

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

*We Love Because He First Loved Us*

BIBLE CLASS..... 9:00 a.m.  
WORSHIP SERVICE..... 10:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Christ, our Bridegroom, we are Your Church, Your Bride. We wait to welcome You with open arms. We wait to receive You with joy. And we wait to spend eternity with You in perfect paradise. As we wait, prepare us for what is to come, show us Your will as laid out for us in Your Word, and keep us alert for signs of Your arrival.

*O coming Christ, we wait for You.*

**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:** 461(v.1-4,8); 761; 511

**FIRST LESSON:** Amos 5:18-24 (p.768)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p.987)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 25:1-13 (p.830)

**SERMON:** "Are You Ready for Jesus?" - Matthew 25:1-13



**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.

**USHERS:** After service, please collect the bulletins from the sanctuary and put them in the box which is located in the office. Also, please collect any paper scraps that have been left in the pews and dispose of them in the garbage cans. As well, make sure to record the names of all those attending service on the attendance sheet and give these sheets along with the offering envelopes to the pastor.

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** The Lord's Supper is a miracle in bread and wine! By the Word of Christ, His very body and blood are really present in this gift. By the Word of God, there is also a doctrinal oneness testified to by the common reception of communion. With love for His Word and for all people, we therefore ask guests desiring to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before the service.

**PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION:** You may find it helpful to read Luther's Questions and Answers on p. 329 (LSB) prior to communing at the Lord's Table today.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

**USHERS TODAY:** Lorne and Susan Campbell

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Ken and Sharon Beecroft

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Lorne Campbell

**ALTAR GUILD:** Betty Catanzariti and Marianne Issendorf

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**



**Special Needs:** Walter and Donna Procknow, Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Carolyn Neumann, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Stacy Francis and sons, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Keith and Alice Keller, Reiner Issendorf, Martha Fonger, David Biederman (Carole Atkinson's brother), Grace Woolner, Bill and Vicky Orłowski, Mary Lewis, Matthew Gascon, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon's mother), Janice Vandermyden, Jenna

Martinuzzi, Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster's mother-in-law), Dennis and Sara Bradbury

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** John Jr., Suzanna, Michael, David and Kristen Obeda; Rev. John and Marian Obeda; James Mulligan; Matthew, Tania, Mia and Logan Mulligan

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 35 ('16:11)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 5

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

(From Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>): Current 820.00; Building 240.00

(From Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>): Current 485.00; Building 20.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

(From Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>): Nicaragua Care Packages 60.00

(From Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>): Anniversary Fund 5.00; Nicaragua Care Packages 30.00

**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.

**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.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** On Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in November. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "We live in H.O.P.E. - Having Optimism Pending Eternity. Because no matter what happens, we know that He loves us and our future is secure." *Diane Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Reckoning"** (Matthew 25:14-30)

Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

You hear little talk about the "Fear of God" anymore, but if you don't in some way fear your Creator who judges you down to your inmost being, why would you love your only Saviour whom He sends you? A message about fearing and loving God. . Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)



**NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

Nomination forms and descriptions of positions for service can be found on the pastor's desk in the parish hall.

**GRACE CONNECTION CARD:** If you have a question or a prayer request, or a sermon topic suggestion, 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.

**CHEESE SALES FOR LLL NICARAGUA MISSION:** The annual tradition of cheese sales to support the work of Lutheran Layman's League (LLL) in Nicaragua starts today. The funds raised are used to print pamphlets that are distributed to high school youth. The cheese order forms are available from Lorne Campbell. Cheques are to be made out to Diane Geurkink. Final order date for the cheese is Nov 26<sup>th</sup>. Cheese to be available Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Support this great LLL cause by buying cheese for Christmas gifts or personal enjoyment.

**DONATE \$30 - FEED A FAMILY:** In addition to leading VBS for over 1000 children and construction/repair of Church property, the plan is to give Care packages to approximately 300 families during the Mission trip in January. The Care packages include soap, coffee, beans, sugar, pasta and oil. All items are basic to keep families nourished and healthy. If you are able to purchase a Care package for a family, it's as simple as including your donation in your offering (identify donation on your envelope - "Care package" beside "other"). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask Pastor Castillo.

**GRACE PRAYER GROUP:** You are invited to participate in our Grace Prayer Group at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. This prayer session was approved by the Planning Committee. Come and let us pray for the people of God and all their needs.

**LADIES OF GRACE:** Our next meeting is this Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We continue our video series "The Armour of God". Please join us for coffee, snacks and fellowship as we work through Ephesians 6 and another fleece blanket. If you have any questions, please see Brenda Ryan or Linda Aitken.

**BIBLE STUDIES AT GRACE:** You are welcome to participate in our Bible Study on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Come and learn about the "Good News" of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SAMARITAN'S PURSE CANADA):** Each year we have the blessed opportunity to participate in this special hands-on project that brings joy and hope to children in difficult circumstances. Shoeboxes are available in the parish hall by the pastor's desk for you to pick up and fill in. Decide whether you will pack a box for a boy or a girl and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years of age. Once filled, all boxes can be dropped off beside the pastor's desk. Deadline is next Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Scholz will take them to Westview Baptist Church for delivery.

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

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff meeting
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	LWML
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
<b>Sat.</b>	8:00 a.m.	Men's breakfast (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies of Grace
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Faith)
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