

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

I... urge you to walk in a manner... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:2-3)

MORNING WORSHIP at FAITH.....11:00 a.m.
GOD'S KIDS.11:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP at GRACE 9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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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 Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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Sunday, December 25, 2022

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Printed Order of Service
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 367v.1,4,5; 387v.1,4; 370; 391; 361; 624; 388

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10 (p. 613)

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-12 (p. 1001)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-14 (p. 886)

SERMON: “Skipping Christmas?” (John 1:1-14)

USHERS NEEDED: During the pandemic, we have been richly blessed having a team of volunteers faithfully serving each Sunday in a variety of capacities. On behalf of the congregation, thank you! As we go forward, we are in need of members willing to serve as ushers. Please contact Fred Werner at (519) 319 9996 if you can help! God bless you!

THE POINSETTIAS which beautify God’s church this festive season have been given to His glory by: Rob & Cathy Dieterle; Suellen & Rolf Herrmann; Bill & Linda Long; Shirley Mitchell; Keith & Shirley Monk; Ron & Connie Morrison; Ed & Pam Oelke; Carol & Brian Pierce; Bob & Marian Rutledge; Lloyd & Elsie Wilker and Anna Wissing. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after Christmas Eve service or Christmas morning service.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: The coming of Christ in the flesh at Bethlehem was a concrete outward act of God in humble means that was despised by the world. The flesh and blood coming of Christ in the **Sacrament of the Altar** is also a concrete outward act of God in humble means that can be despised. Rather than despise it, however, God would have us delight in it! With deep thankfulness for God's gift to us here we also express our deep desire to celebrate it according to His will. As this includes oneness in the faith we confess (doctrine), guests who desire 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Special needs: Walter and Donna Procknow, Patricia Phillips, Ritva



Kingo and family, Alice Johnson Keller, Reiner Issendorf, Bill and Vicky Orlowski, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Sara Bradbury, Susan Diehl, Shirley Monk, Michelle Wyllie (Stan Diehl's daughter), Ed Oelke, Marian

Obeda, Al DiLella, Sue Campbell, Mike and Anne Flikkema, Stan Diehl, Gerda Martinuzzi, Melissa Maclean, Rachel and children

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa, Dolores Noonan, Grace Woolner, Nancy Curtis, Delbert Roy

Family Focus: Shirley Kendall; Marsha Kennedy; Maria Kern; Ritva, Ristau and Marcus Kingo

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDERS: David Holden, Matt Plumb

USHERS: Jack Geurkink, Keith Monk, Peter Mergel,
Mike Fonger

USHERS NEXT MONTH: Ed Oelke, Bill Long, Linda Long,
David Holden, Alice Johnson Keller

FINANCE STEWARDS: Carole Atkinson & Darcy Kahle

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Pam Oelke & Barb Werner

ACOLYTE TODAY: volunteer needed

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK: volunteer needed

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 67; Livestream: Peak Viewers:5;
Total Unique Viewers: (until December 20th): 19

GOD'S KIDS: 6

MIDWEEK SERVICE: 19



THE FLOWERS that decorate the altar today are given to the glory of God by Joyce Poier in thanksgiving for blessings received this year.

SOUND OPERATORS AND LIVESTREAM OPERATORS NEEDED AT FAITH: If you are interested in helping in this capacity, please speak with Pastor Castillo or David Wilker, one of our Elders. Volunteers will be enrolled on a rotation list.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: January 2023 calendars are in your mailbox. If you haven't visited your mailbox recently, please do so in order to get your copy of the calendar to ensure that you don't miss any fellowship activities, bible studies and meetings.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Ukraine

The Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ukraine (SELCU) consists of 14 Congregations; 5 Mission Stations; 3 Humanitarian Foundations; and 1 Seminary.



FLOWER CHART: The new flower chart for 2023 has been posted. Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn our altar as we praise God for the many blessings that He has given us.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are available in your mailbox. *Please wait until the new year to begin using them*, as occasionally numbers may have changed. If you did not receive a box of envelopes but would like some, please speak to Pastor Castillo.

COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH: Next Sunday, January 1st, coffee and tea will be available downstairs. We are looking for a volunteer to host this coffee hour.

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

- * Christmas Eve offerings support LCC-Missions
- * Christmas Day offerings support Capital Improvements

LIFE QUOTES: “There is no more clear-pointed, rest-giving demonstration of the love of God for you than the gift of His Son.”
Paul Tripp, pastor, author, and conference speaker – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please let the office know a week or two in advance so that it can be included in the bulletin.

UKRAINE NEEDS OUR HELP! Considering the crisis in the Ukraine and the humanitarian needs that are arising, we are inviting members to consider donating to the C.L.W.R – Ukraine. The Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ukraine (SELCU) consists of 14 Congregations; 5 Mission Stations; 3 Humanitarian Foundations; and 1 Seminary. Your donations can be made through Faith offering, use the Lutheran Church Canada website (Missions) or directly to C.L.W.R. donations@clwr.org.

MEMBERS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: Please check your information for the congregation’s new telephone directory. The draft pages are posted on the library windows. If the information is correct, please put a check mark and your initials beside your name. If there are changes/updates, please make them directly on these pages. Also, if you are aware of any information changes of other members, we would welcome this information – you can add it in the section entitled “Additions and Changes”. If you have an email address that you would like included in the new directory, please add it or let the office know, either by phone (519-685-9700) or email at faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com. ***If your name has been highlighted in blue, that means that the office has corrected the information.*

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY goes to Vicky, Margaret and Christine Orłowski and family at the passing of Bill on Thursday, December 22nd. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Out of Egypt” (Matthew 2:13-23)

Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook
“Out of Egypt I called my son.” With these words, the Gospel of Matthew reveals the rich and interconnected history of the young nation, Israel, and the young Saviour, Jesus. Follow them on their journeys to discover the true Israel and what He means to your life today. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM on Sunday, January 1st at 12:00 p.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



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OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED: We are looking for members who would be willing to help count Sunday offerings. If you are able to help, you will receive a short training session. Counters will be assigned on a rotational basis. If you are interested in volunteering for this task, please contact Diane Geurkink at shimmerscollection@gmail.com or 519-461-1702.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE	
Mon.	Church office closed
Tues.	Church office closed
Sun.	9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship / Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship