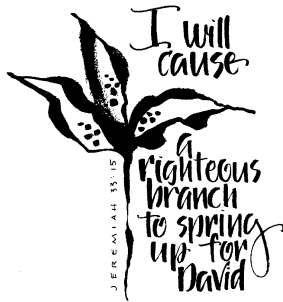


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 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: O Lord, the time is near when you will be born among us. Be near us as we wait for you. And keep us aware of all the signs that let us know that you are on your way.

O Christ, who came at just the right time, we await the time of your arrival.

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

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH..... blue insert

HYMNS: 332v.1-4,7,8; 338; 342

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p.662)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p.987)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 19:28-40 (p.878)

SERMON: "Our Lord Comes To Us To Save Us" - Luke 19:28-40

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.

A VOTERS' 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 2019.

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: Olivia & Samantha Irons

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mayra Castillo

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Mike Flikkema

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin, Lynn Kearns, Anna Makish

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, Peter Mergel and family, Marian Obeda



and family

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Ed and Pam Oelke; Garth Oelke; Mike and Susan Ohler; Mike, Natasha, Rhiannon and Matthew Ohler

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 27 ('17:25)

COMMUNED: 21

BIBLE STUDY: 4

MIDWEEK SERVICE: 7

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from Nov. 18th): Current: 725.00; Building 10.00

(from Nov. 25th): Current: 745.00; Missions 60.00; Building 60.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(from Nov. 18th): Loose 10.00



MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS:

* to **Memorial Fund** in memory of *Pastor Obeda* from
Lorne & Susan Campbell
Gene & Anna Makish

OUR SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Our special gift envelopes have been designated as follows this Christmas season:

- * Midweek Advent offerings support Love Fund
- * Christmas Eve offerings support our Missions
- * Christmas Day offerings will support our Building Fund
- * New Year's Eve offerings support Love Fund

Of course, you can always designate your offering anyway you choose by writing on the envelope. We do remind you, though, that the special envelopes should not be used as substitutes for our regular gifts to the work of the church. Our faithful stewardship provides the needs of our congregation; may we always be faithful in God's gifts to us!

LIFE QUOTES: "Advent is about Return—the Lord's Second Coming, our return to Him, which is another way of saying 'repentance.' Repentance requires memory, for return requires memory. The Prodigal did some mental research and remembered the facts about his father's house from his personal history. Informed by a paternal history, he struck a new course, which was to return. And the Homecoming was sweet, like the marriage supper in paradise, when all history will be fulfilled, and the guests live happily ever after. Advent reminds us, based on history that we know, that He is coming, which should remind us, Repent!" *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT: Plan to attend this concert sponsored by Lutheran Social Services London next Sunday, December 9th 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: On Sunday, December 30th 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.

CHEESE! CHEESE! CHEESE! Yes, the cheese sales for Lutheran Layman's League (LLL) have started. The deadline for ordering cheese is *today*. 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.



SANCTUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE: Please consider taking a turn at cleaning our church sanctuary. Duties include vacuuming, dusting and cleaning the bathroom. A sign up list has been placed in the parish hall. What a wonderful way to participate in our family of faith.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Redeemer with a Capital R" (Ruth 3-4)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense—redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems us by bringing us into his clan, his people, his household, that we might be with him forever. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES "GOD WITH US": Come and join us each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. as we focus on a different word picture of the coming Christ found in the poetic and prophetic words of Isaiah. This week, we will remember that God is with us as our **Shepherd**, who carries us close to His heart.



THE FLOWERS which adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Gene and Anna Makish in thanksgiving for blessings received.

ONE-DAY COURSE FIRST AID TRAINING: Our next session will be taking place either Saturday, January 26 or Saturday, February 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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. 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*".



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Year 1 (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Year 2 (Faith)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Service (Grace)
	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Advent Service (Faith)
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Sat.	7:00 p.m.	"Christmas in the Country" (Grace)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
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	10:00 a.m.	God's Kids (Faith)
	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Music Concert (St. Paul's)

