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St. The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Sunday Divine Service, 11am

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LUTHERAN CHURCH – CANADA

Our Order of Service

The Divine Service will follow Setting Three, beginning on page 184 in *Lutheran Service Book*. The bulletin insert provides the parts of the service that are specific to today, **The Festival of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

Visitors to the Lord's Table

Luther once said, "Word and Sacrament are the manger and swaddling clothes into which it has pleased Christ to lay Himself." Just as the shepherds were told where to find Jesus, so also we are told where to find Him today. He is no longer in the humble manger; but by His own promise He is in the humble means of bread and wine of **the Lord's Supper** with His true body and blood. As we receive His gift, the greatest gift we can give to others is a loving witness to the truth of His Word. For this reason we practice closed communion; and guests are asked to speak with the pastor to arrange for a time of instruction before communing.

This Week

Today Divine Service, 11am

Wed New Year's Eve, Service at Grace St. Catharines, 7pm

Thurs Circumcision of Jesus (Luke 2:21)

Next Sunday The Second Sunday after Christmas
Divine Service, 11am

Coming Events

Jan 06 Epiphany Divine Service, 7pm with leftover Christmas social

Jan 10 "Engineering Your Worldview" at Christ Our Saviour Grimsby

Jan 19-20 Pastors Preaching Retreat

Winter Footwear

Please consider bringing a change of footwear to protect the chapel floor from salt and water staining. Monitor weather conditions to make sure that it is safe to come to church.

Epiphany Service and Christmas Leftover Social... Jan 06, 7pm

We have invited Niagara circuit congregations to join us at the Lord's altar on the Festival of the Epiphany to celebrate the wise men coming to worship the baby Jesus. Seminarian Mark Du will be preaching for the service. Afterward we will have a social time at which we invite you to bring in all of your leftover Christmas treats to share. We welcome broken candy canes, dismembered gingerbread men, and assorted cookies.

Call for Nominations for Seminary Award... Jan 06 deadline

The Delta Chi medal is “presented to an individual, either clergy or lay, whose life exemplifies service to Christ in his/her everyday living and vocation.” In nominating, one should consider the person’s service to the congregation, the community, the synodical region, the church at large, church service organisations, and educational institutions. Delta Chi refers to the initials of the Greek expression δῖάκονος χριστοῦ (servant of Christ). Anyone in Lutheran Church-Canada may nominate a candidate. No current faculty or board member is eligible. Please submit your nomination in writing to the seminary or via email to reception@concordia-seminary.ca.

The Limits of Attention and the Engineering of Your Worldview... Jan 10

Register now for this Circuit event at Christ Our Saviour, Grimsby. Dr. Dan Smilek will explore the limits of attention and the principles of worldview subversion. Please RSVP by Dec 27 at www.poplc.ca/attention. Many of our members attended last year and the church hall was full.

Moving Help Requested... Jan 10

Ellen Boudreau is looking for some help in moving things from her apartment in St. Catharines to her new residence in Fonthill. If you are able to help, contact Ellen at 365-880-9130.

Doxology Convocation 2026... May 30 at Risen Christ Mississauga

Sponsored by the dual parish of Risen Christ and Immanuel Georgetown, ministry experts from Doxology will present on:

- a pandemic of loneliness and isolation: help for us and others
- prayer, meditation, and lament: spiritual self-care
- pastoral support for families of LGBT children

Childhood Centre Seeks Volunteer Treasurer

Open Arms Early Childhood Centre, a mission of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (Barrie, ON), is seeking a volunteer treasurer to help ensure that their Christ-centred programming continues to thrive. For more inquiries please email Danielle Gladney, Executive Director danielleg@openarmsbarrie.ca

Niagara College Students for Life

There is a student pro-life club starting at the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus. This club is dedicated to upholding the value of all human life. They will meet several times a month to discuss pro-life topics, take part in fun activities, and educate others on this cause. If you are interested or have questions, please email studentsforlife1@gmail.com

Alone by the Tree, Together at the Altar

In the latest Canadian Lutheran, Pastor Lantz discusses the sorrows of widows and widowers, highlighting the unique place they hold in our wider Christian community.

LCC Convention Update

The Thirteenth Regular Convention of Lutheran Church-Canada will meet from June 12-15, 2026 at the Victoria Inn and Conference Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The theme is "Together One: One Lord, One Faith, One Body," based on Ephesians 4:4-6.

Quest Course on Cross Cultural Ministry Tools.. Jan 27, Feb 3, 10, 17

Concordia Lutheran Seminary (Edmonton) will hold its upcoming 2026 free Quest course with Rev. Dr. Mike Kuhn on Tuesday evenings at 9pm. Each week will feature a different topic:

Jan 27: Avenues for Accessing Vernacular Scriptures;

Feb 03: Creating Culturally Inspired Art Forms by Mother Tongue Scripture;

Feb 10: Trauma Healing Groups and Resources;

Feb 17: Translating the Bible into Action: Scripture Engagement Guide