

Grace
Lutheran Church
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First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2016

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 Advent Lord, come to us and share with us Your peace. Break down the walls that sin has set between us. Bring an end to all division and discord. Turn our attention away from weapons of destruction, and turn us toward the tools of justice, love, and service.

O coming Christ, grant us Your peace.

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: Divine Service Setting 1..... p. 151
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 332v.1-4,7,8; 331; 349

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5 (p.567)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:11-14 (p.948)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11 (p.826)

SERMON: "Palm Sunday in Advent" - Matthew 21:1-11

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators
LBT carries out the work of translating the Scriptures into the languages around the world, so that all people may hear the Word of God in their own language and come to saving faith in Christ.



FLOWER CHART: Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn our altar as we praise God for the many blessings that He has given us.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: The forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper is a forgiveness which says, "Go and sin no more", not, "Go and live as you please". God's forgiveness in Christ is always the complete remission of every sin, but never the permission to continue on unrepentant in any sin. With deep thanksgiving for the gift of forgiveness received in this sacrament, we also express our deep desire to celebrate it according to God's will. As this includes oneness in doctrine, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor before the service should they desire to commune.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Greg Jahns & James Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Lorne Campbell & Mike Flikkema

ACOLYTE TODAY: Samantha Irons

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Betty Catanzariti & Marianne Issendorf

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: Walter and Donna Procknow, Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Ellen Phillips, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Keith Keller, Joanna Bode, Reiner Issendorf, Martha Fonger, David Biederman (Carole Atkinson's brother), Grace Woolner, Katherine Atkinson (Carol Wilkinson's mother), Nancy Curtis, Bill and Vicky Orłowski, Emily Playfoot, Rev. Paul Zabel, Alice Keller

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: James Mulligan; Matthew, Tania, Mia and Logan Mulligan; Fred, Carolyn, Mark, Eric and Ed Neumann; John, Suzanna, Michael, David and Kristen Obeda; Rev. John and Marian Obeda

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 29 ('15:32)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 5

BIBLE STUDY: 2

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(FROM Nov. 13th): Current 841.00; Missions 25.00; Building 79.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(FROM Nov. 13th): Loose 3.00

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.

LIFE QUOTES: "After our nation has celebrated Thanksgiving, I encourage God's people to continue with a thankful spirit. We, who have heard the angels tell of God's Good News of great joy, ought to be rejoicing. We, who have seen the fires of hell and know we don't have to go there, should continuously praise God who sent His Son to give His life so we might have eternal life. Indeed, for us, contentment and thanksgiving ought to be our regular fare." *Rev. Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*
• www.lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Wait Until He Comes!" (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

A broken world waits, yearns, and hopes for restoration. Jesus has already done everything to make that restoration a reality. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 4th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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

GRACE CONNECTION CARD: If you have a question or a prayer request, or would like to have a visit from one of the pastors, please fill out one of these cards which can be found on the back table of the sanctuary as well as on the table in the parish hall and put the card in the offering basket.

DEAR MEMBERS OF GRACE: Our church has a Christmas message for this year. You can listen to this message on myFM105.7 beginning on Monday, December 12th until Sunday, December 25th.

Outreach Committee



THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT continues next Sunday 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 "It's About Time!". **Services begin Thursday, December 1st here at Grace at 7:00 pm.**

GRACE ADVENT TALENT NIGHT was held last evening at 6:30 p.m. We thank all those who participated with their talents. As well, thank you to those who brought appetizers to share. It was a great evening of joy.

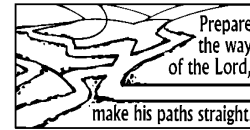
GRACE BIBLE STUDY: In December, there will not be any Bible Study due to the Advent Services at Grace. We will resume the Bible Study in January 2017. If you are willing to host a future Bible Study, please sign the list at the back of the church.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today at Faith after the morning service. All members are invited to attend and approve the budget and to elect new Council members for 2017. Let us serve the Lord with gladness.

A DONATION BOX has been set in the fellowship hall of the church. 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.

GOOD NEWS, it is time for the annual LLL (Lutheran Layman's League) Nicaragua Mission Cheese Sale once again. 30% of the sales goes to the LLL Nicaragua Mission for printing tracts to be handed out at local schools. Last year, Faith/Grace raised over \$300.00 for the LLL Nicaragua Mission by purchasing just over \$1000.00 worth of cheese. See Lorne Campbell for cheese selection and order forms. Cheese orders must be received by **next Sunday, December 4th** for delivery in mid-December. Please make cheques payable to Diane Geurkink. Support this great LLL cause by buying cheese for Christmas gifts or personal enjoyment!

LADIES OF GRACE: Our next get together will be held this Saturday, December 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Join us for a Christmas luncheon as we welcome the Advent season together. We will enjoy lunch and Christmas Devotion as well as a sharing time together with our sisters in Christ. Check your mailbox for details.



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. The theme is "Christmas Memories".

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH AGES 13-17: Praise the Lord! Beginning on this Tuesday, November 27th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., you are invited to an evening of fellowship and fun at Faith, London. Joanne Bode and Sarah Holden-Pizieux look forward to spending the evening with you. Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:20 p.m.	SoupSupper (Faith)
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Advent Service
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service (Grace)
Sat.	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Sunday School Christmas rehearsal (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
	11:30 a.m.	Ladies of Grace
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship / Christmas Pageant (Faith)
	11:30 a.m.	Pot blessing lunch (Faith)
	2:00 p.m.	Glendale Crossing Service
		*****Deadline to order Poinsettias (Faith)