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# 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 Sunday of the Passion**.

Passiontide begins with the Fifth Sunday of Lent and runs through Holy Week. It signals that we are nearing the end of our Lenten fast and the feast of Easter is not far away. During Passiontide we restrict ourselves to an even greater degree as we sing the liturgy. We now remove the Lesser Gloria (Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...) from our songs. We also restrict our eyes from viewing the holy cross so that we may regard it with all the more appreciation when it is restored to our eyes, even as we will sing our songs with all the more joy when we celebrate the Resurrection 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. 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 (making palm crosses)

Divine Service, 11am

Mon Monday of Holy Week (John 12:1-43)

Tues Tuesday of Holy Week (Mark 14:1-15:47)

Adult Catechism class, 9am

Wed Wednesday of Holy Week (Luke 22:1-23:56)

Pastoral Ministry classes

Thurs Holy (Maundy) Thursday

Back to the Bible reading program, 11:30am (Book of Numbers) Divine Service with Corporate Confession and Absolution, 7pm

Fri Good Friday Chief Service, 11am

Sat Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 8pm

### **Next Sunday** The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Breakfast, 10am Divine Service, 11am

#### **Coming Events**

- 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 Installation of Rev. Jack Hetzel at St. Peter's Stratford, 11:30am
- 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

## **Holy Week Services**

This is the most intense week of the year for Christians. We encourage you in your daily devotions to make use of the readings appointed for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday as listed above.

<u>Holy Thursday Divine Service at 7pm</u> includes Corporate Confession with Individual Absolution at the altar and ends with the Stripping of the Altar in remembrance of how Jesus's body was humiliated by the soldiers on the night of his arrest.

Good Friday Chief Service at 11am includes the reading of the Passion of St. John; the ancient Reproaches of the Lord against His people; the Bidding Prayer for all concerns; and the Adoration of the Holy Cross.

We are hosting the Niagara Circuit Easter Vigil on Saturday at 8pm, beginning outside around the fire. Processing into the darkened church by candlelight, we hear the accounts of the great salvation events from the Bible. Colouring pages are available to help the children follow these readings. Then we celebrate our Baptism, and this year are pleased to include the Confirmation of Denise Michaud. The sudden announcement of the Resurrection leads us into joyous singing and our first reception of Easter Communion with members of our sister congregations throughout the Niagara Circuit. You are welcome to bring some Easter treats to share at a brief social following the service.

# Theology of the Body Seminar for Pastors and Lay-People... Apr 20

I encourage you to register for and attend this seminar at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Mississauga. Rev. David Fleming and Clinical Psychologist Dr. Beverly Yahnke's topics include: Christian Worldview and Sexuality; Caring for the Transgender Child; GPS Essentials for Travelling Through Difficult Conversations; and a Question and Answer session. **Register before April 05** by contacting Risen Christ Lutheran Church at: <a href="mailto:risenchristlutheranchurch@gmail.com">risenchristlutheranchurch@gmail.com</a> or 905-625-5117.

# **Preparation for Confession**

The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbour's house. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbour's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbour's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Do I crave something better, different, or more than what God has given to me? Do I seek to satisfy the desires of my flesh at the expense of the well-being of others? Do I resent or envy those who have what I do not? Am I discontent with the spouse, family, vocation, job, or employees that the Lord has given me? Have I encouraged someone to be unfaithful to spouse, family, friend, vocation, job, or employees? Am I contentious, or have I encouraged disharmony in my congregation, family, or workplace? Have I done all I can to mend or strengthen broken relationships?

#### Free Latin Classes

St. John's Lutheran Church, Snyder offers free classes in Latin and classical studies (online and in person). The classes are free and open to everyone. If you are interested, for yourself or for your children, grandchildren, etc., please contact Rev. Saulo Bledoff at <a href="mailto:saulohz@live.com">saulohz@live.com</a> or 289 990 2395.

<u>LCC Missions</u> Goal for 2024: \$8,000 Sent by Feb 29: \$1,380.00