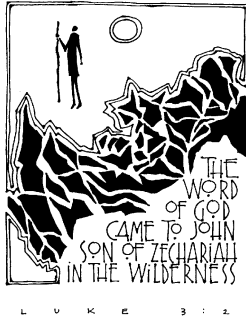


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

24542 Melbourne Road
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Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 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: The day is coming, O Lord, when you will clear away our sins and gather your people together. Make us ready to receive you and make us glad to call you the Christ, the Son of the living God.
O Jesus Christ, the Bringer of Good News, may your Good News come alive in us.

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 4..... p. 203
Holy Communion

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH..... white insert

HYMNS: 331; 344; 349

FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-7b (p.802)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 1:2-11 (p.980)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:1-14 (p.858)

SERMON: "Tough Words For Advent" - Luke 3:1-14

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.

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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Our Lord's first miracle was water made into wine at Cana, thereby revealing His glory as the very Son of God. One of His last miracles before He was crucified was wine made into His blood that yet remained wine in the upper room. By His own Word, we do, in reality, receive His very body and blood in **Holy Communion**. Because oneness in doctrine is also confessed in this celebration, guests desiring 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: Mayra Castillo

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Lorne and Susan Campbell

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 Orłowski, 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



Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Nydia, Nick and Victoria Oliver; Bill, Vicky, Margaret and Christine Orłowski; Rudi and Lynn Pahl, Mary Lou Palmer

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 29 (17:30)

BIBLE STUDY: 5

MIDWEEK SERVICE: 8

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

Current 820.49; Missions 40.00; Building 30.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

Love Fund 25.00; Memorial Fund 30.00



MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS:

* to **Memorial Fund** in memory of *Pastor Obeda* from Rosemarie Gmehlin

LIFE QUOTES: "The very best light show comes from the smile on the Baby's face in the manger. He is smiling because He likes you and has come to rescue you. 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12 NIV)." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

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 **Living Branch**, who died and rose to give us eternal life.



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: "In Anxious Times - Rejoice"

(Philippians 4:4-7)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tony Cook

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. With anxiety on the rise, the Apostle Paul's call to "rejoice always" seems all but unobtainable. While there are many helpful ways to cope with society's increasing anxiety, Paul points us to a frequently overlooked source of joy and peace, God's grace in Christ. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 16th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT: Plan to attend this concert sponsored by Lutheran Social Services London today 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.



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.

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.

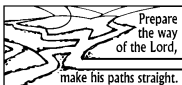
OUR SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Our special gift envelopes have been designated as follows this Christmas season:

- * 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

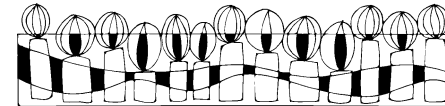
Of course, you can always designate your offering anyway you choose by writing on the envelope. We do remind you, though, that the special envelopes should not be used as substitutes for our regular gifts to the work of the church. Our faithful stewardship provides the needs of our congregation; may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

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.

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*".



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 24th 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.



Second Sunday In Advent

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Year 1 (Faith)
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastors' meeting at Our Saviour
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Year 2 (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	LWML
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
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Carolling (Faith)
Sat.	2:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
Sun.	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.	God's Kids present "God With Us" (Faith)
	11:30 a.m.	Cheese available for pickup in kitchen (Faith)
	3:00 p.m.	VOL Prayer