

Grace Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 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 bring joy to the world. By Your birth, announce to us the good news that sorrow will cease, pain will disappear, and healing will come our way. May we, like the angels, sing, "Glory to God in the highest" with happiness in our hearts.

O Coming Christ, may Your glad tidings fill us with joy.

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 4..... p. 203
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 352; 348; 342

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10 (p.595)

EPISTLE LESSON: James 5:7-11 (p.1013)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:2-15 (p.816)

SERMON: "Oh God, Give Us Patience!" - today's readings

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.



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 *Nunc Dimittis* is called the "Song of Simeon". As he saw the baby Jesus in the temple, he spoke words that he was now ready to die--"Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace". In the **Lord's Supper** this same Jesus has given His body and blood to us. We, too, have seen the Lord's salvation and are prepared to depart this life at peace with God! With deep thankfulness for His gift to us here, we also express our deep desire to celebrate the Sacrament according to His will. As this includes oneness in doctrine, guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak with the pastor before doing so.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mia & Logan Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Susan Campbell & Mayra Castillo

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Gene Makish

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin & Anna Makish

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 Orlowski, Emily Playfoot, Rev. Paul Zabel, Alice Keller; Isaac and Gill families; Tony Van Vliet and family

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Bill, Vicky, Margaret and Christine Orlowski; Rudi and Lynn Pahl; Colin, Jessica and Avery Peers; David, Cindy, Melissa and Michael Petrie

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 29 (*15:33)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 4

BIBLE STUDY: 4

MIDWEEK ATTENDANCE (Thursday, December 1st): 19

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(FROM Nov. 27th): Current 950.00; Missions 40.00; Building 60.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(FROM Nov. 27th): Love Fund 135.00; Loose 22.00

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: "Mary and Joseph's hardships serve as a vivid reminder that as God's children, we don't always have it easy either. But because Mary and Joseph followed God's will, countless generations benefit from the presence of this child's life in the world. Let's put that in the context of modern life—a young couple facing an unexpected pregnancy. If they follow God's will, abortion will be averted, and countless generations will benefit, albeit in a much smaller way, from their child's presence in the world." *Bradley Mattes, Executive Director of Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Peace on Earth, Peace that Lasts"

(Matthew 1:18-25)

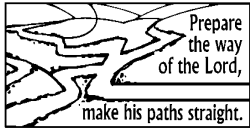
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

What is the key to real and lasting peace on earth? Jesus, God with us. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 18th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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.



THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT continues as 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 continue Thursday, December 15th here at Grace at 7:00 pm.**



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”.

YOUR PASTORS AND THEIR FAMILIES extend a warm invitation to you to attend their annual “Christmas Party” today from 2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. The address is 30 Hummingbird Crescent in London. Please join them in this time of fellowship.

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

MEMBERS’ TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: Please check your information in the congregation’s telephone directory. If the information is correct, could you please put a check mark and initials beside your name to indicate that you have seen it? If there are changes/updates, please write them directly on the paper. Also, if you are aware of any information changes of other members, please add them. If you have an email address and you would like it included in the new directory, add it or let the office know, either by phone (519-685-9700) or email at faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH AGES 13-17: Continuing on Tuesday, December 13th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., you are invited to an evening of fellowship and fun. Joanne Bode and Sarah Holden-Pizieux look forward to spending the evening with you. Also, on Sunday, December 18th, following the service at Faith, the youth will meet for a Christmas baking activity.



CONGRATULATIONS to Sam and Anita Jaworski(Werner) on the birth of their son, Jacob Jaworski. He was born in Calgary on December 3rd and weighed 6 lb. 15oz. Both Fred and Barb are very proud to be grandparents for the second time.

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

GOOD NEWS ON THE CHEESE SALES: Thanks to your generosity and love of cheese, the total value of cheese sold is \$1053,25. This means that \$315.97 will be sent to LLL mission work in Nicaragua. Praise be to God!

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.



THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
- Tues.** 9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors at Our Saviour
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith)
- 7:00 p.m. LWML
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group
- Wed.** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith)
- 6:20 p.m. Soup Supper (Faith)
- 6:40 p.m. Chimers
- 7:15 p.m. Advent Service (Faith)
- Thurs.** 11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Service (Grace)
- Fri.** 6:00 p.m. Carolling (Faith)
- Sat.** 10:00 a.m. Esudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship
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