

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 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:** We thank You this day for all the talents and abilities You have given us, O Lord. Help us to see all the ways that we can use our gifts to Your glory. Give us the courage to use the gifts You have given us whenever we have the opportunity to share them. And help us to shape and sharpen our skills into what You want them to be.

*O Giver of all that is good, work through us to bring blessings to others.*

**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:** 348; 613; 537

**FIRST LESSON:** Zephaniah 1:7-16 (p.788)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p.987)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 25:14-30 (p.830)

**SERMON:** "Building Each Other Up Until the End" - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11



**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.

**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

**USHERS TODAY:** Ken and Sharon Beecroft

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mike Flikkema and James Mulligan

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

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 42 (‘16:29)

**COMMUNED:** 36 **BIBLE STUDY:** 4

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:**

Current 779.00; Missions 20.00; Building 56.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

Anniversary Fund 40.00

**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.

**LIFE QUOTES:** “A child who has been adopted by loving parents knows from the outset that he is loved because he knows they chose him. He was not simply accepted because he was conceived and born into their midst but was sought out to become their child. God is like that with us! ‘Although it may appear outwardly that we make our way toward God, the joyful and wonderful truth is that it is God who comes to us’ (Matthew the Poor).” *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Show Me”** (Matthew 25:31-46)

Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

In Lerner and Loewe’s musical, My Fair Lady, Eliza is being wooed with words by a weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: “Don’t talk of stars, burning above if you’re in love, show me. Tell me not dreams, filled with desire if you’re on fire, show me.” In Jesus’ description of Judgment Day, the Saviour goes on record: true love needs to show itself by action.. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**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.



**NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

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

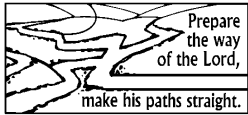
**MUSIC, ACTING, JOKES, WHAT TALENT!** Join us for the Grace Advent talent show on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Appetizers at 6:00 p.m. and talent show to follow. The Grace Advent talent show sign-up sheet is now located at the front entrance of the Church. We invite you to attend this enjoyable evening as there is always good entertainment. Bring a friend, relative or neighbour and join us in some belly laughs! Please contact Tania Mulligan if you require more details.



**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** begins in two weeks 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 “Together in Advent”. **Services begin Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> here at Grace at 7:00 p.m.**

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** Next 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.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available at the entrances to the sanctuary 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 “Love Came Down”.



**GRACE PRAYER GROUP:** You are invited to participate in our Grace Prayer Group at 7:00 p.m. this 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.



**CHURCH AND TREE DECORATING** will be held next Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> after Sunday service. Soup will be provided and we request that everyone bring some sandwiches or veggies, etc. We will have a small lunch together before we decorate our Church home.

**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 today Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Scholz will take them to Westview Baptist Church for delivery.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Faith after our morning service. Members are invited to attend and approve the budget and to elect new Council members for 2018.

**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 next Sunday, November 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!

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Planning Committee Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Grace Music Committee Meeting
<b>Tues.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastors at St. Peters, Simcoe
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
<b>Wed.</b>	7:30 p.m.	Council (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:30 p.m.	Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Prayer Group
<b>Sat.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Banner Committee (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	God’s Kids (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Grace)
	11:00 a.m.	Tree decorating with soup luncheon (Grace)