

Grace
Lutheran Church
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Christmas Day

December 25, 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: Blessed Baby Jesus, as we open our gifts today and rejoice in the surprises we share with one another, remind us again of the greatest gift of all--the gift of yourself. May your presence among us bring us peace and unity, joy and salvation. May your presence among us give us strength and guidance as we go from day to day. And may your presence among us continue to surprise and inspire us in new and different ways.

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: Printed Order of Service
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 379; 388; 380; 361; 387

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10 (p.613)

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-6 (p.1001)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-14 (p.886)

SERMON: "It's About Time!" - Galatians 4:4

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: Luther once said, "Word and Sacrament are the manger and swaddling clothes into which it has pleased Christ to lay Himself.^o Just as the shepherds were told where to find Jesus, so also we are told where to find Him today. He is no longer in the humble manger; but by His own promise He is in the humble means of bread and wine of the **Lord's Supper** with His true body and blood. As we receive His gift, the greatest gift we can give to others is a loving witness to the truth of His Word. For this reason we practise closed communion; and guests are asked to speak with the pastor before communing.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Lorne Campbell & Mike Flikkema

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mia & Logan Mulligan

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, Tony Van Vliet and family

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Stacey, Emily and Sara Pollak; Patrick, Naomi and Hardy Powers; Howard, Jennifer, Sheldon and Mekennah Print; Walter and Donna Procknow

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 37 ('15:32)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3

BIBLE STUDY: 6

MIDWEEK ATTENDANCE (Thursday, December 15th): 11

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(FROM Dec. 11th): Current 520.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(FROM Dec. 11th): Love Fund 50.00; 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.



to everyone who contributed to the donation box by bringing in non-perishable food items for Christmas for the local Food Bank. Your help with this very worthy cause was greatly appreciated.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Right on Time, Just When We Need His Grace" (Galatians 4:4-7)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

It's the right time to repent, turn to God, ask for His help, and trust in the risen Saviour, Jesus Christ. Hear this message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	Church office closed
Tues.	Church office closed
Thurs.	11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
Sat.	7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve worship - Communion at Good Shepherd
Sun.	10:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship
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