

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE GRASS WITHERS:  
THE FLOWER FADES:  
BUT THE WORD  
OF THE LORD  
STANDS FOREVER



## Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 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:** May we prepare Your way this Advent, O Lord, as John the Baptist did--preaching and teaching, baptizing and believing what the prophets had foretold. Help us to boldly proclaim what Your coming means to the world ... and to each of us.

*Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, come into our world and bring us Your salvation.*

**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:** ..... Printed Order of Service  
Holy Communion

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:** "We Light the Advent Candle" v. 1,2

**HYMNS:** 349; 352v.1,4; 346; 353

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 40:1-11 (p.599)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 2 Peter 3:8-14 (p.1019)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 1:1-8 (p.836)

**SERMON:** "Turning Up the Heat" - Mark 1:1-8

**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:** Christ has not left us to run back and forth throughout creation, searching here and there to find Him. By His own promise, the Word made flesh still comes to us personally with His body and His blood in the **Lord's Supper**. Because oneness in doctrine is also witnessed to in this celebration, guests who desire to commune are kindly 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:** Mia and Logan Mulligan

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Lorne and Susan Campbell

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Gene Makish

**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin and 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, 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, Sheila Mizon, Jenna Martinuzzi, Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster's mother-in-law), Dennis and Sara Bradbury,

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Gaëtan and Sarah Pizieux; Stacey, Emily and Sara Pollak; Patrick, Naomi and Hardy Powers; Howard, Jennifer, Sheldon, Mekennah and Mike Print

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 25 ('16:29)

**BIBLE STUDY:** 3

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

(from Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>): Current 620.00; Building 20.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

(from Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>): Nicaragua Care Packages 60.00

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

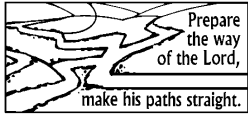
**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** On Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in December. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "As we bask in the glow of God Himself choosing, from His freedom and through His immeasurable power, to sanctify every aspect and moment of human life by taking flesh and passing through every stage of human growth and development, and sanctifying each of those moments, let's do the very hard work of taking our faith seriously and, knowing God loves us and will always forgive every sin, let's winsomely and gently live in such a way we show the world a better way." *Fr. Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia. - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Life Narrows Down"** (John 1:1-6, 19-28)

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

John the Baptist had a passion for the Lamb of God. What's your passion in life? How far into the future will it take you? Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)



**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".

**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.



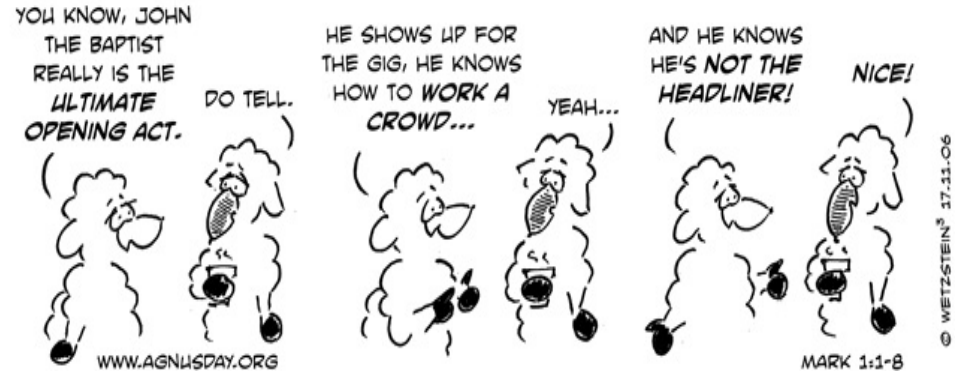
**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** continues today and we again prepare our hearts to greet the Saviour who came, who comes, and who is coming again. We invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation. Our theme will be "Together in Advent!". **Services continue Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> here at Grace at 7:00 p.m.**

**CHEESE SALES FOR LLL NICARAGUA MISSION:** The cheese will be available Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Total sales were \$1,016.60 of which 30% will be forwarded to LLL's work in Nicaragua. Thank you to all who supported this great cause!

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today at Faith after our morning service. Members are invited to attend and approve the budget and to elect new Council members for 2018. A light lunch will be provided.



**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.



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<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
	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Pastors at Our Saviour
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	LWML
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at 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
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service (Grace)
<b>Fri.</b>	6:00 p.m.	Carolling (Faith)
<b>Sat.</b>	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Faith)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids present the King's birthday (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Grace)