

Grace Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 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: 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.

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 1. p. 151
Holy Communion

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
357 v.1, 4

HYMNS: 849; 563; 921

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

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (p.988)

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

SERMON: "God Clothed Us with Garments of Salvation" - Isaiah 61:10-11

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

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!

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: According to God's Word, the entire congregation declares a mighty sermon when it receives the Lord's Supper. It declares the central truth of our faith, that Christ gave His body and blood for our forgiveness. As doctrinal unity is central to this common proclamation, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practise closed communion. Guests are, therefore, asked to speak with the pastor before communing.



FLOWERS FOR GRACE: If you would like to bring flowers to adorn the 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Greg & Tasha Jahns

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Lorne & Susan Campbell

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Matt Mulligan

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Kearns, Betty Catanzariti

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, Bryan Martinuzzi, Chesley Ryan, Kingo family



Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Mirja Kukkonen; Jeremy, Heather, Tristan and Quinn Langohr; Wayne, Elizabeth and Katrina Langohr; Matt, Lindy and Jackson Lavers

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 30 (13:30)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 4

BIBLE CLASS: 7

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 440.00; Building 10.00
Praise the Lord!

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.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE: There will be Bible Study at a member's home on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. We are studying "The Word We Reach" . You are all welcome to come and learn more about God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Mission Services in London
This important agency opens doors of hope with compassion for those seeking shelter and support by offering safe shelter, food, clothing, and rehabilitation. MSL is grounded in the Christian faith tradition and belief system.



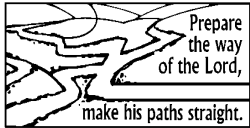
THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT provides us time to prepare our hearts to greet the Saviour who came, who comes, and who is coming again. Join us for our midweek Advent Services at Faith. Our theme is the "Songs of Advent". Services begin at 7:15 p.m. We also hold a simple soup supper at 6:20 p.m.

LIFE QUOTES: "In the Christmas story, God descends to reascend. He comes down ... down to the very roots and sea bed of the Nature He has created. But He goes down to come up again and bring the whole ruined world up with Him." C.S. Lewis, from "Miracles" - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Surprised by Grace"(Luke 1:26-38)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

God's grace comes as a surprise and blessing to those who deserve none of it. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 21st at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



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.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROLLING will take place on Friday, December 19th. We will leave Faith at 6:00 p.m. sharp! Anyone interested in coming out is welcome!

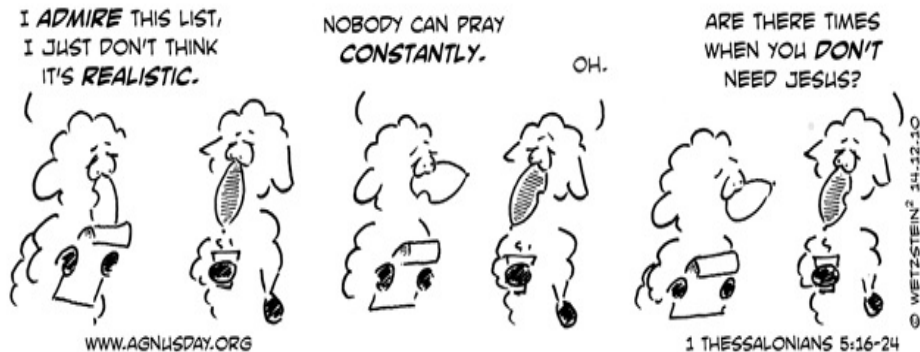
REPORT TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS: This is a reminder that we will soon be preparing our Annual Report. Your help in having reports to us as quickly as possible is greatly appreciated.

CHURCH TABLES: If you have borrowed tables recently from Faith, please contact the church office and return them. Thank you.



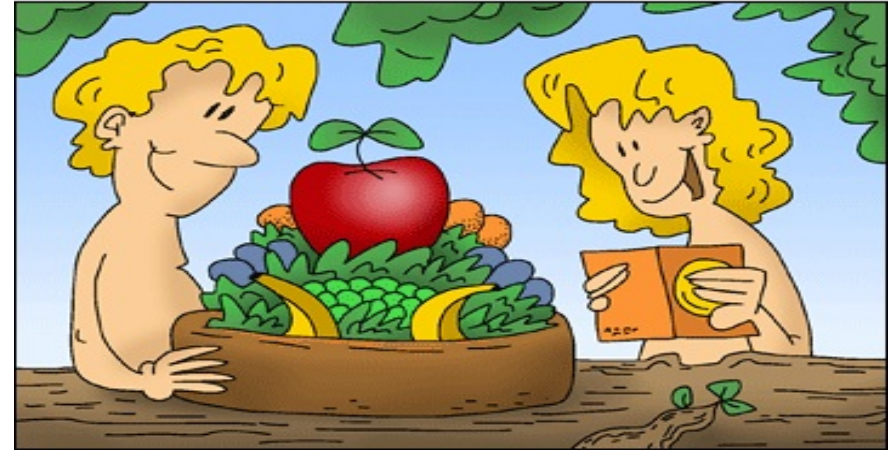
THE JOYOUS SEASON OF CHRISTMAS will soon be upon us. What a wonderful time to invite others to join us as we worship the Newborn King! Our services are as follows:

- December 24th - 7:00 p.m. Grace Christmas Eve Candle and Carol Service
- December 24th - 7:00 p.m. Faith Christmas Eve Candle and Carol Service
- December 25th -10:00 a.m. Grace Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
- December 25th -10:00 a.m. Faith Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
- December 31st - 7:15 p.m. New Year's Eve Service with Communion at Faith



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IT'S FROM THE SERPENT ... HOW NICE OF HIM TO THINK OF US

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
Tues.	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastors' Meeting at Redeemer, St. Thomas
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Advent Service
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study at a member's home
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Carolling
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship