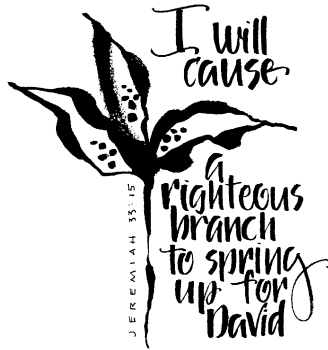


# Grace Lutheran Church

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## First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 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 Lord, the time is near when you will be born among us. Be near us as we wait for you. And keep us aware of all the signs that let us know that you are on your way.

*O Christ, who came at just the right time, we await the time of your arrival.*

**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" as it is being circulated.

### OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
357 v.1, 2

**HYMNS:** 341; 353; 348

**FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p.662)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p.987)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 19:28-40 (p.878)

**SERMON:** "He Was Born to Die" - Luke 19:28-40



**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** continues 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 is "We Three Kings of Israel Are". Services are held each Wednesday at **Faith** at 7:15 pm.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Bible Translators

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:****USHERS TODAY:** Lorne & Susan Campbell**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** John & Gale Baker**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Lorne Campbell**ALTAR GUILD:** Marianne Issendorf, Tania Mulligan**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, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Marianne Muller, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Marsha Kennedy, Frances Johnston, Keith Keller, Joanna Bode, Reiner Issendorf

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Doug, Melissa, Ashley and Amanda MacLean; Gene and Anna Makish; Bryan and Gerda Martinuzzi; Jenna Martinuzzi

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 32 (14:26)

**COMMUNED:** 22      **BIBLE CLASS:** 8      **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 5

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**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:**

**(FROM NOV. 15<sup>th</sup>):** Current 595.00; Missions 60.00; Building 65.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS: (FROM NOV. 15<sup>th</sup>):** Loose 20.00

**NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP:** Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waterloo is organizing a trip to Nicaragua from January 8, 2016 - January 21, 2016. Pastor Castillo has joined the team. They will hold VBS classes, Adult Bible Studies and be involved in construction work. If you would like to help financially in this mission, please make out a cheque to "Redeemer Lutheran Church" and on the memo line, please write "Leon VBS". Please give your cheque to Pastor Castillo.

**YOUR PASTORS AND THEIR FAMILIES** extend a warm invitation to you to attend their annual "Christmas Party" on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The address is 30 Hummingbird Crescent in London. Please join them in this time of fellowship.

A **DONATION BOX** has been set in front of the altar. Please bring non-perishable food items for Christmas for the local Food Bank. Let us all bring food in order to help all those in need during the Christmas season.

**VOTERS' ELECTIONS AND BUDGET MEETING** will be held today Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at Faith following the service.

**PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GRACE!** What a wonderful celebration we had last night. Thank you to all who participated in the event.

**LAST DAY FOR ORDERING CHEESE** for the Lutheran Layman's League is today. Please see Ken Beecroft if you would still like to place an order.

**NEW GRACE CALENDAR:** Please note our new calendar specific to our needs and activities here at Grace. Thank you to Brenda Ryan for making this possible.

### **THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	Family tree-decorating (Faith) and Choir
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Advent Service
<b>Thurs.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
<b>Sat.</b>	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
	4:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Faith and Grace Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship / Christmas Pageant
	11:30 a.m.	Pot Blessing Lunch