

## First Sunday After Christmas

Introit (sung responsively by half-verse)

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,\*  
**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our  
God.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*  
**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva-| tion  
for him.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the |  
nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house  
of | Israel.\*  
**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our  
God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*  
**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**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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December 27th, 2009

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church  
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### Office Hours

Tues-Wed: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Thurs.: 9:00am-2:00pm

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Bible Study  
Sun. 9:15 am

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

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

Old Testament: Exodus 13: 1-3a, 11-15

Epistle: Colossians 3: 12-17

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

The Nicene Creed is confessed on page 191.

**HYMNS:** 374, 519, 624, 937

**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 Dec. 20th:93; Communion:70;

Offerings: Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: Common: \$2,135; CLWR: \$34; Debt Reduction: \$35; Advent: \$458; Christmas: \$45; Total: \$2,707

**PRAYER REMEMBRANCES:** A. Eugene MacKenzie (mild heart attack); Aina Pesarchuk (safe travel to B.C.); Winslow Osborne (hip replacement in NY); Fred Beisner and Adolph Peltzer (Kingston); 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 and mother Katie (hospitalized in Windsor); Hildegard Vollmer and daughter Heidi; Paul Grant; Kristina Kaverly; Lucie Wunsch.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!

### *The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death*

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus "*brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord*" (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for "*the redemption of Jerusalem*" and "*the consolation of Israel*" (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only-begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His Cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in "*giving thanks to God the Father through Him,*" "*singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,*" including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).

**MISSION QUILTS:** Thank you to the ladies that came out Tuesday mornings to work on the Mission Quilts for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. In 2009 we shipped a total of 60 regular-size quilts, 48 crib-size quilts, 8 baby blankets and 1 knit baby blanket. This is the result of your efforts along with support we get from people in the community that support this mission project by sewing us quilts, donating fabrics for us and by sewing up quilt tops for us. We also appreciate the prayerful support that everyone gives as we work on this mission project. Minnie Harfman and Ann Cameron.

**MORE MISSION PROJECTS:** Thank you also to everyone who came out on Work Days to help put together 224 baby bundles and 130 School kits for CLWR. We couldn't do our mission projects without the donations and support of everyone here at Grace, along with so many in the community that also give so much support. God Bless all of you for caring. Minnie Harfmann. **FYI:** Home Hardware transports our many boxes from all our mission projects, to CLWR in Winnipeg –all at no cost to us.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Your 2010 GLC offering envelopes are now available in your mailbox.

### **PASTOR HETZEL AND FAMILY WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

The Hetzels are visiting family in Windsor and Ohio until New Year's Eve.

If there is an emergency, please contact one of the elders, Mr. Tiegs, Aho, or Kelly or else Rev. Murray.

**This Week Under Grace- December 27th, 2009**

Today	9:15 am 10:30 am	Bible Study & Sunday School Divine Service (C)
Thursday	New Year's Eve	
Friday	Circumcision and Name of Jesus-	New Year's Day
Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am	Bible Study & Sunday School Divine Service (C)

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep Pastor John and Linda Makey and their family in your prayers following the passing of Linda's father on November 27 at home in Cayuga. The funeral was on December 1, 2009, from the funeral home in Cayuga. Prior to becoming a pastor, Pastor Makey did his vicarage at Grace, Oshawa.

**Worship Committee Organ Bursary Guidelines** The Worship Committee of the East District awards bursaries to support the development of church organists. The bursaries are given to persons who apply and best combine the qualifications set out in the guidelines. To view the guidelines visit <http://www.lcceastdistrict.ca/download.htm> .

**Life 'hotline' now in Canada** Lutherans for Life–Canada and Word of Hope, a life ministry affiliated with The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod have established a partnership to provide a 'hotline' service for women contemplating abortion. The US-based agency's toll-free number is now linked with Canada and counsellors can refer Canadian callers to Canadian Christian crisis pregnancy centres or LCC contacts. The toll-free number for Word of Hope is 1-888-217-8679. For more information go to [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org) or [www.lutheransforlife-canada.ca](http://www.lutheransforlife-canada.ca) (Source: LCC InfoDigest)

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** will be celebrated in January. Congratulations and God's blessings to each and every one of you!

***December Birthdays:***

Kristy Aho-Grootendorst - Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ollie Behm – Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Bowler – Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Carson – Dec.30 <sup>th</sup>
June Drexler – Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Doris Due – Dec.15 <sup>th</sup>
Herta Glaser – Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Grant – Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>
James Ibbott – Dec.17 <sup>th</sup>	Shane Kelly – Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>
Olga Litke – Dec.17 <sup>th</sup>	Bianca Parmar – Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>
Lolita Singh-Paul – Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Tiegs – Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>
Reg Tiegs – Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Harri Vilistus – Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>

***December Baptismal Birthdays:***

Jason Bebee – Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chelsea Booroff – Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>
Samuel Curran – Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mara Gaumers – Dec.24 <sup>th</sup>
Matthias Kelly – Dec.6 <sup>th</sup>	Olga Litke – Dec.31 <sup>st</sup>
Frank Macko – Dec.23 <sup>rd</sup>	Verna Nelson-Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Beverley Paul – Dec.15 <sup>th</sup>	Bert Schremmer-Dec.16 <sup>th</sup>
Gail Tiegs-Dec.25 <sup>th</sup>	

David and Kelly Curran celebrated their 31<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is missing from the list please let the church office know. Thank you.