

Grace Lutheran Church

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Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2017

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: Beloved Lord, remind us always of the gifts given at baptism. May the Father's love poured out for us through water and the Word continue to give us comfort and strength. May Your grace shared with us continue to flow through us. And may the Spirit's wisdom continue to guide us until the Last Day.

O Son of God, gladden our hearts with the blessings of baptism.

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 3..... p. 184
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 761; 744; 596

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9 (p.602)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1-11 (p.942)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17 (p.808)

SERMON: "Unexpected Surprise" - Matthew 3:13-17

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherans for Life - Canada



THE FLOWERS that adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Pastor and Sandy Scholz.

GRACE BIBLE STUDY: We need someone to host the Bible Study on Thursday, January 26th. If you are willing to host a future Bible Study, please sign the list at the back of the church.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: An old custom in many Lutheran churches in Sweden was to have a curved altar rail. As one pictured it continuing on in a circle out of sight behind the altar, it signified that those participating in **Holy Communion** were in touch with the saints who had departed this life. The One who gives us His very body and blood in this Supper is also the One hosting the feast for those who have been called to heaven. Looking forward to our Saviour's presence for all time, we desire to be faithful to His Word in this time. For this reason, we practise closed communion and ask guests to speak with the pastor before communing.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mia & Logan Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Greg Jahns & James Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Kearns & Tania Mulligan

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: Delbert Roy; Bob and Marian Rutledge; Andy Ryan; Rick, Brenda and Dan Ryan

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 9 ('16:28)

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

Amounts will be in next week's bulletin



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

Amounts will be in next week's bulletin

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Looking for God? Look to the Lamb" (John 1:29-42)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus' love, suffering, sacrifice, and triumph are all expressed in that most precious of titles: the Lamb of God. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 15th at 9:00 a.m.

JOSEPH: We are planning to buy tickets and go as a group to see "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*" on Sunday, June 11th at the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend. The show is at 2:00 p.m. If there is enough interest, we would get a bus to take us to/from the church. Tickets are \$42.00 each or with the bus, the cost would be \$57.50. Youth under 20 pay \$30.50 or with the bus \$46.00. We could attend Sunday service, then have lunch at church and the bus would pick us up at 12:30. Arrival back at the church would be around 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in this outing, please contact Shirley Mitchell by email (mitchellhome@rogers.com) or speak with one of the pastors.

LADIES: Join us on Saturday, January 14th, 2017 at Faith for an Altar Guild workshop with Pastor Scholz (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon). For those not attending the workshop, you are welcome to roll bandages for the medical mission and the morning's activities will be followed by a chili lunch. All are welcome!

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 at Faith
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Gerda Martinuzzi's
Sat.	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Altar Guild Workshop with Luncheon
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Faith & Grace Morning Worship