

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 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 unite Your people here on earth. May faith in You bring together people of every tribe and nation. May forgiveness turn enemies into friends. And by the power of your presence, may we grow to love each other more and more.

*Coming Christ, unite us by Your love.*

**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

**HYMNS:** 803; 537; 919

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 11:1-10 (p.575)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 15:4-13 (p.949)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 3:1-12 (p.808)

**SERMON:** "Jesus Has Come to Set Things Right!" - Isaiah 11:1-10

**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.



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

**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 Orłowski, Emily Playfoot, Rev. Paul Zabel, Alice Keller

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Ed, Pam and Garth Oelke; Mike and Susan Ohler; Michael, Natasha, Rhiannon and Matthew Ohler; Nydia and Nick Oliver

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 39 (\*15:29)

**COMMUNED:** 29      **BIBLE STUDY:** 6

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

**(FROM Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>):** Current 825.00; Building 200.00

**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.



The Season of Advent

**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 continue Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> here at Grace at 7:00 pm.**

**LIFE QUOTES:** "As to the seasons, it remains the season in which we are Christ's 'witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.' ... The next time you receive Holy Communion, you will be standing in a holy place with 'the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven... and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant' (Hebrews 12:23-24). He is the Eternal Lord, who is rightly glorified 'at every season and every hour, in Heaven and on earth.'" *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "Let the Adventure Begin" (Isaiah 35:1-10)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

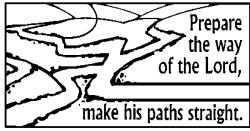
In Christ, all of life is an adventure, one that is full of His promise and hope. . Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**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.

**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.

**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 **today** 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!



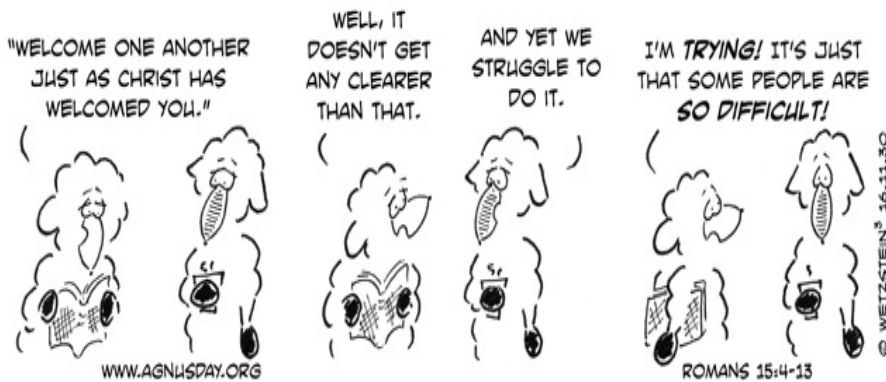
**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available today. As we prepare to greet the King, who came, who comes, and who is coming again, may these booklets help you find hope and joy in His appearing. The theme is "Christmas Memories".

**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 12<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Outreach Committee*

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.

**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH AGES 13-17:** Praise the Lord! Continuing on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers / Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Elders
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Pastors meet  
11:00 a.m. Pastor Scholz at Grace  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith)  
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)  
8:15 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace  
7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing's  
7:00 p.m. Advent Service (Grace)
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith & Grace)  
10:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
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10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Faith)  
11:30 a.m. Grace Outreach Committee Meeting  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Castillo/Scholz Open House