; MOM \$10.00; Other Income \$20.00 **PTL!**

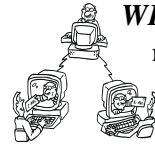
**OFFERINGS CHRISTMAS EVE:** Current \$72.00; Missions \$310.00; Building Fund \$104.00; Flowers \$10.00; Loose \$78.00 **Praise the Lord!**

**OFFERINGS CHRISTMAS DAY:** Current \$10.00; Building Fund \$130.00 **Praise The Lord!**

**FAITH-GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** has organized a trip to Nicaragua for December of 2013 to hold VBS, Adult Bible Study and to undertake some construction projects. This team will organize a few fundraising activities next year. If you would like to donate to this Mission trip, please write "Nicaragua Mission trip-2013" on your envelope beside "other".

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Mission Services of London (MSL)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE** with Holy Communion will be held at Our Saviour this year. Service begins tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m.



**WE OFTEN USE EMAIL** to communicate midweek messages to the majority of the congregation. Can we include your address? Send a message to the church to be on the list. We also appreciate if you notify us of changes to your present addresses. Our address: [faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com](mailto:faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com)

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to bring God our regular offerings and tithes as well for the ongoing work of His Church. God calls us here to be in His glorious presence, that He may bless us. Let us commit ourselves to Him who is our forgiveness, life and salvation.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2013** are available in the parish hall. *Please wait until the new year to begin using them*, as occasionally numbers may have changed. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, but would like some, please advise the office.

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS** and bring them in to Grace. You can place them in the designated container.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "The Scripture says that when someone is adopted into the family of God, he or she is not some other kind of child. This person is now seated at the table with all the relationship to the Father ... with all of the inheritance that is received in Jesus Christ. We see that first in the life of our Lord Himself when Joseph really and truly becomes His father through adoption." *Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of "Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families"* - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**AS 2012 IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE**, it is time to remind our various organizations and committees that we will be preparing our Annual Report in the next few weeks. Your help in having reports to us as quickly as possible is greatly appreciated!

**POINSETTIAS:** For those who ordered them, please include their cost in your offering envelope and indicate "poinsettia" beside *other*.

**IT'S A BOY!** Congratulations to Crystal and Greg Thurston on the birth of their new baby boy on Monday, December 24. His name is Hunter Ross Thurston and was 7lb.9 oz. Thanks be to God for blessing the family with a beautiful healthy baby. Proud grandparents are Ken and Sharon Beecroft.

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

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Chairman: Dan Johnston         | Secretary: Carol Wilkinson          |
| Treasurer: Barb Werner         | Financial Secretary: Diane Geurkink |
| Elders: Mike Ansell            | David Holden                        |
| Henry Balasch                  | Darcy Kahle                         |
| Lorne Campbell (Grace)         | Keith Keller                        |
| Jack Geurkink                  | David Livingstone                   |
| Nelson Highfield               | Matt Mulligan (Grace)               |
| Trustees: Ken Beecroft (Grace) | Ed Oelke                            |
| David Chamberlain              | Rick Ryan (Grace)                   |
| Ken Curtis                     | Brad Schieman                       |
| Janko Galat                    | Mark Wiersema (Grace)               |
| Fred Neumann                   | Beth Wilker                         |
|                                | Fred Werner                         |

Auditor: Donna Livingstone

We thank God for these members and their willingness to serve the church. God bless them in their service to Him and among us.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** On Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> at Faith, we will once again be holding the Church Council orientation and social. This is for council members and their spouses, both the newly elected council members, as well as the outgoing members, as we get to know one another, and spend some time relaxing and enjoying our fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ. We will have a brief meeting, and then continue with the fun. Council members: please put this on your calendar.

**A SHORT MEETING WITH PASTOR CASTILLO** will be held after the Service on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please stay for a while so that we can discuss some important matters concerning this congregation.

**OUR SPECIAL OFFERINGS:** Our special gift envelopes were designated as follows:

- 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.

<b>THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE</b>		
<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion at Our Saviour
<b>Tues.</b>		Office closed
<b>Wed.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
<b>Thurs.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	2:00 p.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
<b>Fri.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting and Fellowship (Faith)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship- after service short meeting with Pastor Castillo
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship