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**January 08, 2023**



*The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist  
Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, 1860*

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

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### ***Welcome guests and visitors.***

We are glad to have you with us. For the time of Christmas (Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany), we will follow the order of Divine Service Setting Three, beginning on page 184 of *Lutheran Service Book*. The bulletin insert will guide you through the service and provide you with the parts that are proper for this **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**.

***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.

### **This Week:**

Today Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am  
Divine Service, 11am

Thurs Niagara and Hamilton Circuit Pastors Winkel in Fisherville

**Next Sunday:** The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am  
Divine Service, 11am

### **Coming Events**

Jan 16 Mary-Martha Society meeting, 1:30pm  
Jan 22 Potluck Lunch and Wills and Estates Seminar  
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Divine Service, 7pm

### **Thank You**

Pastor Lantz and family would like to thank you all for the many Christmas greetings, cards, and gifts throughout the season.

### **Hamilton and Niagara Circuit Pastors Drawing Together**

Over the last year, the pastors of the Hamilton and Niagara Circuits have occasionally joined together for their respective Winkels (Pastors' gatherings named after the German word for 'corner'). It has been helpful to work together in a wider circle as we overcome the challenges of COVID and look ahead to future challenges for our congregations.

### **Caring for Your Family and Your Church... Jan 22 after the service**

God calls us to care for widows and orphans and those who are dependent upon us. The Lutheran Foundation provides expert help in navigating the area of wills and estates to assist you in carrying out your vocation as a provider with all of the gifts that God has bestowed upon you. Whether you are young or aging, you will gain valuable guidance in making a plan for the good stewardship of your assets. James Krestick from Lutheran Foundation will be with us on January 22. After the service and a potluck lunch he will provide a 1 hour overview of how you can be sure that your resources end up providing for those who will need them most. James receives no commission and does not represent any investment firm. He is a member of Lutheran Church-Canada who knows the ins and outs of estate management and has a desire to help you in your calling as a provider for your family and church.

### **Concordia Seminary Edmonton Calls for Nominations... Mar 15**

Concordia Lutheran Seminary (CLS) in Edmonton has announced that President James Gimbel will retire at the completion of the 2023-24 academic year, and is issuing a call for nominations for the role of Interim President during the transition. The church is invited to nominate candidates, due by March 15, 2023.

### **ILC Releases Statement on Internet Communion**

The International Lutheran Council (ILC)'s Statement on Internet Communion, which was adopted during the ILC's 2022 World Conference in Kenya, has now been released online. "The International Lutheran Council expresses deep concern over the practice of internet communion... We encourage our member bodies to take up this matter and reject this practice."

### **Portals of Prayer**

The Jan-Mar edition of the daily devotional is available by your mail slots. We have many extra copies, if you would like to include our church information and share them with family, neighbours, friends, or to leave as reading material in lobbies and waiting rooms.

### **The Lutheran Hour**

"Gifted" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler: What if we learned to see this world and everyone in it as gifts from God? (Colossians 1:16). Find and listen to inspiring messages at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) or listen live Sunday mornings at 8:30am on radio AM1380.

## **Lutheran Public Radio**

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Biblical Archeology's Top Discoveries of 2022; The Secularization of the West; the Wedding at Cana; Jesus Calls the First Disciples; and more. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org), on the LPR mobile app, or on your favourite podcast provider.

## **God Loves a Cheerful Giver**

The costs of our church and of her missions are facing the same inflationary pressures that you are in your home. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord has blessed and sustained you, as you contemplate your special offerings this Christmas Season and your regular weekly offerings in the coming year.

## **2023 Church Directory**

An updated list of church members with email and phone numbers is now available. Look for yours to come through email or pick up a printed copy at the church mail slots.