

## Join Us

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## February 02, 2025



*The Feast of the Purification of Mary and  
the Presentation of Our Lord*

**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, **The Feast of the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord**.

## ***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

Refreshments in the lounge after the service

Weekday Daily Chapel Services, 10am

Mon Mary Martha Society meeting, 1:30pm

Wed Divine Service with the Seminary community, 10am

Elders meeting, 6pm

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

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

**Next Sunday** The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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 Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord**

The Law of Moses commanded that all firstborn male infants should be consecrated and the mother be purified after 40 days. When Mary and Joseph went up to Jerusalem to present Jesus and offer a sacrifice, they encountered Simeon and Anna, faithful servants of God. Simeon's words while holding Jesus are sung by us as the Nunc Dimittis, following the Lord's Supper and in Prayer Offices at the close of the day.

## **Lutheran Public Radio**

EASTERN ORTHODOXY SERIES... How is Confessional Lutheranism similar and different to Eastern Orthodoxy? Issues Etc., a radio talk show and podcast, is doing a series on Eastern Orthodoxy with LCMS Pastor Joshua Schooping, who is a former Eastern Orthodox priest. You can listen to this multi-part series at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, or a podcast provider.

## **Mission Minute: French Ministries**

Lutheran Church-Canada's Francophone Lutheran Liturgical Institute (ILLF) provides support in the French language to those responsible for teaching and carrying out pastoral work in areas pertaining to the Lutheran liturgy. There is no central francophone publishing house or francophone Lutheran library to go to for such resources in the French language. ILLF is an effort to remedy the undesirable necessity for improvisation, use of non-Lutheran resources or translations. We provide solid Lutheran documentation in the French language. Remember to pray for Rev. Dr. David Somers, Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French Ministries in Quebec, and all of our French language pastors.

## **LWMLC Seeks Seminar Working Group Members**

Each triennium, Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada (LWMLC) provides a seminar by women for use by the women of the church. The purpose of these seminars is to encourage women as they "grow in God's Word, share God's Son and serve God's people." The LWMLC Member Development Committee is currently searching for several women to work together in establishing a theme and creating the new seminar. This triennium's seminar will be ready for use in 2026. If you enjoy working with others to create Bible studies, vignettes, related activities and choosing related music, and so on, this may be for you. To learn more or to express your interest in serving, email Ruth Coe, Vice-President Member Development or call 1-905-383-0366.

### **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](http://www.ChooseLife.ca/Events) or call 905-684-7505.

### **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](mailto:rachel.hannah10@gmail.com) to be included in the congregation's Annual Report.