

Join Us

at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary
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December 15, 2024



Rembrandt, John the Baptist in Prison

Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am

Sunday Divine Service, 11am

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Our Order of Service

Throughout the Season of Christmas (Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany) the Divine Service will follow Setting Three, beginning on page 184 in *Lutheran Service Book*. During Advent the Gloria in Excelsis is not sung, leaving it for the celebration of Christmas. The bulletin insert provides the parts of the service that are specific to today, **The Third Sunday in Advent**.

Should you participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper today?

It is always our desire that all Christians share in the Lord's Table together. You need to know what we believe and confess before showing your agreement as you join us in this communion. As Christ here gives to us His holy body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, those who have no desire to put away their sinful habits should not mock Christ and His gift. As the pastor is the steward of this table, those who do not commune here regularly are asked to speak with the pastor to arrange for a time of instruction before giving their public confirmation of what we believe. If you desire spiritual counsel so that you can commune with repentance and faith, please also arrange for a time to speak with the pastor.

This Week

Today Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am
Divine Service, 11am
Congregational Wedding Shower and lunch after the service
Wed Advent Evening Prayer, 7pm
Thurs Back to the Bible, 11:30am
Private Confession and Absolution, 4-5:30pm
Fri Funeral for Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman at Grace Edmonton, 11am
Sat St. Thomas, Apostle (John 20:24-29)

Next Sunday The Fourth Sunday in Advent
Divine Service, 11am

Coming Events

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7pm
Dec 25 Christmas Day Divine Service, 11am
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Divine Service, 7pm at Grace
Jan 06 Epiphany Divine Service, location to be determined.
Jan 11 Under the Influence: Impact of Media on the Life of the Christian
Jan 24-26 EDLYA Young Adults Retreat at Grace, Kitchener

Accompanists Needed

Resurrection Lutheran Church is looking for accompanists for Sunday and occasional services. If you know of anyone interested in this position, please contact Pastor Kurt Lantz.

Advent Evening Prayer

During the penitential season of Advent we discipline ourselves to hear more of the Word of God, to pray more, and to sing the hymns that help us prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Please join us on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Private Confession and Absolution... Thursdays 4-5:30 or by appt.

In the Confessions of the Lutheran Church we are told that Private Confession and Absolution should not be allowed to fall out of use, but that the emphasis should be placed on the absolution, that is the declaration of the forgiveness of your sins. You can come to the chapel on Thursdays between 4 and 5:30pm to confess any sins that trouble your conscience, and to hear the pastor speak Christ's word of forgiveness to you. You can always arrange for a time to meet with the pastor for this blessed gift of forgiveness.

Under the Influence... Jan 11 at Christ Our Saviour, Grimsby

Do you struggle with the media content you face each day? Whether it's scrolling through social media feeds, watching a film or the newest series on a streaming platform, what tools do you have as a Lutheran to navigate what flashes before your eyes? Join Rev. Ted Giese, pastor of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Regina SK; award-winning contributor to The Canadian Lutheran, and regular guest on the Issues Etc. podcast, who will speak on "Recognizing the Impact of the Media in the Life of a Christian." This is a conversation for the entire family, hosted by the Lutheran congregations of the Niagara and Hamilton Circuits. For more information and to register, go to www.poplc.ca/influence.

Lutheran Public Radio

TRUTH, GOODNESS, & BEAUTY... Issues, Etc. Is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "Gladiator II;" The Hymn "May God Bestow on Us His Grace;" Roman Catholicism & Indulgences; Mary Visits Elizabeth; The Testimony of John the Baptist; and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, or a podcast provider.

Nominations for Seminary Award... Jan 2025

Anyone in Lutheran Church-Canada may nominate a candidate for the Delta Chi award, given by Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines on behalf of the wider church. This “highest and most distinguished award” is “presented to an individual whose life exemplifies service to Christ in his/her everyday living and vocation” in service to the local congregation, the community, the synodical region, the church at large, church service organizations, and educational institutions. Delta Chi refers to the initials of the Greek expression διάκονος χριστοῦ which means “servant of Christ”. Please submit your nomination in writing to the seminary or via e-mail to reception@concordia-seminary.ca. The deadline for nominations is 15 January 2025.

Postal Strike Impacts

During the discontinuation of postal service across Canada, remember that you can find announcements and make donations through the web sites of many of our auxiliaries and listed service organizations at www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/who-we-are/affiliations/