

Join Us

at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary
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December 22, 2024



The Visitation

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 Fourth 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 Divine Service, 11am

Decoration of the Christmas Tree after the service

Tues Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7pm

Wed Christmas Day Divine Service, 11am

Thurs St. Stephen (Acts 6:8-7:60)

Fri St. John (John 21:20-25)

Sat The Holy Innocents (Matthew 2:13-18)

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

Next Sunday The First Sunday after Christmas
Divine Service, 11am

Coming Events

Dec 31 New Year's Eve Divine Service, 7pm at Grace

Jan 06 Epiphany Divine Service, at Redeemer Hamilton, 7pm

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.

New Year's Eve Communion Service... Dec 31, 7pm at Grace

Grace Lutheran Church, 213 Linwell Rd. invites members of her sister congregations in the Niagara Circuit to join them in prayer and fellowship. Following the service all are welcome to tarry for a time and enjoy hot apple cider, coffee, hot chocolate and assorted goodies. If you want to share some of your Christmas baking, please bring it along.

Epiphany Service... Jan 06, 7pm at Redeemer Hamilton

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 15 Wexford Ave. S., Hamilton, invites you to join in a circuit wide Epiphany service to commemorate the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. Coffee and snacks will be available after the service. Parking is available on the street and across from the church in the school parking lot.

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

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON... Your favourite Christmas hymns are playing throughout the twelve days of Christmas. You can listen 24/7 at www.lutheranpublicradio.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, or a podcast provider.

CLWR Job Posting

Canadian Lutheran World Relief is looking to fill the position of Program Manager – Humanitarian Assistance. More information can be found on their web site.

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/