

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 23, 2014

*Living Our Faith Under His Grace*

BIBLE CLASS. . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
WORSHIP SERVICE. . . . . 10:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Lord, we await Your coming to take us home to be with You in heaven. As the earth begins to crumble and fall, keep our eyes focussed on You. As others proclaim to be the Christ, keep us confident in our commitment to You. And as fears and doubts circle around us, keep us sure of Your promises to us.

*Everlasting Lord, take us to the life to come.*

**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:** Divine Service Setting 4. . . . . p. 203  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 512; 537; 525

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (p.722)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (p.961)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 25:31-46 (p.831)

**SERMON:** "Declared Innocent by Christ the King" - 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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



**FLOWERS FOR GRACE:** If you would like to bring flowers to adorn altar on Sundays for 2014 to commemorate something special in your life, please indicate this by signing your name and including the date on the flower calendar which is in the fellowship hall.

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He said, "I tell you that I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29). St. Paul also sets forth the connection between Christ's second coming and the Lord's Supper, saying that in receiving it we "proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Cor. 11:26). As we commune today, we thus confidently confess our faith in the Lord's return! Our reception of Holy Communion is also a confession that we share the same faith (doctrine), and for this reason guests are asked to speak with the pastor before communing.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

**USHERS TODAY:** Mike & Anne Flikkema

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Karen Campbell & James Mulligan

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

**ALTAR GUILD:** Tania Mulligan, Marianne Issendorf

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Special Needs:** Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voegel, Nancy Curtis, David Chamberlain, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Joanna Bode, Jackson Lavers and family, Doris Jensen, Sarah Lawson, Marianne Muller, Dan Frederick, Jean Mountenay, Marie Nixon, John and Nancy Crowther

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Darcy Kahle; Jamie and Lynn Kearns; Joe, Kelly and Sam Keller; Keith Keller



**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 43 (13:43)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 7

**BIBLE CLASS:** 4

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:** Current 882.00; Missions 35.00; Building 110.00 **Praise the Lord!**



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Strathroy 5.00; Loose 20.00



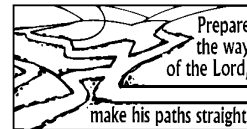
**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** begins next week and we again prepare our hearts to greet the Saviour who came, who comes, and who is coming again. We invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation. Our theme will be "Songs of Advent". Services begin Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Faith at 7:15 pm.

**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.

**MUSIC, ACTING, JOKES, WHAT TALENT!** Join us for the Grace Advent talent show on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Grace. There will be tree decorating, pot blessing and entertainment. We invite you to attend this enjoyable evening as there are great acts signed up. Bring a friend, relative or neighbour to join us in this event as it will guarantee you some "belly laughs"! Please contact Tania Mulligan if you require more details.

**BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE:** There will be Bible Study at Grace on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We are studying 1 Peter, chapter 2. You are all welcome to come and learn more about God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Fresh Start Maternity Support "Fresh Start" provides hope and a future for pregnant and parenting women and their children. During times of crisis, they offer a safe environment and support to women facing multiple challenges, including addictions, abuse, mild mental health issues, and homelessness.



**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available today. As we prepare to greet the King, who came, who comes, and who is coming again, may these booklets help you find hope and joy in His appearing.

**VOTERS' BUDGET MEETING** will be held at Faith today following the service. Please plan to attend. A light lunch, coffee and tea will be provided.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "These blessings have not descended upon us in restricted measure, but overflow and abound. They are the blessings and bounty of God ... In accordance with the wise custom of the civil magistrate since the first settlements in this land and with the rule established from the foundation of this Government ... do appoint ... a day of National Thanksgiving and Prayer, enjoining the people upon that day to meet in their churches for the praise of Almighty God and to return heartfelt thanks to Him for all His goodness and loving kindness." *President William Howard Taft, November 5, 1910* - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Can you help? We are in need of creamer and cookies for our post-service coffee time. Please sign up for what you are willing to bring on the sheet posted in the parish hall. Thank you!

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Watching and Waiting"**(Mark 13:33)  
Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus  
Christians serve God and their neighbours as they watch and wait for Christ's return. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LONDON) SCHOLARSHIP PLAN:** If you wish to apply, please note the terms of application as posted on the bulletin board. Applications can be submitted up to December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.



**NOVEMBER HAS A 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**, and we would like to give you the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like sung on November 30<sup>th</sup>, please let one of the pastors know.

**OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME** at Faith entitled "Path to Bethlehem" will be held December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. as part of the Worship Service. A pot blessing will follow the service.

*Thank You!*

for your prayers, cards, visitations and phone calls while I was in the hospital and also during my recuperation time at home. Your expressions of concern and caring were a great comfort to me.

Yours in Christ,

*Anne Flikkema*

**TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS:** This is a reminder that we will soon be preparing our Annual Report. Your help in having reports to us as quickly as possible is greatly appreciated.

*peace  
I leave with you,  
My peace I give you  
John 14:27*

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
  - Tues.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
  - 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith)
  - 8:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers
  - Wed.** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith)
  - 6:30 p.m. Chimers
  - 7:30 p.m. Choir
  - Thurs.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
  - 7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study at Scholz'
  - Fri.** 6:00 p.m. ALOA
  - Sat.** 10:00 a.m. Rehearsal for Sunday School Christmas programme(Faith)
  - 5:30 p.m. Advent Talent Night (Grace)
  - Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Bible Class
  - 9:30 a.m. Faith Sunday School Advent Craft/Bible Class
  - 10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship
  - 11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship
- \*\*\*\*\*Last day for ordering poinsettias\*\*\*\*\*