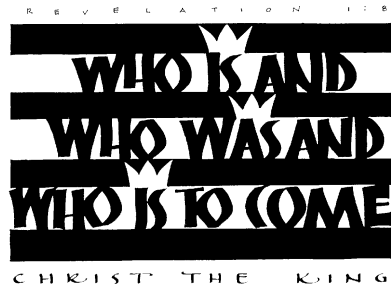


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 25, 2018

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come.*

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

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** We know that You are near, O Lord. Help us to live in a way that shows how happy we are that You are on Your way to take us back to be with You in heaven. May our words and actions express the great hope, excitement and joy we have in what the future holds.

*O Coming Christ, we eagerly 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:** ..... Printed Order of Service  
Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** 816; 832; 798v.1-4,9

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 51:4-6 (p.612)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Jude 20-25 (p.1027)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 13:24-37 (p.850)

**SERMON:** "Get To Work" - Mark 13:24-37

**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.



**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.

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** From the beginning ("Let us give thanks to the Lord") to the end ("We give thanks to You, almighty God"), the liturgy of **Holy Communion** is one of deep thanksgiving! Christ's very body and blood are in and with the bread and wine of the Sacrament in order that we might receive the greatest gift and highest treasure of all – the forgiveness of sins. That is indeed reason for thanksgiving! With thankfulness also for the presence of our guests, we ask them to speak with the pastor before the service if they desire to commune, as in obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practise closed communion.

**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 & James Mulligan

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Olivia & Samantha Irons

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

**ALTAR GUILD:** Betty Catanzariti

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Special Needs:** Walter and Donna Procknow, John and Maria Paal, Patricia Phillips, Sandra Stewart, 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, Matthew Danyluk-Gascon, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon's mother), Jenna Martinuzzi, Dennis and Sara Bradbury, Stan Diehl, Shirley Monk, Marian Obeda and family



**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** John Jr., Suzanna and Kristen Obeda; David Obeda; Michael Obeda; Marian Obeda

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 28 (17:42)

**BIBLE STUDY:** 6                      **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4

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

(from Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>): Current 350.00; Building 70.00

(from Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>): Current 315.00; Missions 20.00; Building 20.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

(from Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>): Anniversary Fund 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.

**REGIONAL MISSIONS UPDATE TO OCTOBER 31, 2018:**

Budgeted for the year 2018: \$29,400.00

Budgeted to October 31: \$24,500.00 minus donations of \$16,156.00 = \$8,344.00 shortfall.

By December 31, we need \$12,480.00 in order to fulfil our commitment to the LCC Region mission fund. This fund supports those Lutheran churches who are either mission congregations or just struggling to make ends meet. We still have 5 Sundays as well as the Christmas Eve offering to donate to this fund and meet the goal the congregation set last year.

**NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL 2019-2021:** At our next Voters'



meeting (December 2<sup>nd</sup>), we will elect individuals to positions of service at Faith and Grace. To this end, we are seeking nominations for the following positions: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Elder, Trustee, and Auditor. Please prayerfully consider fellow members you feel would be willing and able to serve. Submit their names on the nomination forms found on the table in the parish hall.

**A VOTER'S MEETING** will be held next Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Faith after our morning service. Members are invited to attend and approve the budget and to elect new Council members for 2019.

**ONE-DAY COURSE FIRST AID TRAINING** will be taking place either Jan. 26 or Feb. 2, 2019. If you are interested, please inform the church office (519-685-9700). We require a minimum of 8 people in order to offer the course.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES:** Join us each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for our Advent worship series, “**God With Us**”. Each week, we focus on a different word picture of the coming Christ found in the poetic and prophetic words of Isaiah. This Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, we will remember that God is with us as our **Potter**, who shapes us according to His will. (Isaiah 64:8).

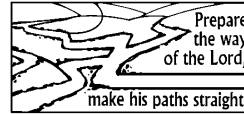
**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR:** Instead of opening a little cubby and enjoying a treat each day of Advent, how about putting a little “treat” (aka non-perishable item) in a cubby/box each day of Advent for families to enjoy for the days to come. Your Reverse Advent boxes filled with 23 items are due December 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.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT:** Plan to attend this concert sponsored by Lutheran Social Services London on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., at St. Paul’s Cathedral, 472 Richmond Street, London. This concert is entitled “Emmanuel” featuring soprano Katy Clark, London Symphonia Brass, Wesley Knox Senior Choir, Chamber Choir from Catholic Central High School and El Sistema London. Admission is free and there is free parking at London Life.

**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.

**CHEESE! CHEESE! CHEESE!** Yes, the cheese sales for Lutheran Layman’s League (LLL) have started. The deadline for ordering cheese is *next Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>*. If you aren’t interested in buying cheese, but would like to make a monetary donation to Lutheran Layman’s League, please write “LLL” on the *other* line on your offering envelope. All proceeds raised will be forwarded to LLL Nicaragua to print pamphlets.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY:** You are invited to attend an “old-fashioned” Christmas evening of carol singing here at Grace on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. followed by refreshments. As well, feel free to invite friends and other family members.



**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 “*The Coming King*”.

| <b>THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE</b>  |   |
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| <b>Mon.</b>                          | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Kitchen clean-up              |
|                                      | 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Year 1 (Faith)                 |
| <b>Tues.</b>                         | 9:00 a.m. Pastors meet                                |
|                                      | 11:00 a.m. Pastor Scholz at Grace                     |
|                                      | 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Year 2 (Faith)                 |
| <b>Wed.</b>                          | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith                       |
|                                      | 6:20 p.m. Soup Supper (Faith)                         |
|                                      | 7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service (Grace)              |
| <b>Thurs.</b>                        | 7:15 p.m. Midweek Advent Service (Faith)              |
|                                      | 11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace                   |
|                                      | 7:30 p.m. Choir                                       |
| <b>Fri.</b>                          | 4:00 p.m. LCMS English District meeting               |
|                                      | 6:00 p.m. ALOA  |
| <b>Sun.</b>                          | 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith & Grace)                 |
|                                      | 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Faith)                    |
|                                      | 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Grace)                    |
|                                      | 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Grace)                      |
|                                      | 10:00 a.m. God’s Kids (Faith)                         |
|                                      | 11:30 a.m. Voters’ and Congregational meeting (Faith) |
|                                      | 2:00 p.m. Glendale Crossing service                   |
| 3:00 p.m. VOL Prayer                 |   |
| *****Last day for cheese orders***** |   |