

First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018
Divine Worship Setting Three

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TITLE:

The Advent of Holiness

TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13

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Holy Communion

We believe that worthy participation in Holy Communion requires repentance, faith in Jesus Christ as one's Saviour, and an earnest desire to amend one's sinful life, as well as accepting the Scriptural teaching regarding the real presence of Christ with His body and blood in the Sacrament. "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).

- ❖ **Visitors:** Please fill out a visitor's card. Those desiring to commune with us for the first time, please speak to Pastor Rod before the service. Visitors who do not share the Lutheran Confession are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing
- ❖ **Members:** Please fill out a communion registration card (find them in the holder on the back of the pew in front of you) and place completed cards in the offering plate. These registrations help us follow the worship life of our church family.
- ❖ For those who **cannot** have alcohol, grape juice is available in the center ring of the communion trays

Offering cards for those using FaithLife Preauthorized Payment Program are available in the lower righthand mail slot. Pick one up before service and place it in the offering plate. The card will be returned to the mail slot after offering is counted.



News & Notes

Annual General Meeting TODAY December 2. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve within our congregation. We will have potluck lunch following worship and then the meeting. If you have questions, talk to Lorence Peterson or anyone who is currently on council.

Mark your calendars as **Advent mid-week services** December 5th, 12th and 19th at Grace Lutheran Church beginning at 12:15pm! You are also invited to attend Advent mid-week service at St. Paul's Lutheran at 7:00 pm or St. John's Warman at 8:00 pm on those Wednesdays if the noon hour does not work for you.

Sunday Morning Bible Study will resume in the new year. There will be one more session of the **Broken study** on December 3rd.

Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries, "*The Coming King*", are available from the usher. You may go to www.lhm.org and follow the link to Advent Devotions to either read or listen to the devotion. You may also sign-up to have the devotion sent to your email daily.

Splendor at Grace—a community event, Friday, December 7, 6:00 - 9:00 pm—Come and check out all the great things you might need to purchase for yourself or for gifts. See a wide variety of vendors. Proceeds from rental of table will go toward Secret Santa to adopt a family for Christmas.

Are any men of the congregation available to **lead service** on December 30th? If you are please let Pastor Rod know so that arrangements can be made to get you the sermon and service.

With the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services approaching we are **looking for ushers and projectionists**. If you are able to serve in either of those roles please let Pastor Rod and Donna know so that arrangements can be made.

Advent is time to consider how we can serve our neighbors. Please prayerfully consider bring non-perishable food items for the **Food Bank** as a way of caring for those whom Christ has placed in our midst.

Please note that we will be making the switch to Divine Service Setting III for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Seasons.

Is there anyone who would be interested in creating **new banners** for our sanctuary? If you are please contact Pastor Rod.

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Christmas Presence - Dec 8-9

Burnt Thicket Theatre presents a unique mashup of stories and songs that explores the incarnation with a messy but joyful hope. Artists include Tim Bratton, Becky Thomas, Wyndham Thiessen, and Stephen Waldschmidt. Everyone is welcome, including kids, and hot cider will be served! Two shows only: Dec 8 (7:30pm @ Studio 914, 914 20th St W) & Dec 9 (7:30pm @ College Park Covenant Church, 909 Acadia Dr) Admission: suggested donation of \$10 and/or a new stuffie for Stephen's Backpacks to support kids in need in Saskatoon. Details at: burntthicket.com

If you would like to **borrow a hymnal** to find and read the Scripture passages in our liturgy please fill out the form in the fellowship hall.

Sutherland School Cereal Drive

Thank you so very much to those who contributed to the cereal delivered to Sutherland School. This is an ongoing project so please continue to generously bring healthy cereals. For further information contact Helen @ 306-249-0258.

Saskatoon Choral Society 's Annual Christmas concert "Home and Holidays" December 2nd at 2:30 pm at Grace Westminster Church, 505-10th St. E. Adults: \$12 in advance, or \$15 ad door, Children: 6 to 10 yrs. \$5.00, under 6 free. Advance tickets available at McNally Robinson or from Choir members.

On air December 9, 2018

"Redeemer with a Capital R"

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. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer," who points to Jesus, our capital-r-Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into his clan, his people, his household, that we might be with him forever.

(Ruth 3-4)

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Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

9:30 a.m. Gospel of Matthew Study
10:30 a.m. First Sunday in Advent
11:30 a.m. Potluck lunch/Annual General Meeting
2:30 p.m. New Covenant Church

Monday, December 3rd, 2018

7:00 p.m. "Broken" Study

Tuesday, December 4th, 2018

9:15 a.m. Preschool
7:30 p.m. New Covenant Church Rental

Wednesday, December 5th, 2018

12:15 p.m. Advent Mid-week Service

Thursday, December 6th, 2018

9:15 a.m. Preschool
4:00 p.m. Weight Watchers

Friday, December 7th, 2018

6:00 p.m. Splendor at Grace

Saturday, December 8th, 2018

10:00 a.m. N.A. Meeting

Sunday, December 9th, 2018

No Sunday study until new year
10:30 a.m. Second Sunday in Advent
2:30 p.m. New Covenant Church

Reminder that news and announcements must be in by Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. to be in the following Sunday's Bulletin. News and announcements for the Website, must also be by this time. *If you have news you would like posted in the bulletin, please contact Donna Clarke during her office hours (Tues.-Thurs. 9:30 -12:30) or to email her at gracelutheranchurch@shaw.ca*
Please have announcements for Christmas week into office by Tues., Dec. 18th.