

First Sunday in Advent

Introit (sung responsively by half-verse)

Behold, your king is com-| ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?*

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD,

Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;*

steadfast love and faithfulness go be-| fore you.

Blessed are the people who know the | festal shout,*

who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

who exult in your name | all the day*

and in your righteousness are ex-| alted.

For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*

Our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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November 29th, 2009

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Sun. 10:30 am

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Welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting for the first time, we are glad that you are here and kindly ask that you sign our guest book at the sanctuary doors. If you would like to become a member please speak to the Pastor. In case of illness, the Pastor should be informed. He will always be glad to speak with those who are confronted with problems of a spiritual nature. The time before worship is a quiet time for prayer and meditation to prepare for worship. Please see the inside cover of the hymnal for prayers and page 329f to prepare for Holy Communion. Communicant members are asked to fill out a communion card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plates. The grace of God is with us!

ORDER OF SERVICE: Blessing of the Advent Wreath.

Divine Service Setting Three is found on **page 184**.

The Introit is on the last bulletin page and is sung responsively by half-verse.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Holy Gospel: Luke 19: 28-40

The Nicene Creed is confessed on page 191.

HYMNS: 341, 332, 333, 334, 343

Organist: Paula Hohmann

Choir Director: Sandra Doyle

Holy Communion:

Since the Lord's Supper gives the forgiveness of sins in the body and blood of Christ to all who believe the words "given and shed" and is also a celebration of oneness in faith, we ask that only those who have professed such faith publicly in a Lutheran Church-Canada (or Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) congregation come to the Lord's Altar. Everyone intending to commune for the first time is kindly asked to speak with the Pastor prior to the service.

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Attendance Nov. 22nd: 127 Communion: 78

Offerings: Nov. 22nd: Common \$3009.75; Building \$2; CLWR: \$14; Debt Reduction: \$10; Total: \$3035.75.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES: Kathy Hetzel (Pastor's mother); Cam Glazier (friend of Julie Hersey); Doug Seim (June Drexler's brother); Penny McLeod (cancer); Micheline Tourigny (Rob Vincent's Aunt); Warren Maschke (Bowmanville Hospital); Merv Brisco; Gail Bugbee; Gary Zytner; Hildegard Vollmer and daughter Heidi; Paul Grant; Kristina Kaverly; Lucie Wunsch.

BLESSED ADVENT TO YOU!

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The Season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, "*a righteous Branch,*" descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28-40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins. He absolves us and establishes our hearts, "*blameless in holiness before our God and Father*" (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then, and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be "*distress of nations in perplexity,*" with "*people fainting in fear.*" Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: "*Raise up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*" (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE: at 7:30pm. Come and pray Vespers as we eagerly wait for our coming King. The Wed. morning Bible Class and Matins will resume in January.

MUSICIANS: who are involved in the Community Christmas concert on December 12th following our Advent Dinner, please meet after church today upstairs in the balcony.

LADIES OF GRACE: will be holding their Christmas Pot-Blessing dinner this Tuesday, December 1st @ 6:00 pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Please bring a main dish or dessert. Invite a guest. If you have any music, poems or stories you would like to share please see Carolyn McLeod.

LADIES LUNCHEON: We will be holding our Ladies Luncheon this Tuesday, December 1st at 12 noon here at the church. All ladies are welcome to join us for bible study, food and fellowship.

SAINTS ALIVE: will be meeting at the Mandarin, Oshawa on Wednesday, December 2nd at 11:30 pm. Please see Reta Curran if you have any questions.

SPECIAL OFFERING: Our adopted student from the St. Catharines Seminary, Perry Hart, was involved in a car accident which resulted in the loss of his car. The church council is asking you for a special offering to help Perry and his family cope with their losses for the next two Sundays. Special offering envelopes will be provided in the bulletins for next Sunday and the following Sunday.

FLYERS: for our Christmas concert on Dec. 12 at 7:30pm are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please take some for your family and friends.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, December 7th @ 7:30 pm

CARE BEARS: will be having their Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 16th @ 12:30 pm at Traditions restaurant on Simcoe St. N. For more information please contact Eva Gainer.

GATE 3:16: We are now collecting Angel bags for Christmas please pick up your tag from the bulletin board in the narthex. They need approximately 600 bags this year to meet the needs. They are also in need of the following items: coffee, tea, sugar, whitener, Styrofoam cups/soup bowls, canned tuna/salmon, peanut butter, jam, mayo, paper towels, Kleenex, Mr. Clean,, Lysol, feminine products, baby diapers. You can drop off your items in the box provided in the narthex.

Advent Lessons & Carols: Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, invites you to join our service of Advent Lessons and Carols on the 6th of December, at 4:00pm. The service culminates with the announcement of the Christmas Gospel, by which the students anticipate Christmas just before leaving for the holidays. We heartily welcome you to join us for this service of Word, music, prayer, and praise.

This Week Under Grace- November 29th, 2009

Today	9:15 am 10:30 am	Bible Study & Sunday School Divine Service Birthday Luncheon Practice for Dec. 12 th Concert
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Ladies of Grace Christmas Dinner
Wednesday	11:30 am 5:30-7:30pm 7:30 pm	Saints Alive @ the Mardarin, Oshawa Kindermusik Advent Worship
Thursday	9:30am-11:30am 7:30 pm	5:30pm-7:30pm Kindermusik Choir
Friday	9:00am – Noon	Confession& Absolution
Saturday	9:00am-1:00pm	Kindermusik
Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am	Bible Study & Sunday School Divine Service (C) Practice for Dec. 12 th Concert

**ADVENT DINNER
& COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



**Saturday, December 12th
Dinner @ 5:30 pm
Concert follows @ 7:30 pm**

Please see Bob Rodmell to reserve your seat for the Pot-Blessing Dinner and sign up on the poster provided in the narthex for which dishes you plan to bring. The evening will begin with delicious food and fellowship.



Then join us upstairs at 7:30 pm for the Community Christmas Concert with carol singing. There will be goodie bags for all children and cookies and hot chocolate following the concert.

Please invite family and friends to the concert. They will enjoy music brought to you by many talented musicians from our congregation. Any congregational members wishing to bring their Nativity Sets for display in the narthex before and after the concert, see Paula Hohmann or Kim Grootendorst.