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Jesus Feeds 5000

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

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LUTHERAN CHURCH - CANADA

Our Order of Service

For the Time of Easter (Septuagesima, Lent, and Easter) we will follow the order of Divine Service Setting One, beginning on page 151 of *Lutheran Service Book*. During Lent the paraments are violet and we silence our "Alleluias" and the Greater Gloria (Glory to God in the highest...) until Easter. The bulletin insert will guide you through the service and provide you with the parts that are proper for **The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare).**

Lent puts us in a context of contrition and repentance, centered in the cross and resurrection of Christ Jesus. This is the framework within which the entire Lenten fast is undertaken. The Easter feast is thus approached in faith as the very heart of the Gospel, which the Lord has accomplished once for all upon the cross and now bestows upon His Church in the liturgy." *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Services*

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. 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
Tues	Adult Catechism class, 9am
Wed	Afternoon Lent service at Grace St. Catharines, 3:30pm
	Simple Supper, 6:15pm
	Vespers, 7pm
Thurs	Niagara/Hamilton Circuit Pastors' Winkel at Pilgrim Hamilton
	Private Confession and Absolution, 4-6pm
Next S	unday Fifth Sunday in Lent
	Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am
	Divine Service, 11am

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society Annual online mtg, 4pm

Coming Events

- Mar 18 Mary Martha Society meeting, 1:30pm
- Mar 20 Lenten Vespers, 7pm
- Mar 23 Concordia Rocks Curling Bonspiel, Williamsford ON
- Mar 24 Annual reports due
- Mar 28 Holy Thursday Divine Service, 7pm
- Mar 29 Good Friday Chief Service, 11am
- Mar 30 Circuit Easter Vigil, 8pm (with Confirmation for Denise Michaud)
- Apr 03 Council meeting, 7pm
- Apr 06 Andrew Hayes Organ Recital at St. Thomas Anglican, 2pm
- Apr 07 Congregational meeting after the service
- Apr 13 Seminary Guild Day, 9:30am-1pm
- Apr 20 Theology of the Body at Risen Christ, Mississauga, 9am-4:45pm
- Apr 22-24 East Region Pastors and Deacons' Conference

May 3-5Marriage Conference for Young Adults at Grace Kitchener

Preparation for Confession

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbour's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Do I cheat or otherwise seek to get what I have not earned?

Do I take care of what I have, pay what I owe, return what I borrow, and respect other people's property?

Do I give generously, or am I selfish, stingy, and greedy with my time and money?

Am I unfaithful to the responsibilities of my vocation?

Lutheran Public Radio

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Simple Suppers for Lent... Wednesdays before Vespers, 6:15pm

This Wednesday, supper will be available before our Vespers service. If you would like to provide a simple supper for any of the Wednesdays during Lent, you can sign the sheet by our mailboxes.

Annual Reports

It is time to get your annual report in for 2023. All congregational agencies are requested to send their reports to Rachel Lantz rachel.hannah10@gmail.com by March 24.

Theology of the Body Seminar for Pastors and Lay-People

Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Mississauga will host Rev. David Fleming and Clinical Psychologist Dr. Beverly Yahnke, both of the renowned Lutheran service organization Doxology, for this one day conference on Saturday April 20. Their topics include: Wonderfully Made, Christian Worldview and Sexuality; Caring for the Transgender Child; and GPS Essentials for Travelling Through Difficult Conversations; as well as a Question and Answer session. Register before April 05 to ensure the venue has enough space, by contacting Risen Christ Lutheran Church at: <u>risenchristlutheranchurch@gmail.com</u> or 905-625-5117.

2023 Open Doors World Watch List

The annual World Watch List ranks the 50 countries where it is the most dangerous to practice Christianity. More than 360 million (1 in 7) Christians suffer high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith. In 2023 5,621 Christians were killed because of their faith; 2,220 churches and other Christian buildings attacked; 4,542 Christians arrested and imprisoned; and 5,259 abducted. These figures represent only reported incidents, with the actual totals likely to be significantly higher. North Korea remains (for 20 years now) the most dangerous country on earth to be a Christian. China, another communist country is number 14. Muslim majority countries occupy 14 of the top 20 spaces on the list. India is number 11 due to the actions of extremist Hindus.