

Join Us

at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary
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The Parable of the Vineyard Owner by Emma Zamani

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*. The bulletin insert provides the parts of the service that are specific to today, **Septuagesima**.

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

Mon Family Day holiday

Tues-Fri Weekday Daily Chapel Services, 10am

Wed Divine Service with the Seminary community, 10am

Thurs Back to the Bible, 11:30am (Judges)

Private Confession and Absolution, or spiritual counsel is available with the pastor upon request.

Next Sunday Sexagesima (about 60 days to Easter)

Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am

Divine Service, 11am

Coming Events

Mar 01 Choose Life Niagara Annual Dinner, 5pm

Mar 05 Ash Wednesday, Divine Service, 7pm

Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 02, 09 Lent Vespers, 7pm

Mar 16 Congregational meeting after the service

Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Divine Service, 7pm

Apr 18 Good Friday Chief Service, 11am

Apr 19 Easter Vigil, 8pm

Apr 28-30 East Region Pastors and Deacons' Conference

The Gesima Season

In between the seasons of Epiphany and Lent are three Sundays which help us to make the transition. Marking about 70 days before Easter we are reminded of the 70 years in which the Jews were exiled to Babylon. The people were warned by the prophets that because of their continued rebellion, God would hand them over to another nation. But He also promised that after 70 years and the turning of their hearts, He would bring them back to their own land. Psalm 137 helps us to remember that our life in this world is a life in a foreign land. We are not in our eternal homeland. *"By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!' How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?"* Beginning with the Gesima Sundays we put away our singing of Alleluias and the great Gloria in Excelsis, reserving them for the coming celebration of Easter. For the Lord has promised that He will also bring us to our eternal homeland.

Lutheran Public Radio

KARAOKE FOR CHRISTIAN HYMNS... You can sing hymns like "Now Thank We All Our God," "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven Behold," "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done," "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe," and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 50 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at www.lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke.

Mission Minute: Nicaragua

The Lutheran Church in Nicaragua joyfully celebrated the installation of Rev. Felix Sanchez and Rev. Agustin Lanzas, who have been called to serve a new mission congregation in the capital city of Managua, established with the help of Lutheran Church-Canada. These pastors will shepherd this growing mission congregation, offering spiritual guidance, preaching the Gospel, and administering the Sacraments—providing a strong Confessional Lutheran presence and bringing the message of Christ's grace and salvation to those in need.

Choose Life Niagara Annual Dinner... Mar 01, 5pm at Club Roma

Guest Speaker Liana Gordon will share her story from being an adamant pro-choice teenager to a passionate advocate for life and talk about effective ways we can defend the sanctity of life. Details and tickets (\$60, Students \$30) available at www.ChooseLife.ca/Events or call 905-684-7505.

Return Your Palm Crosses

Palm crosses from last year's Palm Sunday procession can be returned over the next three weeks. We will burn the palms to make the ashes for our Ash Wednesday Service.

Don't Be Shy to Step In

Part of the reality of a small congregation like ours is that there are not too many people who know how to do the many things that need to happen on a regular basis. We are hoping that you can help out by learning one or two things that need to be done regularly. Some of the areas where we run short when key people are away or have multiple responsibilities are: setting up the altar for the Lord's Supper and cleaning afterwards; counting and recording the offerings after the service; and running the live stream of the service. If you think you could be a support in any of these areas, please step up and let those who are looking after these things know that you are willing to learn and be a substitute.

Call for Annual Reports

All agencies of the congregation are asked to submit their 2024 reports by February 28, to rachel.hannah10@gmail.com to be included in the congregation's Annual Report.