

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*310 Southdale Road East
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Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27)

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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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 3. p.184

HYMNS: 339; 338; 520; 637; 618; 917

FIRST LESSON: Micah 5:2-5 (p. 779)

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:5-10 (p. 1006)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:39-45 (p. 857)

SERMON: “Angels at Work!!” (Luke 1:39-45)

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER: David

USHERS: Mike and Iris; Keith

FINANCE STEWARDS: Darcy & Liz

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Cheryl & Liz

SOUND OPERATOR: Matt

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Linda

ALTAR GUILD CHRISTMAS EVE: Connie

ALTAR GUILD CHRISTMAS DAY: Connie

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Connie

OUR FOOD CUPBOARD is temporarily closed and will not accept any food donations at this time.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth. Until the end of time His grace is still given to us as He promised in the **Lord's Supper**. As we receive His gift today, we would ask guests who desire to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practise closed communion.

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, Patricia, Ritva and family, Alice, Reiner, Marsha, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Marian, Susan, Mike and Anne, Stan, Melissa, Cheryl, Lloyd and Elsie

Homebound: Becky, Ana, Grace, Nancy, Alice

Family Focus: Shirley and Scott; Daniel, Alessandra, Thomas and Simon; Keith and Shirley; Alexander, Esmeralda, Alejandra and Juan

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "No Getting Better Than This" (Colossians 3:12-17)

Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies

The Good Life – what is it? Pastor Chad Lakies says life is truly good when it's life the way God meant it to be. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, December 29th at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

GRACE FACEBOOK PAGE now has 100 followers and they are returning to live services on their Facebook page. Please continue to share God's Word with others. Go to facebook.com/GraceLutheranChurchStrathroy/ Start liking and following the page.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025 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 envelopes but would like some, please let the office know.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS from Lutheran Hour Ministries, are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. These booklets are also available online at www.adventdevotions.net/. 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. They also include our church information – if you want to share them with a friend, please feel free to do so.

WE REJOICE AND THANK GOD for the birth of our grandson, Jett Daniel, born to Janna-Leigh and Eric on Thursday, December 12th. We are all so blessed.

Dan & Cheryl

LIFE QUOTES: “Merry Christmas! And may the certainty of God’s love for you in Jesus Christ give you strength, comfort, and confidence this day to face whatever comes tomorrow. For, nothing can overpower the persevering power and blessing of Christmas.”
Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •lutheransforlife

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. 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.*

THE POINSETTIAS which beautify God's church this festive season have been given to His glory by: Art & Della; Rob & Cathy; Dan & Cheryl; Bill & Linda; Bryan & Gerda; Shirley; Keith & Shirley; Ron & Connie; Pam; Brian & Carol; Bob & Marian; and Anna. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after Christmas Eve service or Christmas morning service.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 67; GOD'S KIDS: 16

COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH will be held after non-Communion worship services. Anyone is welcome to sign up to put the coffee on, prepare the tea, set out the juice and also to clean up afterwards. Snacks can be store bought or homemade; the choice is yours. When signing up, we do appreciate some gluten free items as well.

DUE TO SENSITIVITY TO SCENTED PRODUCTS, we respectfully request members and visitors to refrain from or to minimize such use in worship services and other gatherings within the church building.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Faith Candlelight Christmas Eve Dec. 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Grace Candlelight Christmas Eve Dec. 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Grace Christmas Day Dec. 25th with Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Faith Christmas Day Dec. 25th with Holy Communion at 11:00a.m.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE TEAM ZION NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP? Envelopes with cards are available if you would like to honour someone at Christmas or send a memorial.

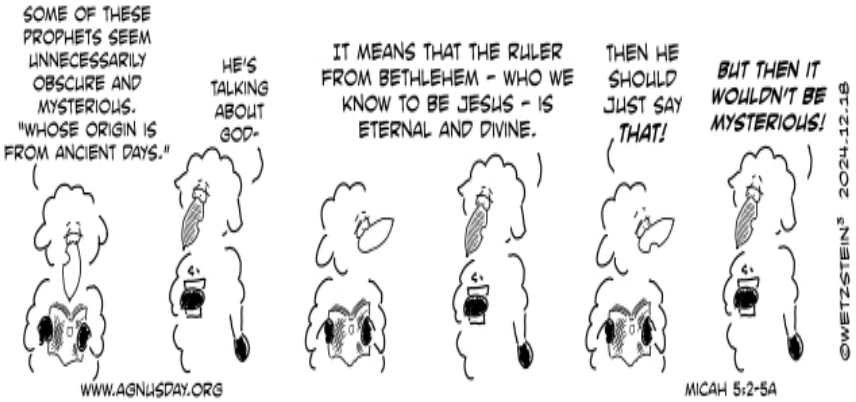
FROM THE ELDERS: Check out Lutheran Public Radio at lutheranpublicradio.org or their podcasts "issues, etc." and "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever" or download the LPR app for Lutheran bible studies and discussions pertaining to the culture in which we live.



FLOWER CHART: The 2025 flower chart 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.

UKRAINE: Donations are suspended at this time.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: C.L.W.R. sponsors multiple projects around the world. We encourage further donations to Nicaragua.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Tues.	4:00 p.m.	Faith Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Christmas Day Service / Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Grace Christmas Day Service / Communion
Thurs.		Church office closed
Fri.		Church office closed
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship