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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.

January 24, 2020



*The saying is trustworthy that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 1 Timothy 1:15*

Sunday Divine Service, 11am

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Welcome guests and visitors.

We are glad to have you with us. For the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany we will follow the order of Divine Service Setting Three, beginning on page 184 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 **Feast of St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor**.

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 Morning Prayer 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 Morning Prayer live stream, 8am
Mon Conversion of St. Paul (Acts 9:1-22)
Tues St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor (Acts 20:28-35)
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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer 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

Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Divine Service, 7pm

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

Divine Service During the Provincial Stay-at-Home Order

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.

Lutheran Public Radio

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Conversion of Paul; The Book of Revelation; The New Testament Manuscripts; The Need for a Global Children's Rights Movement; Discussion Social Issues with Progressives; and more. You can listen anytime, anywhere at www.issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, and your favourite podcast provider.

Your Seminary Needs Your Financial Support

Quality theological education comes at a cost. Our parent body, Lutheran Church-Canada, was founded with two main purposes: missions and seminary education. We are blessed to receive financial support from synod (a portion of your mission offering) to cover about 20% of our budget. Another 10% or so comes from tuition fees. The rest – some 70% - must be raised through private donations, fundraising events, and the proceeds of our general endowment fund. There are various ways for you to support Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary:

- Give by credit card, PayPal, or Electronic Fund Transfer
- Donate to the Concordia Seminary Foundation
- Join the seminary's 1000 Club by donating \$1000
- Consider a gift of shares or a deferred gift (bequest)
- Donate food items directly to the student pantry
- Join the Seminary Guild to support projects directly related to student needs (talk to Gail Julie).

Seasonal Hymn: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

This modern-sounding hymn is actually 300 years old in Germany, as is the musical tune that goes with it. It has become a favourite to English-speakers in recent years due to the translation by Pastor Robert Voelker, at the suggestion of former Lutheran Church-Canada President Robert Bugbee. It has always been a favourite in Germany because of its joyful tone expressing the glorious gifts we have in our baptism.

The enemies of the Christian are boldly identified stanza by stanza and their sound defeat in Holy Baptism is exultingly proclaimed with the firm assurance that this victory is mine. The first stanza makes the connection between baptism and the crucifixion of Christ, as we read in Romans 6. This cross is where sin, Satan, and death were defeated, and in Holy Baptism the victory of the cross is applied to us directly. This allows us to boldly address the very real fears we face each and every day with the truth of God's promises. It is a wonderful hymn for children to memorize and for the elderly and infirm to have firmly entrenched in memory, to sing around the house, in church, and at funerals. The hymn is also available as an illustrated children's book by Jonathan Mayer, which would make a good gift on a baptismal birthday. I am baptized into Christ!

Mission Offerings

Praise the Lord, from whom all blessings flow, that during a year when pestilence prevented many from attending church and increased the need of support for all of our Lutheran Church-Canada missions, we were able to exceed our mission goal. We modestly increased our goal for 2021 and should be able to exceed it as well this year. Portions of these mission dollars support Lutheran efforts in Ukraine, Southeast Asia, and Central America, as well as Canadian missions in the maritime provinces, far north, urban ministries, French ministries, struggling congregations near and far, and also our two seminaries.