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*The Temptation of Jesus
by Gustave Dore*

**Sunday School and Bible Class, 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 First Sunday in Lent**

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

Tues Hamilton and Niagara Circuit Pastors Winkel in Grimsby

Wed Vespers, 3pm at Grace; 7pm at Resurrection

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

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

Next Sunday Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am
Divine Service, 11am
Congregational meeting after the service

Coming Events

Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 02, 09 Lent Vespers, 3p at Grace, 7p at Resurrection

Apr 06 Concordia Lutheran Mission Society Annual meeting on-line, 6pm

Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Divine Service, 7pm

Apr 18 Good Friday Chief Service, 11am

Apr 19 Easter Vigil, 8pm

Apr 26 Seminary Guild Day, 9am-1pm

Apr 28-30 East Region Pastors and Deacons' Conference

The Season of Lent

Beginning with Ash Wednesday (March 05), the Season of Lent lasts 40 days, in connection with the days and nights of rain during the flood in Noah's time; the time that Moses spent on Mount Sinai receiving the Law from the LORD; and the years of wandering in the wilderness before the children of Israel were permitted into the promised land. These times during which the people of God contemplated the deserved wrath of God upon their sins, and yet His wondrous grace to keep them safe and see them through to a new life, inspire us to take time to focus on the same way in which God deals with us by His grace. Sundays are not included in the 40 day count, as they always remind us of our new life in the resurrected Jesus. So take the time throughout these 40 days to contemplate and exercise your devotion with prayers (including our midweek Lent Vespers), giving of alms (offerings and charitable gifts), and fasting (letting our bodies feel the hunger for God's good gifts). We also continue to hold back our singing of Alleluias and the great Gloria in Excelsis, reserving them for the coming celebration of Easter.

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society Annual Meeting... Apr 06, 6pm

You are invited to the CLMS annual general meeting (via Zoom) to hear reports on the mission work of CLMS and the generous gifts of our donors. Email Rev. Mark Lobitz at mclobitz@gmail.com for a link to the meeting.

Seminary Guild Day... Apr 26, Early Registration by Apr 04.

Please come to meet the students, support their formation, participate in the decision-making, and enjoy a light lunch together. Professor Dr. Daniel Smilek (University of Waterloo) will be the featured guest speaker, continuing his presentation on how people process information and how it affects their beliefs. Register before Apr 04 for \$16 or by Apr 17 for \$21. Email guild@concordia-seminary.ca.

What God Has Joined Together... May 9-11

Grace Lutheran Church in Kitchener will host a conference with Dr. Adam Koontz on the topic, "Life is a Gift." Worship, learn, and meet other Lutherans. Families are encouraged to attend together. Reserve tickets at www.whatgodhasjoinedtogether.ca.

EFC Response to Recommendation to Remove Charitable Status

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC), of which Lutheran Church-Canada is a member, expressed concern in light of the parliamentary recommendation to remove the advancement of religion as a charitable purpose and "no longer provide charitable status to anti-abortion

organizations.” Our country has about 23,000 Christian congregations, many of which have charitable status. The impact of this change would also be far reaching and devastating to other religious charities, to those they serve, and to Canadian society. The EFC reminds Canadians that these recommendations do not have to be adopted. Therefore they encourage strong advocacy as a preventative measure. The EFC has written to the finance minister and is calling Christians to contact their local MPs to oppose these recommendations. You can keep updated on this issue at www.evangelicalfellowship.ca.

Lent Devotionals from Lutheran Hour Ministries

LHM-Canada is providing free Lenten devotionals in English, French, and Chinese. “Servant of the Lord” features daily devotions. “Caring All the Way to the Cross” is a devotional designed for families to be used once a week. Colouring and activity pages complement the devotions. You can download both devotionals from the website of Lutheran Laymen’s League-Canada www.lll.ca.

Lutheran Public Radio

TRUTH, BEAUTY, GOODNESS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: The Book of James & Faith Alone; Biblical Leadership; The Filioque & Eastern Orthodoxy; Do Lutherans Believe in Once Baptized Always Saved?; and more. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.