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Join Us

at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary

February 22, 2026



The Temptation of Christ, by Gustave Dore

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 One, beginning on page 151 in *Lutheran Service Book*. The bulletin insert provides the parts of the service that are specific to today, **The Temptation of Our Lord**.

Visitors to the Lord's Table

Ash Wednesday begins the special season of penitential reflection that we call Lent. Ashes are a sign of repentance and sorrow and also a reminder of our human mortality. As this season reminds us of our sin and its wages, it is with repentant joy that we are also reminded of our forgiveness through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Intending to amend our sinful lives, we receive with thankfulness the forgiveness He has promised to give in the **Lord's Supper**. Out of love for God's Word and God's people, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practice closed communion; and guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor to arrange for a time of instruction before joining us at the altar.

This Week

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

Mon-Fri Daily chapel service with the seminary community, 10am

Mon Catechism Class at Grace, 7pm

Tues St. Matthias, Apostle (Acts 1:15-26)
Divine Service with the seminary community, 10am

Wed Pastoral Ministry and Practice Class, 1:15pm
Vespers 3pm at Grace, 7pm at Resurrection (Lives of Godliness)
Annual Reports due to the Recording Secretary

Thurs Back to the Bible, 11:30am (2 Chronicles)
Private Confession and Absolution 4-5:30pm

Next Sunday The Second Sunday in Lent
Bible Class and Sunday School, 10am
Divine Service, 11am

Coming Events

Mar 07 Respect Life Dinner at Club Roma 5pm

Mar 08 Congregational Meeting after the service

Mar 15 Concordia Lutheran Mission Society Annual General Meeting, 7pm

Mar 29 Passion Sunday with Palm Procession

Call for Annual Reports

Reports from our various boards, committees, and church groups are due to the Recording Secretary rachel.hannah10@gmail.com by Feb 25 to be compiled for distribution before our next congregational meeting.

Lent Works of Mercy

To encourage us in our works of mercy during this season of Lent we will have a donation bin available to receive items for the needy. We hope that this will provide a way for us to work together as a congregational family and also to inspire us all to other works of mercy throughout the year.

Church Email Cleanup

For all church related email, bulletin announcements, and church council business, please use resurrection.st.catharines@gmail.com. To email Pastor Lantz only, please use pastorkurtlantz@gmail.com. The many other email addresses that have accumulated over the years are being phased out of use.

Respect for Life Dinner... Mar 07, 5pm at Club Roma

Choose Life Niagara is hosting this dinner with abortion survivor Lauren Eden who will share her powerful story of discovering the truth of her survival, finding healing, and learning that God's purposes are never thwarted by human plans. Join us for dinner, fellowship and an inspiring message. Details and Tickets (\$60; \$30 for students) are available at www.chooselifeniagara.com/Events or call 905-684-7505.

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society Annual Meeting... Mar 15, 7pm

You are welcome to join CLMS's Annual General Meeting via Zoom. Contact Pastor Mark Lobitz mclobitz@gmail.com or (403) 637-2650.

Baptismal Waters Cover Me... LSB 616

Our Sunday School hymn for February was written by Pastor Kurt Reinhardt of Trinity Lutheran Church in Kurtzville, ON. He wrote the hymn while a seminary student and reflecting upon his experience of approaching this altar to receive Holy Absolution. The hymn refers to the crucifix behind the altar and the physical touch and voice of the pastor speaking Christ's words of forgiveness. Experience the reality behind the hymn by arranging with the pastor to come for Private Confession and Absolution.

Lenten Vespers: "Lives of Godliness"... Wednesdays in Lent

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence" (2 Pet 1:3). Plan to attend the upcoming Wednesday Vespers services during Lent, when we will examine "Lives of Godliness" exemplified for us in Abraham, Job, Joseph, and Mary. These saints were given the same divine power for godliness that the Lord gives to you "to escape from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire" (2

Pet 1:4). Services will be held twice on Wednesdays, beginning Feb 25: 3pm at Grace St. Catharines, and 7pm at Resurrection St. Catharines. This week: Abraham's FAITH in God's promises.

Conversations

Why do pastors geographically stand in one location at different points during the service and even face specific locations at other points?

Pastor's movements convey meaning throughout the Divine Service. While this may vary from church to church depending on how it is architecturally constructed, pastors will often begin the Divine Service outside of the chancel area (the area immediately surrounding the altar). Following the Invocation and Confession and Absolution, the pastor will then move from the nave (outside the chancel) to the Sanctuary (inside the chancel) as the forgiveness of sins has been pronounced. Through forgiveness in Christ we are then worthy to enter into the presence of the divine (signified by the altar-the very place where the Lord comes to us with His body and blood in the Holy Sacrament. Pastors will then speak from different areas for different purposes throughout the service: lectern to read the Holy Scriptures; pulpit to preach the Word of God; before the altar to offer up the prayers of the church to our Lord. Note that when the pastor is speaking on God's behalf, he will face the people, but when he is speaking on behalf of God's people, he will face the altar. (Rev. Jacob Quast serves as the Director of Domestic Missions for Lutheran Church-Canada).