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Under current restrictions there is ample parking
available in Lot N, at the side door. Please remember to
return your parking pass before leaving.

February 21, 2021



*Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Eph. 6:11*

Sunday Divine Service, 11am

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Welcome guests and visitors.

We are glad to have you with us. For the seasons of Lent and Easter we will follow the order of Divine Service Setting One, beginning on page 151 of *Lutheran Service Book*. The service outline (attached separately) will guide you through the service and provide you with the parts that are proper for this **First Sunday in Lent**.

We receive the Lord's Supper every Sunday.

In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada practice closed communion. We would like you to commune with us, but because of the different teachings between Christian churches we want you to know what we believe and confess before showing your agreement as you join us in this communion meal. Guests who desire to commune with us are thus asked to speak with the pastor to arrange for a time of instruction before giving their public confirmation of what we believe and confess. Everyone who communes should announce to the pastor within a few days ahead of the Sunday.

Throughout the winter please bring a change of footwear in order to preserve the chapel floor from salt stain and deterioration. Kneeling cushions are stacked neatly at the back of the chapel. At the end of the service return the hymn books spine down in their holders. While we are restricted to 10 people for religious services, parking for all is available in Lot N. Please be sure to return your reusable parking pass before leaving.

We continue to live stream services and daily prayer as we are able on our church Facebook page: Resurrection Lutheran Church Canada at <https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionLCC/>. We pray that everyone will be able to join us in person soon.

This Week:

Today Matins live stream, 7:30am
 Divine Service in person for 10 people and live stream at 9am
 Service of the Sacrament in groups of 10 at 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12
Mon-Sat Matins live stream, 8am
Tues Church Council online meeting
Wed St. Matthias, Apostle
 Vespers, 7pm (The Christian's Respite in a Time of Pandemic)
Thurs Announce for the Service of the Sacrament 905-688-1226
Sat Announce for the Service of the Sacrament 905-688-1226

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday in Lent
 Matins live stream, 7:30am
 Divine Service in person for 10 people and live stream at 9am
 Service of the Sacrament in groups of 10 at 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12

Coming Events

Mar 03, 10, 17, 24 Lenten Vespers, 7pm

Divine Service During Grey-Lockdown

Religious services are currently limited to 10 people. Attending a religious service is one of the few reasons permitted to be out of your home. We are grateful that the provincial government and public health officials recognize the public health benefit that religion plays toward the good of society in general, and its importance for the mental and emotional health of individuals. More specifically we know that through Word and Sacrament, our Lord gives Himself to us in order to conquer sin, death, and the devil in whatever manner they seek to destroy the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. During the last shutdown we went far too long without receiving the Sacrament.

The Divine Service will be conducted every Sunday at 9am. Note the time change. 10 persons are allowed to be present and the service will be broadcast on our Facebook Page: Resurrection Lutheran Church Canada. At the conclusion of this service the people present will receive communion and then promptly leave and surfaces will be sanitized, so that another group of up to ten people, having watched the Service of the Word on line, can come to receive the Sacrament. They will promptly leave and surfaces will be sanitized for another group, and so on until all who wish to receive our Lord's Body and Blood have had a chance to do so.

In order for this to work, you will need to schedule your household's time for communion, by announcing to Pastor Lantz your desire to receive the Lord's Supper. Please call the church phone (905-688-1226) on Thursday or Saturday, and be sure to talk to Pastor Lantz so that you receive confirmation of your scheduled time. By beginning the full service at 9am, we can safely space out communions afterwards at 10:30, 11:00, 11:30; 12:00, as many times as needed.

Please continue to observe all of the regular health precautions:

Stay at home as much as you can;

If you have any symptoms get tested for COVID-19;

Wash your hands frequently;

Wear a mask inside all public buildings;

Wear a mask outside if you cannot maintain 2m physical distance.

LBTC 50th Anniversary... 2024!

Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada, in preparing for this celebration, is asking artistically-minded people to submit designs for an anniversary year logo. Submissions can be sent to Pastor Ron Mohr at pastor.r.mohr@lbtc.ca by September 01. Anyone can submit ideas for ways to celebrate together, engaging young and old in the great mission work God is doing through Bible translation ministry.

The Christian's Guide for Life in Time of Pandemic... Lenten Series 2021

In our midweek services this season of Lent we will work our way through the Catechism and see what instruction it has for Christians living in a time of pandemic.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 17, "Death Recalls Us to the God of Life"

Midweek Lent 1, Feb 24, "God's Respite for Life"

Midweek Lent 2, Mar 03, "Loving the Life of Your Neighbour"

Midweek Lent 3, Mar 10, "God's Living Word Brings Life"

Midweek Lent 4, Mar 17, "Prayer in the Battle of Life and Death"

Midweek Lent 5, Mar 24, "Baptized to Live in the Face of Death"

Holy Thursday, Apr 01, "Jesus' Body and Blood for Your Body and Blood"

Good Friday, Apr 02, "Jesus' Life Has Purchased Life for You"

Seasonal Hymn: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

This beautiful hymn by Samuel Crossman (1624-1683) has a strong, naive directness and charm in its treatment of the Passion of Jesus. Instead of focusing on the coarse, hard, physical elements of the suffering and death of Jesus (cross, nails, crown of thorns), the hymn directs us to contemplate the unfathomable love of God for sinners who received His outpouring of mercy and compassion with loveless scorn. That divine love of pure grace is the only thing that can make a sinner lovely. "Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be."

The sweet accompanying tune by John Ireland was reportedly written in 15 minutes on a scrap of paper. Its irregular rhythm makes it attractive and moving in the midst of more generic hymn structures. It is not the usual hymn style, but neither is it difficult to learn.

Lutheran Public Radio

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at www.lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Baptismal Font Project

When Dr Wilhelm Torgerson retired from teaching at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, a fund was started to acquire a baptismal font for the seminary chapel. The project has received a boost from memorial donations in memory of Pastor's wife, Linda Lantz. The baptismal font is always a prominent fixture in the church because it is not only the place where we are united to Christ's death and resurrection, but a lifelong reminder that death has no lasting claim on us. Throughout Epiphany we sang "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It. I Am Baptized into Christ." Now that our congregation has moved into the seminary building, it is especially appropriate for this project to come to

completion. Construction has already begun and may be completed by the end of April. Just a few more special donations will cover the cost. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can send a donation direct to the seminary, noting its purpose, or online donations may be made from their web site www.concordia-seminary.ca