

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 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:** Come to us, O Christ, and smooth out the rough spots in our lives. Fill in the empty spaces with your love. And even out all the crooked pathways in our lives, so that we may be led straight to you.

*O Christ, our Leader and Redeemer, be our constant companion on the road of life.*

**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, 3

**HYMNS:** 331; 512; 646

**FIRST LESSON:** Malachi 3:1-7b (p.802)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Philippians 1:2-11 (p. 980)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 3:1-20 (p.858)

**SERMON:** "Things Are Going to Change!" - Malachi 3:1-4



**THE FLOWERS** that adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Gene and Anna Makish in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Church - Canada

The work and programmes of Synod are dependent upon the financial support given through individual congregations of each District.

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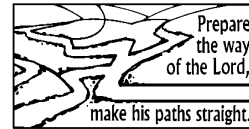
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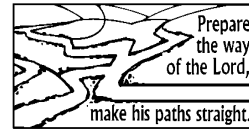
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**PRAISE BE TO GOD:** At last Sunday's Voters' meeting, the following members were elected to serve on our Church Council for the coming year. Note that the newly elected have the designation (E) beside their name. Serving on Council in 2016 will be:

**Chairman:** Dan Johnston Recording Secretary: Erika Chamberlain(E)  
Alternate: Carol Wilkinson

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

**Elders:** Ken Beecroft-Grace David Holden  
Greg Bie Darcy Kahle  
Josh Bode (E) David Livingstone  
Lorne Campbell-Grace Gene Makish-Grace  
Jack Geurkink (E) David Wilker  
Bill Harrison

**Trustees:** David Chamberlain Al Montroy  
Ken Curtis Fred Neumann (E)  
Mike Flikkema-Grace (E) Ed Oelke (E)  
Dieter Groneberg (E) Walter Procknow  
Reiner Issendorf-Grace Rick Ryan-Grace  
Steve Virgin

**Auditors:** David Holden (E) Alan Schmitt (E)

**Convention Delegate:** Donna Livingstone

We give thanks for these members and their willingness to serve. We also express our deep gratitude to all those who will be completing their terms this year. May God continue to inspire each of us as we serve Him and His Church with the gifts He has given.

**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.



The Season of Christmas

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

**LLL CHEESE SALES HAVE RAISED \$300.30** between Faith and Grace for our mission work in Nicaragua. Thanks to all who participated. The cheese will be at the church next Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

<b>THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE</b>		
<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	LWML
<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>	8:15 p.m.	Choir
	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Karen Weide's
<b>Sun.</b>	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Faith and Grace Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion
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	10:00 a.m.	Faith Sunday School
	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Castillo/Scholz Open House