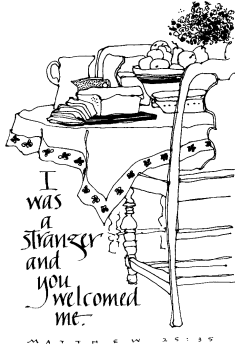


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 26, 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 Lord, we await Your coming to take us home to be with You in heaven. As the earth begins to crumble and fall, keep our eyes focussed on You. As others proclaim to be the Christ, keep us confident in our commitment to You. And as fears and doubts circle around us, keep us sure of Your promises to us.

*Everlasting Lord, take us to the life to come.*

**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 1..... p. 151  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 527; 525; 512

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (p.722)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (p.961)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 25:31-46 (p.831)

**SERMON:** "You Did It To Me!" - Matthew 25:31-46



**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:** Many people often say or think, "I wish I could get closer to God. A wondrous Scriptural truth, however, is that God cannot come closer to us than He does in the **Lord's Supper**; for here the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, comes to us in and with the bread and wine, giving us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we receive this gift, we also thereby testify to the unity of our faith in Christ. For this reason, we practise closed communion; and guests who desire to commune are asked to 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:** Mike Flikkema and James Mulligan

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mayra Castillo

**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 Danyluk-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:** Bill, Vicky, Margaret and Christine Orlowski; Rudi and Lynn Pahl;

Mary Lou Palmer; Colin, Jessica, Avery and Scarlett Peers

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 25 ('16:29)  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4 **BIBLE STUDY:** 4

**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

**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.



**CHURCH AND TREE DECORATING** will be held today 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.

**MUSIC, ACTING, JOKES, WHAT TALENT!** Join us for the Grace Advent talent show this 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.

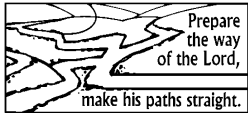
**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** Today after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in November. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.



**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.

**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.



**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>. Come and let us pray for the people of God and all their needs.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR:** Instead of opening a little cubby and enjoying a treat each day of Advent, how about putting a little "treat" (aka non-perishable item) in a cubby/box each day of Advent for families to enjoy for the days to come. Your Reverse Advent boxes filled with 24 items are due December 24<sup>th</sup> and the week following. Donations will be delivered the first week of January. If you do not have a box, there are some for the taking in the fellowship hall.



**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** begins next week 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.**

**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.

**MEMBER INFORMATION IN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS:** If you do not wish to have your personal information (full name, address, phone number, etc.) appear in our weekly bulletins, prayer lists, calendars, or any other public communications, please contact the church office by phone (519-685-9700) or by email (faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com).

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

<b>THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE</b>		
<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
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	English District meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
<b>Wed.</b>	7:00 p.m.	Family Tree decorating (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
<b>Fri.</b>	6:00 p.m.	ALOA at Betty Muir's
<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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	2:00 p.m.	Glendale Crossing service