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**January 11, 2026**



The Baptism of Our Lord, by Emma Zamani

**Bible Class and Sunday School, 10am  
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 Baptism of Our Lord**.

## **Visitors to the Lord's Table**

At His Baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus identified completely with us sinful human beings and took His first public step towards the cross. As He did so, the Holy Spirit anointed Him and the Father was well pleased! The Baptism Of Our Lord thus tells us that God is for us and determined to work out our redemption. The **Lord's Supper** tells us that God is still for us and has, in fact, worked out our redemption. Here the very body and blood with which Christ earned our forgiveness is given to us to eat and to drink. In joyful obedience to Scripture, we practice closed communion, and guests desiring to commune are kindly asked to speak with the pastor to arrange for a time of instruction before communing.

## **This Week**

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| Today | Bible Class and Sunday School, 10am                                 |
|       | Divine Service, 11am  |
| Mon   | Mary Martha Society meeting 1:30pm                                  |
|       | Catechism Class at Grace, 7pm                                       |
| Tues  | Hamilton/Niagara Circuit Pastors Winkel in Fisherville              |
|       | Closing of St. Matthew's Smithville and Disposition of the Building |
| Thurs | Back to the Bible, 11:30am Psalms of the Levite Musicians           |

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| <b>Next Sunday</b> | The Confession of St. Peter         |
|                    | Bible Class and Sunday School, 10am |
|                    | Divine Service, 11am                |

## **Coming Events**

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| Jan 19-20                  | Pastors Preaching Retreat                                  |
| Feb 18                     | Ash Wednesday Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes, 7pm |
| Feb 25, Mar 04, 11, 18, 25 | Lent Vespers at Grace 3pm, Resurrection 7pm                |

## **Winter Considerations**

Watch the weather and road conditions to make sure that it is safe for you to be out. Even if the service is not cancelled, it may not be safe for you to venture out. Please also 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.

### **Closing of St. Matthew's Smithville... Jan 13, 2:30pm**

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church located at Smithville, Ontario, was formed in 1945 as a congregation of the Slovak District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In 1989, St. Matthew's made the transfer to Lutheran Church-Canada. In the last year, the decision was made to disband. In November 2025 ownership of the property was transferred to Lutheran Church-Canada. A short order of "Closing of a Congregation" and "Disposition of a Church Building" will be conducted by Hamilton Circuit Counsellor, Rev. Kevin Walrath, at the St. Matthew location, 6441 Townline Road, Smithville, ON. We thank the Lord for choosing to use St. Matthew's congregation for His purposes in proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We shall recognize that reality and give Him praise.

### **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

### **Coldest Night of the Year Walk... Feb 28, 4-7pm**

You're invited to take part in the Coldest Night of the Year, a winter walk in support of people in our community who are experiencing homelessness, hunger, and hurt. This event brings people together to walk, learn, and raise funds that support local care and outreach. The St. Catharines walk will start and finish at the Niagara Pen Centre, offering both the traditional outdoor lived-experience walk and an indoor route for participants with mobility needs. Register with Emily Fieguth to walk, form a team, or make a donation, 905-984-5310 ext. 102 (Tuesday to Thursday, 9am-2pm) or email [efieguth@startmeupniagara.ca](mailto:efieguth@startmeupniagara.ca).

### **New Panel Added to the Baptismal Font**

Have you noticed the new piece of artwork added to the font, on the side facing the pulpit? This fourth panel depicts Jesus preaching and teaching crowds of people, including men, women, and children. In His hand he holds a scroll of Scripture. The icon is the work of Lutheran artist Avery Prozenko (a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Halifax), whose style is a blend of the Coptic and German Lutheran traditions. We are thankful to the Seminary Guild whose members have provided gifts to fund this ongoing project. If you wish to become a member of the Seminary Guild to

support such projects, talk to Sharon Glasser, our Guild Representative.

### **The Star Proclaims the King Is Here... LSB 399**

Our Sunday School hymn for January highlights the main events of the Epiphany season. Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearance”. It is a season which highlights many of the epiphanies of God in human flesh (to the wise men, at His baptism, His miracles, and His transfiguration). Our hymn helps us to keep in mind that Jesus is God come to us in human nature so that His death might be the fitting price for our complete salvation. Use the hymn at home and try to commit it to memory by the end of the month.

### **2026 Resurrection Church Council**

Following the elections at our last congregational meeting, the officers of our church council for 2026 are:

Benjamin Lantz (Chairman/Elder); Renate Radford (Treasurer); Rachel Lantz (Recording Secretary); Ian MacDonald (Elder); Janet Goosen (Property Manager); Rev. Tom Winger (Property Manager); Sallie Putzman (Financial Secretary); and Rev. Kurt Lantz (Pastor).