

## Join Us

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### March 23, 2025



*Jesus Casts Out the Mute Spirit*  
by Emma Zamani

**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 Third Sunday in Lent, Oculi (My eyes)**

## ***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-Fri Daily Chapel at 10am

Tues Annunciation of Our Lord  
Divine Service with the seminary community, 10am

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** Fourth Sunday in Lent, Laetare  
Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am  
Divine Service, 11am

## **Coming Events**

Mar 26, Apr 02, 09 Lent Vespers, 3pm at Grace, 7pm 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 20 Easter Breakfast

Apr 26 Seminary Guild Day, 9am-1pm

Apr 28-30 East Region Pastors and Deacons' Conference

May 04 Resurrection's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service and BBQ

## **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](mailto:mclobitz@gmail.com) for a link to the meeting.

### **Niagara Circuit Easter Vigil... Saturday, Apr 19, 8pm at Resurrection**

Resurrection Lutheran Church is hosting the Niagara Circuit Easter Vigil service with pastors from our circuit congregations participating in the liturgy. Gathering around an outdoor fire, we light the Paschal Candle and follow it into the darkened church, where we hear the great accounts of the Lord's mighty acts of salvation. After a remembrance of Baptism and pious prayer, the great Easter Acclamation breaks the darkness and we joyfully celebrate the first Easter communion of the season. You can bring some Easter snacks and treats to share at a brief social time after the service.

### **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](mailto:guild@concordia-seminary.ca).

## **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service and BBQ... May 04**

This year we rejoice for 60 years of God's grace being poured out through Resurrection Lutheran Church. Please reserve the date and give a personal invite to family and missing church members to join us on this day. A BBQ lunch will follow the service with meat provided. You may bring a side dish or dessert to share. Coordinate with Denise Michaud.

## **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." The impact of this change would be far reaching and devastating to all 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](http://www.evangelicalfellowship.ca).

## **Lutheran Public Radio**

BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Ecclesiastes. You can listen at your convenience at [www.thewordendures.org](http://www.thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.