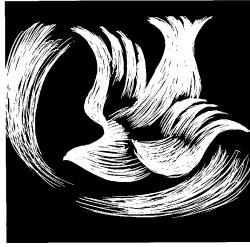


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HE SAW THE HEAVENS
OPEN AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT DESCENDING
ON HIM.
MARK 1:10

Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2015

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 God in heaven, through baptism You call each of us Your beloved sons and daughters. May Your Spirit rest upon us as we live as Your children in this world. And may we follow the example of our Brother Jesus in all we say and do.

God, who once spoke from the sky, in Your love, speak to us now.

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: 877; 596; 411

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5 (p.1)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1-11 (p.942)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-14 (p.836)

SERMON: "In Baptism, We Live a New Life" - Mark 1:4-8

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 the altar on Sundays for 2015 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: At His Baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus identified completely with us sinful human beings and took His first public step towards the cross. As He did so, the Holy Spirit anointed Him and the Father was well pleased! **The Baptism Of Our Lord** thus tells us that God is for us and determined to work out our redemption. The **Lord's Supper** tells us that God is still for us and has, in fact, worked out our redemption. Here the very body and blood with which Christ earned our forgiveness is given to us to eat and to drink. In joyful obedience to Scripture, we practise closed communion, and guests desiring to commune are kindly asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Karen Campbell & James Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mike & Anne Flikkema

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Ken Beecroft

ALTAR GUILD: Tania Mulligan and Lynn Kearns

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, Jean Mountenay, John and Nancy Crowther, Bryan Martinuzzi, Chesley Ryan, Kingo family, Shane Harrison

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Peter and Maria Mergel; Adam Mitchell; Shirley and Scott Mitchell; Keith and Shirley Monk



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 25 (14:25)

BIBLE STUDY: 2 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

Current 190.00; Missions 20.00 **Praise the Lord!**



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Initial 15.00; Loose 5.00

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)

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.

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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SPOUSES are invited to our annual Council Social on Friday, January 16th at Faith at 7:00 p.m.

THE LADIES OF FAITH LWML would like to thank the congregation for the support over this Christmas season. We have raised \$90.55 for Lutherwood from the mission tree. The following families would like to wish all a Special Blessing for the 2014 Christmas season and a Happy 2015 New Year to all: Arline Hensel, Nelson and Judy Highfield, Niels and Doris Jensen, Shirley Mitchell, Pastor John and Marian Obeda, Ed and Pam Oelke, Bob and Marian Rutledge, Anna Wissing. We received 27 bears and stuffed animals, and 11 pairs of mittens that will be taken to Lutherwood for use in their residential program. In addition to these items, 21 pairs of men's and women's socks were donated for the Boutique at the Regional Mental Health Care which is now part of Parkwood Institute. Lastly, a thank you for the many sundry items for MY Sister's Place. Please remember that we are always collecting hotel shampoos, soaps, etc. for mission work year round. The LWML is mission-based and without your support year round, we would not be able to support so many organizations. Thank you!

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

A GRACE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18th after service. The purpose of this meeting is to give you a verbal report and to provide the opportunity to discuss the work of our church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2015 are available in the parish hall. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, but would like some, please advise the office.

THE INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS AND LWML

EXECUTIVE FOR 2015 will take place this morning. The following is the list of officers to be installed:

Chairman: Dan Johnston (E) **Recording Secretary:** Gerda Martinuzzi(E)

Treasurer: Barb Werner **Financial Secretary:** Diane Geurkink (E)

Elders: Mike Ansell Darcy Kahle
 Ken Beecroft-Grace David Livingstone (E)
 Lorne Campbell-Grace(E) Gene Makish-Grace (E)
 David Holden (E) David Wilker (E)

Trustees: David Chamberlain (E) Walter Procknow
 Ken Curtis (E) Rick Ryan-Grace(E)
 Konrad Gmehlin-Grace Steve Virgin (E)
 Reiner Issendorf-Grace Fred Werner
 Al Montroy Beth Wilker

Auditors: David Holden Rebecca Rock (E)

Convention Delegate: Donna Livingstone (E)
 Carol Pierce(alternate)

LWML Officers

President: Pam Oelke

Vice-President: Marian Obeda

Secretary: Sandy Scholz

Treasurer: Arline Hensel / Melissa MacLean

Christian Growth: Connie Morrison

Mission Services: Arline Hensel / Shirley Kendall

Altar Guild: Marian Rutledge

We thank God for these faithful men and women whom we elected to serve this year as well as those who served in 2014. May we remember to support them in their service with our prayers and participation! To God be the glory!

ATTENTION MEN! On Saturday, Jan 17th at 8:00 a.m., come join us for breakfast, fellowship and a video study. The study is called " He Who Dies With The Most Toys.....Still Dies!". What do we treasure most in life? We work hard to achieve more and find significance. Home, family, achievements and possessions are the things that fill our lives. Most guys are pros in the fine art of stockpiling, whether it's motorcycles, sports equipment, musical instruments, boats or medals. So, getting our priorities right according to God's Word is good for us and our families. Come join us and find out how God wants us to prioritize our lives!

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE: There will be Bible Study at Grace on Thursday, January 22nd at a member 's home at 7:00 p.m. If you would like this Bible Study at your home, please let Pastor Castillo know. We are studying "The World We Reach". Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	7:30 p.m.	LWML
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting and Social
Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Men's breakfast and fellowship
	4:00 p.m.	Servicio en Español (Faith)
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.	Grace Congregational Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship