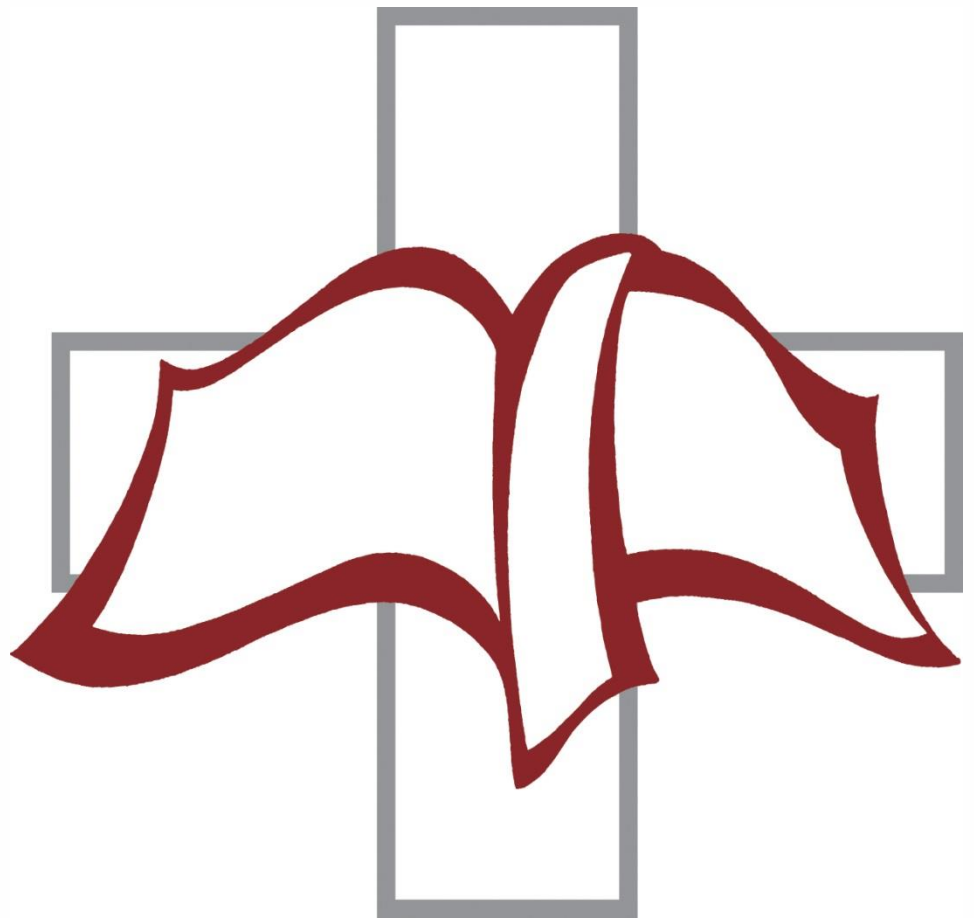


# The First Sunday in Lent

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

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

12:15 pm - Pizza & Playtime

6:30 pm - Adult Instruction Class

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

**Hymns:** 560, 657, (655, 424) 727

**Readings:** Genesis 3:1-21 (Pew Bible, Page 3)  
Romans 5:12-19 (Pew Bible, Page 1093)  
St. Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 935)

**Anthem:** *"For He Will Command His Angels"* by Beth Gibney (by Sunday School Children  
Henrietta Schafer, director; Kaitlyn Neustaedter, accompanist)

**Sermon:** "DIALOG WITH THE DEVIL" St. Matthew 4:1-11

**Special Music:** (8:30) Hope Bindseil, Mackenzie Szasz (piano)  
(11:00) Isaiah Bridgemohan, Evangeline Branje, Braden Fergin,  
Madison Neustaedter, Justus Schafer (piano),  
Brigitte Bridgemohan, Samuel Schafer (violin)

**Serving in God's House Today:** Pastor Nolan Astley (*Parlour*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*),  
Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Earl Famme, Carl  
Kuhl (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Samuel  
Clay (*8:30 Acolyte*), Isaiah Bridgemohan (*11:00 Acolyte*), Jerry Golschesky  
(*8:30 Sound Operator*), Mike Koch (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

**Our Sunday sermons** in Lent will all focus upon conversations Jesus has with various individuals in his ministry. Today we will hear him converse with the devil and in the weeks to come we will overhear His discussions with Nicodemus, a Samaritan woman, a man born blind, and a dead man. In each conversation he gives us a deeper understanding of his love and how that love affects our lives.

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers we ask God to bless us in this season of Lent, strengthening our faith and fixing our eyes firmly on Jesus who journeyed to the cross to take away our sin. We pray for those who are **confirmation classes** asking God to bless their growth in His word. We remember those of our congregation who look to the Lord for healing including **Lloyd Allenson** who has been in hospital following heart valve replacement surgery. We also ask God's comfort for **Paul Schmidt and family** as they mourn the passing of Paul's father.

**Pastor Astley** will be out of the office from Monday to Friday this week, helping certain family members move to Moncton, NB.

**Adult Information Class** continues this evening **from 6:30-8:30 pm** as we focus upon the Lord's Supper, a meal that feeds you. We begin at 6:30 and everyone is welcome!

# Today's Education Hour

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**Children Sing in the Late service today!** Meet in the basement immediately after Sunday School please; we will sit in front pews by the piano and after singing you can sit with your family!

**Pizza & Gym time *today*** for Grade 6 & 7 families. Meet us in the GYM after late service!

**Sunday School** students will learn about the Healing of Jairus' daughter.

**Time Together Families** will meet with Beth downstairs at 10:00 a.m. You're also welcome to join us in the sanctuary for Sunday School Opening at 9:45!

**Youth** will examine different types of Lutheranism with Michelle & Nicole.

**YABS** will meet with Emmanuel to discuss Church Year celebrations.



**Adult Bible Class** will move into Romans 6. Many people misinterpreted the message of God's free gift of salvation as a license to continue in sin. However, Paul teaches something quite different. Grab a coffee and join us in the sanctuary at 10:00 am.

## Coming Events...

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**Midweek Lenten Services** continue this week ***Wednesday, March 1*** at ***1:30 and 7:00 p.m.*** Join us as we gather to worship our Savior Jesus Christ, the "Yes!" to all the promises of God. When the time came for him to go to the cross, out of obedience to the Father and for the sake of our salvation, Jesus answered, "Yes!"

**Sign Up for Easter Plants** if you're willing to donate a hydrangea or lily to beautify our altar for Christ's Resurrection Day in April. Posters are on bulletin boards around the building. If you want to designate yours as a memorial or thankoffering you still need to sign up on the posted lists, but pick up a form at the Welcome Centre, fill it in, and drop it off in the box outside the church office. The deadline is ***Sunday, March 26.***

**Loving our Neighbours!** Our Sunday School mission project this year will run from ***Sunday, March 5 thru Sunday, April 9.*** The BIG box in the narthex is where we will collect any size/shape BALL to distribute to refugee families.

**60 "Bless You" tissue boxes** will be distributed to area schools before March Break – thanks to the Sunday School children for decorating and to all who donated!

**Lenten Devotion Booklets** are available at the Welcome Centre. Please help yourself.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

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<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	86 & 204	Total 290	('16 – 340)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 38 Staff: 13	Total 51	('16 – 49)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 50 Staff: 1	Total 51	('16 – 46)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 6 Staff: 1	Total 7	('16 – n/a)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 9 Staff: 1	Total 10	('16 – 10)

**Memorials:** In memory of **RUTH SWARTZ** to the Organ Fund from Barry & Lorraine Cress, Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. To the Altar Fund from Ron & Doris Johnston. To the Unified Church Budget from Gladys Musselman, Shirley Martin. In memory of **DAD** to the Unified Church Budget from Tim & Linda, Rebecca Zimmerman Rempel. In memory of **Joaquin Teyssier** to the Organ Fund from Ken & Dianne Frank.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday March 6 to Sunday March 12, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i> .....	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
	Women's Renewal Committee, <i>Panel Room</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Lenten Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i> .....	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> .....	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	6:15 p.m.
	<b>Lenten Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	8:00 p.m.
	Board of Young Peoples, <i>Triple Bible classroom</i> .....	8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Board of Evangelism, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> .....	8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Strings group, <i>Church</i> .....	10:00 a.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Second Sunday in Lent</b>	
	<b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
	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.
	<b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Slovak Congregation Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	3:30 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*