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The LORD Chooses David
1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sunday School and Bible Class, 10:00 am
Sunday Divine Service, 11:00 am

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LUTHERAN CHURCH – CANADA

Welcome guests and visitors.

We are glad to have you with us. For the time of Easter (Pre-Lent, Lent, and Easter), we will follow the order of Divine Service Setting One, beginning on page 151 of *Lutheran Service Book*. The bulletin insert will guide you through the service and provide you with the parts that are proper for this Sunday of **Quinquagesima**.

The Season of Pre-Lent

We note three Sundays of Pre-Lent before we reach Ash Wednesday. These three Sundays serve as a countdown of anticipation. Septuagesima, the Latin word for 70th, tells us that we are within 70 days of Easter. It is a reminder of the years of exile in Babylon for the Old Testament people of God before their return to Jerusalem. Sexagesima (60th) tells us there are approximately 60 days to Easter and Quinquagesima (50th) falls 50 days before Easter. During Pre-Lent we begin to observe some the customs familiar to the Season of Lent. We silence our Alleluias and the Gloria in Excelsis, as the exiles laid down their harps by the rivers of Babylon (Psalm 137).

We receive the Lord's Supper every Sunday In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada practice closed communion. We would like you to commune with us, but because of the different teachings about this sacred meal we want you to know what we believe and confess before showing your agreement as you join us in this communion meal. Guests who desire to commune with us are thus asked to speak with the pastor to arrange for a time of instruction before giving their public confirmation of what we believe and confess. Everyone who communes should fill out a communion card and leave it in the offering plate before the service.

This Week:

Today Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am
Divine Service, 11am
Mon Family Day Holiday
Tues Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:45pm
Wed Ash Wednesday
Wednesdays in the Word, 3:30-4pm
Divine Service, 7pm
Thurs Private Confession and Absolution, 4-6pm
Fri St. Matthias, Apostle (Acts 1:15-26)
Divine Service with the Seminary community, 10am
Fri-Sun Lutheran Young Adults Retreat at St. Luke's Ottawa

Next Sunday: First Sunday in Lent
Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am
Divine Service, 11am

Coming Events

Feb 26-Mar 01 Pastor at LCC/LCMS Koinonia Event
Feb 27 Mary Martha Society meeting, 1:30pm
Mar 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Lent Vespers, 7pm
Mar 02 Council meeting
Mar 04 Andrew Hayes Organ Recital, 2:30pm at St. Thomas Anglican
Mar 05 LWMLC Niagara Zone Prayer Service, 3pm
Mar 12 Congregational meeting after the service

Return Your Palms

If you saved your palm crosses from last Palm Sunday, you can bring them back to the church before our pancake supper. We will reverently burn the palms to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Call for Reports

The Church Council will be collating annual reports for distribution before our March congregational meeting. If you have one to submit, please send it before the end of February.

The Lutheran Hour

“Table Manners” Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Exodus 24:11). Find and listen to inspiring messages at www.lhm.org or listen live Sunday mornings at 8:30am on radio AM1380.

Lutheran Public Radio

SOLID, SERIOUS, SUBSTANTIVE... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s topics include: The Season of Lent; The Hymn “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee”; The Movie “Living”; Witnessing to Homosexuals; and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, and your favourite podcast provider.

Wednesdays with the Word... 3:30-4pm

Have you been wanting to get into a regular habit of reading the Word of God? Wondering where to begin or how to put it together? Let’s sit down for a half hour to read the Bible together every Wednesday afternoon. Everyone is welcome.

Andrew Hayes Organ Recital... Mar 04, 2:30 at St. Thomas Anglican

Our organist invites you to his student solo recital. "Immersion in the Sounds of Organ" will include selections from Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, Locklair, and Gigout. Admission is free.

The Small Catechism, Owner's Manual... Wednesdays in Lent, 7pm

Luther's Small Catechism was written not only to be memorized, but also as an instruction manual for the practice of the Christian faith. At our Wednesday Vespers during Lent we will let the six chief parts of the Small Catechism guide us through repentance and faith to receive our Saviour.

Ukraine Aid Fund Update

As of February 16, the people of LCC have raised a total of \$714,663.31 for in support of our partner church, the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ukraine.

Earthquake Relief in Turkey and Syria

Canadian Lutheran World Relief is calling on Canadians to pray for those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and to give generously to support their urgent humanitarian needs. Donations can be made by phoning the CLWR office at 1-800-661-2597 Mon-Thur, 9-4, or through their web site www.clwr.org/earthquake.