

## Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2018  
Praise and Worship Setting



TITLE:

### Advent Time & Prayers

TEXT: Philippians 1: 2 - 11

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Thank you:

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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

Mark your calendars as **Advent mid-week services** December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Are any men of the congregation available to **lead service** on December 30<sup>th</sup>? 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.

**Thank you** to everyone that attended and helped out at our first God's Not Dead Appies and Movie night. Did you miss out on attending? Not to worry the next ones are happening: February 8, 2019 God's Not Dead 2 (Valentine's Day inspired treats) and April 5, 2019 Light in Darkness. Watch for more details coming in January.

**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"*, and from Higher Things are available from the usher. You may go to [www.lhm.org](http://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.

There is a **Higher Things Youth Retreat** coming up in Regina on February 21 - 22. The theme is The Christian Soldier: Warfare in the Two Kingdoms Cost is \$60/child. Please visit [www.higherthings.org/retreats](http://www.higherthings.org/retreats) to register and for more information.

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.

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

## Bible Study Possibilities for After Easter and Next Autumn

### **Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America by Robert H. Bennett**

A fascinating and unnerving book, *Afraid* is a must-read that equips Christians to recognize the devil's influence in our society.

Robert Bennett describes real events and actual confessions people have shared with him of demonic encounters—in America, in our modern age. Summoning demons, interacting with “ghosts,” and holding séances led to what many may call horrifying hallucinations and even schizophrenia. But for many Americans, these things are their spirituality.

How can we break free from the despair and crushing fear that such encounters can bring? How do we come to the aid of our neighbors who are lost in Satan's deceptions? Bennett points us to the only way out: God's grace and the medicines He gives to His people.

### **Mission at Nuremberg : An American Army Chaplain and the Trial of the Nazis**

Detailed, harrowing, and emotionally charged, MISSION AT NUREMBERG is the story of Lutheran minister Henry Gerecke, a farm kid from Missouri who at age 50 volunteered to be a World War II chaplain. His most challenging assignment came after the war ended. Sent to Nuremberg, Gerecke was asked to minister to the twenty-one imprisoned Nazi leaders awaiting trial for crimes against humanity. MISSION AT NUREMBERG is an incisive new history of the Nuremberg trials as well as a nuanced reflection on the nature of morality and sin, the price of empathy, and the limits of forgiveness.

### **Echo: Unbroken Truth Worth Repeating, Again by Jonathan Fisk**

Christianity is not the ability to memorize or recite from books of Scripture or doctrine. It is not magic. It is not social club, counseling group, or self-help support group. It does not promise that you will be healthy, wealthy, wise, or even happy.

Christianity is a truth—a truth first heard at the beginning of time that has echoed to this present age. A truth so profound that no man can master it, yet even a child can learn it. Jonathan Fisk introduces his readers to that truth. He lays it out as simply as a child counts to ten on his fingers. Yet, training to hear the Echo, the reader will come to understand the wisdom that Fisk imparts is bottomless.

Fisk teaches nothing less than the distilled, unbreakable Christian Echo, the very thing which has radically changed humanity in every nation and tongue that it has ever been repeated. It the most astoundingly complete description of what life is and why it is worth living. And it's worth repeating. Again.

### **December 16, 2018**

#### **“In Anxious Times - Rejoice”**

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. **(Philippians 4:4-7)**

[www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

Listen at 7 a.m. on CJWW 600 AM. 7:30 a.m. on CKRM 620 AM; 9 a.m. on CJGX 940 AM. 1 p.m. on CKSW 570 AM.



### **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Bible Study resumes in the new year  
10:30 a.m. Second Sunday in Advent  
2:30 p.m. New Covenant Church

### **Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

### **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

12:15 p.m. Advent Mid-week Service  
7:00 p.m. PPC Meeting

### **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

### **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

### **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

No Sunday study until new year  
10:30 a.m. Third 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](mailto:gracelutheranchurch@shaw.ca)*  
**Please have announcements for Christmas week into office by Tues., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.**