

Lenten Devotion

During the season of Lent we have the opportunity to intensify our spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charity. Please take advantage of Lenten devotionals, our special services, and the opportunity to give a little more to our church missions.

Ukraine Aid Fund to Support SELC Pastors and Congregations

Rev. Oleg Schewtschenko: *Financial support is very crucial right now. Since the price of gas is going up, delivery costs are going up and so is the price for groceries. In the small villages especially they have very few stores and so the price is sometimes three times what you would pay in larger towns. We are buying as much as we can but it is getting difficult since now we have limitations. As one person, I cannot buy more than two packages of spaghetti, even though I am buying food for 100 people. The money that is sent is used for things like this, to buy and deliver much-needed items to the people.*

You can donate to Lutheran Church-Canada, Ukraine Aid Fund through their website or by noting the amount in addition to your regular Sunday offering. To date we have received from Lutheran Church-Canada members \$104,183.34 for relief of those who are suffering and in dire need of basic necessities of life. Thank you to all in our LCC family who have opened your hearts to our brothers and sisters in Christ in this time of their great need.



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The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

Sunday School and Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Divine Service, 11:00 a.m.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH – CANADA

Welcome guests and visitors.

We are glad to have you with us. For the Time of Easter (Lent, Easter, and Pentecost) we will follow the order of Divine Service Setting One, beginning on page 151 of *Lutheran Service Book*. During Lent the Hymn of Praise and Alleluias are omitted. The bulletin insert will guide you through the service and provide you with the parts that are proper for this **Third Sunday in Lent**.

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 between Christian churches 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 is also streamed live to our Facebook page
Congregational meeting after the service
Mon Mary-Martha Society meeting, 1:30pm
Tues Private Confession and Absolution, 4:30-5:30pm
Wed Lenten Vespers, 7pm
Catechism Class, 7pm
Fri The Annunciation of Our Lord (Luke 1:26-38)
Divine Service with the seminary community, 10am

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Coming Events

Mar 23, 30, Apr 06 Lenten Vespers, 7pm
Apr 14 Holy Thursday Divine Service, 7pm
Apr 15 Good Friday Service, 11am
Apr 16 Easter Vigil, 8pm
Apr 23 Seminary Guild Day

*****Changing Pandemic Concerns*****

Today, face coverings are still required in places of worship, other than during a rite or ceremony incompatible with the face being covered. When not at your seat during the Divine Service, please wear a face covering in the building if you are able.

Starting tomorrow, face coverings are no longer required in places of worship. Niagara Public Health still recommends that face coverings be worn in public, especially by people at high-risk for serious effects of COVID-19. Those who live and work with high-risk individuals will also want to be assured that we are all taking care. Some of us will want to continue to wear face coverings and some of us will want to let our full facial expressions be open to one another. As we gather together as a church family, **please remain diligent for the sake of those who are vulnerable among us**. Whether you are vaccinated or not, whether you have had COVID-19 or not, physical distancing of 2m is still required of everyone. At this time please take all the more care to stay home if you have symptoms, wash hands frequently, and maintain 2m distance.

The Lutheran Hour

“Everything I Have Is Yours” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Being very bad can get one lost, but so can being very good? (Luke 15:1-32) Find and listen to inspiring messages at www.lhm.org

Lutheran Public Radio

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. Is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Responding to the Arguments for Atheism and Agnosticism; Humanism vs. Faith in the Holy Trinity; LGBTQ+ Ideology in the Public Schools; The Post-Resurrected Jesus Appears in Galilee; and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, and your favourite podcast provider.

Are they Hiding in Your Cabinet?... Missing Annual Reports

Our church files are missing Annual Reports for some past years (1974, 75, 79, 80, 83, 84, 1999-2003, 2010, 15, 18, 19). If you have any of these squirrelled away in your home for a rainy day, we would be happy to take them back or to make a copy for the congregation's permanent files.

Congregational Meeting... Mar 20 after the service

Today, after the service we will have a congregational meeting, including the opportunity to discuss the contents of the 2021 annual report. The report has been sent out by email. There are also hard copies available to pick up at the church.