

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 19, 2017



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Love
your
enemies
and pray for those who persecute you

Matthew 5:44



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church Canada

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The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

9:45 am - Sunday School and Bible Classes for All Ages

6:30 pm - Adult Instruction Class

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four, LSB page 203

Hymns: 829, 849, (633, 738) 727

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (Pew Bible, Page 721)
1 Corinthians 3:10-23 (Pew Bible, Page 1106)
St. Matthew 5:38-48 (Pew Bible, Page 936)

Anthem: *"There Is A Saviour"* by Greg Nelson, Bob Farrell, Sandi Patti Helvering
(by Ashley Carter-Black, Peter Black, Mike & Michelle Tracz; J. Massicotte ~ accompanist)

Sermon: St. Matthew 5:38-48

“SUPERNATURAL LOVE”

Special Music: (8:30) Jonathan Astley (French horn)
(11:00) Gabrielle George (piano)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Preacher*),
Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Rev. Dieter Kays &
Emmanuel George (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Jennifer Massicotte
(*Organist*), Emma Sommer (*11:00 Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*),
Chris Bohl (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: We pray for our members of our congregation who struggle with **cancer, depression, dementia, mental illness and other illness**; we pray for **Ruth Swartz** as she recovers in Hamilton hospital and **Paul VanderGriendt** as he continues his rehabilitation in Toronto; for all those who remember the **death of a loved one**; for **all marriages** that God would strengthen them and fill them with His grace, mercy and love; for all who struggle in relationships that God would bring His wisdom and healing. We thank the Lord for His amazing unconditional love for all and we pray that God would empower us to share Him with others.

Adult Information Class is **tonight from 6:30-8:30 pm** and will discuss 'A Spirit Who Converts You'. If you are interested in joining our church or simply looking to review what we believe, please join us.

Today's Education Hour

Sunday School SPECIAL today! Time Together Families – Grade 7 will meet in the Basement at 9:45 a.m. to experience the excitement of Jesus' healing miracles. Thanks Val & Heather for leading!

We'll start to decorate the "Bless you!" tissue gift boxes today – bring 1 next week if you didn't already have the chance.

Youth will meet with Marjorie and discuss Hinduism.

YABS will meet in the Triple Bible classroom.



Adult Bible Class will continue its Reformation 500 study of the book of Romans. Today we move into a new section of the letter as we begin chapter 5 which focuses on what difference God's grace in Christ makes in our lives in this world. Grab a coffee and join the discussion in the sanctuary beginning at 10 am!

Coming Events...

Pizza & Movie Night featuring "*Finding Dory*" is happening here at Holy Cross **Friday, February 24 at 6:00 pm**. If you're coming for "This House" join us for pizza before. Sign-up sheets are available at the welcome centre.

Need a tissue? So do our schools! The Sunday School kids are doing a project of collecting Kleenex boxes (new, full boxes) and donating them to local schools **today** and next week, **Sunday, February 26**. Bring them to the basket in the Parlour.

LINC Gifts & Talent fair and Campfire singalong this **Wednesday, February 22**. If you cannot make it for supper, we invite you to the basement @ 7:25 where we will share the joys God has given us! We've had photographs, knitting, dancing, instruments played by nose, and now we'd love to see your collections or hear about your special interest. Email henri@holycrosskitchener.org to RSVP so we can set up a table and/or give you a time slot. We will wrap up around 8:15.

Pancake Supper will be held **Wednesday, March 1 at 5:30 pm** with our LINC program. If you aren't already attending LINC please sign-up at the welcome centre.

Clean Out Your Children's Books! A box has been placed at the back entrance to collect children's Christian books from **now until March Break**. If you have some children's books in good condition, they will go to a member's 'free little library' where neighbours can take a book. What a neat ministry to do from your own home!

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	67 & 177	Total 244	('16 – 288)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 25 Staff: 14	Total 39	('16 – 55)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 46 Staff: 1	Total 47	('16 – 49)
YABS:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 2	Total 9	('16 – 3)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 8 Staff: 3	Total 11	('16 – 9)

Memorials: In memory of **ROBERT HANNER, KAY HEARNDEN, JOAQUIN TELSER** to the *Organ Fund* from Ken & Dianne Frank. In memory of her sister **FLORENCE ECKESTEIN** to the *Organ Fund* from Jennie Bloch.

Weekly Calendar

Monday February 20 to Sunday February 26, 2017

Monday	Family Day, <i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Stewardship, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Quilters, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Board of Church Property, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Friday	Pizza & Movie Night, <i>Downstairs</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
	'This House', <i>Parlour</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth room</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
	Pizza & Playtime, <i>Gym</i>	12:15 p.m.
	Adult Instruction Class, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.

"By God's grace, the members of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a caring, vibrant diverse community of blessed believers, lovingly reaching out with the message of Jesus Christ." - *Vision Statement 2010*