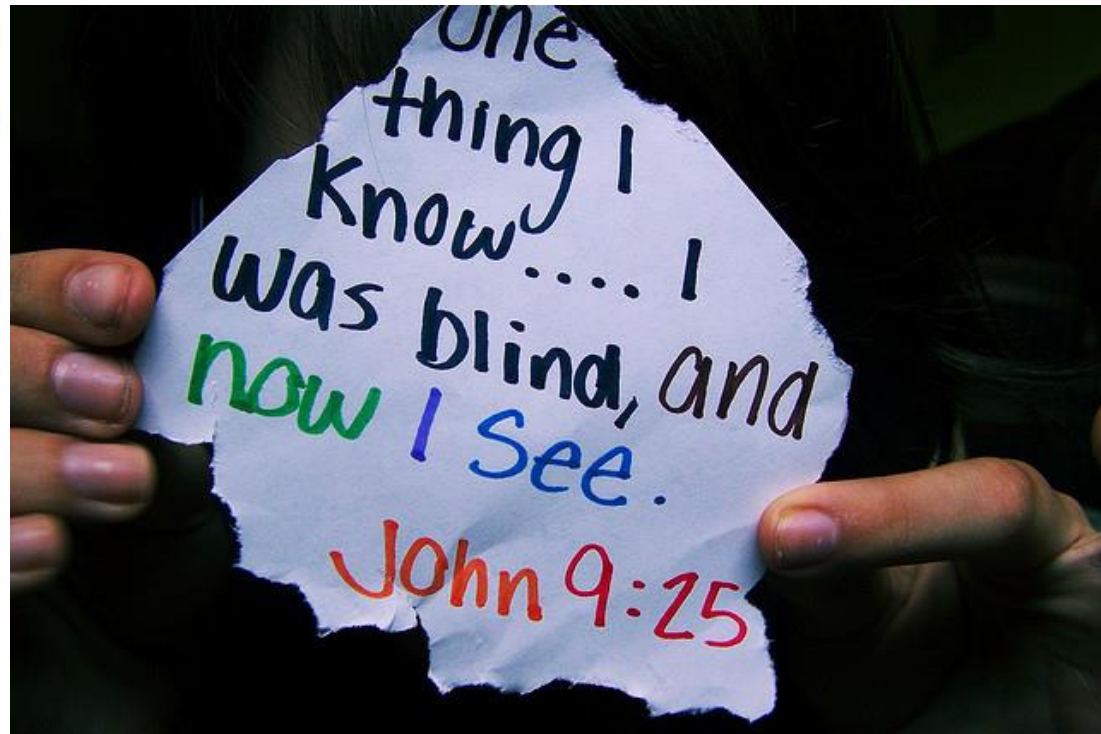


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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

6:30 pm - Adult Instruction Class

**Order of Service:** (8:30) Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184  
(11:00) See Printed Order of Service

**Hymns:** (8:30) 418, 819, 849, 547

**Readings:** Isaiah 42:14–21 (Pew Bible, Page 704)  
Ephesians 5:8–14 (Pew Bible, Page 1136)  
St. John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (Pew Bible, Page 1038)

**Sermon** **St. John 9:1-39**

## “DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?”

**Serving in God’s House Today:** Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Preacher*), Anne Forler (*Pianist*), Emily Steinman (*8:30 Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*).

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today we remember **Dora Dreisinger** who is in Grand River hospital following surgery for a broken leg. We also pray for **Pastor Kurt Reinhardt** of Trinity Lutheran Church, Gowanstown, ON, who suffered a stroke this past Monday and is recovering in Stratford Hospital. We also ask God to bless our confirmands and members of the adult instruction class as they grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Holy Baptism:** (11:00) Today at the late service we rejoice as **Hank Alan Santos** (*born February 10, 2017*) is welcomed into the family of God in the waters of Holy Baptism. Hank is the son of Alan & Katie (née Drung) Santos and his sponsors are Greg & Chelsea Lynch. May God’s blessing be upon this child and his family now and always!

**Last Day!! 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.

**Library Birthday - Today!** and next **Sunday, April 2** come and celebrate our church libraries with us in the church parlour **between the two services and after late service**. We will display new books, DVDs and CDs that we hope to have in our libraries. Take time to browse and sponsor something new. Thank you for your support.

**Adult Information Class** continues this evening **from 6:30-8:30 pm** as we focus upon a keys which Lock and Unlock. We begin at 6:30 and everyone is welcome!

## Today’s Education Hour

**Sunday School Special today** - All ages are invited to the GYM immediately at 9:45 to hear about Zacchaeus & Jesus. Thank you to the Youth & Krysti for leading.

**Youth Bible Class** will learn about Early Protestants: CRC, Presbyterian with Marjorie.

**YABS** will be studying John 10-12. See you there!



**Adult Bible Class** moves into Romans chapter 8, a chapter filled with wonderful assurances and promises from God for all of us. Grab a coffee and join the discussion which will begin at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

## Coming Events...

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**LINC** continues this **Wednesday, March 29 at 5:30 pm**. If you'd like to join us for dinner before the Lenten service please call the office. We are suggesting that people attending LINC on Wednesday park on the street. There is a Rangers game at the Aud and this will allow people who come for the Lenten service to use the parking lot, which will be reserved for church use only.

**Midweek Lenten Services continue this week...**

**Wednesday, March 29 at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.**

**"STANDING THROUGH PERSECUTION"**

We have the freedom during this Lenten season and always to gather for worship. Many of our brothers and sisters around the world do not enjoy such freedom. As we stand together at the cross, we remember the suffering of the saints who endure persecution for the sake of the Savior who suffered for them, and for us.

**Small Group Bible Study** will meet this **Friday, March 31 at 7pm** for the last time this spring. We will come together again in the fall.

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

**Women's Renewal Weekend** Teens, Young Adults and Women of All Ages!

Confused, feeling down and need a break? Our weekend will help you as we discover that "God is closer than you think!" Join us **April 21 & April 22** at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre where our guest speaker, Lori Schultz, will present and guide us as we study and discuss our theme with each other. Enjoy the fellowship, fun, good food and relax with friends. Bring a friend with you. For more information and registration forms, please see our display on the welcome desk. *Registration Deadline is April 16*, please try to register early. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

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<b>Wednesday Lent III Attd:</b>	51 & 106	Total 157	('16 – 83)
<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	106 & 181	Total 287	('16 – 308)
<b>Sunday Communion:</b>	88 & 147	Total 235	('16 – 308)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 28 Staff: 16	Total 44	('16 – 35)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 5 Staff: 2	Total 7	('16 – n/a)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 8 Staff: 1	Total 9	('16 – 7)

**Memorials:** In memory of **LLOYD ALLENSEN** to the Organ Fund from Peter Weber, Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Betty Hebner. In memory of **RUTH SWARTZ** to the Unified Church Budget from Irene Pergentile, Marlene Lemon. To the Organ Fund from Peter Weber. In memory of **EARL HEBNER** to the Organ Fund from Betty Hebner & Family.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday March 27 to Sunday April 2, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i> ..... 10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 6:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i> ..... 6:30 p.m.
	YABS Bible Study, <i>Alex Chmura's, 107B Northlake Drive, Waterloo</i> ..... 7:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 9:00 a.m.
	<b>Lenten Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>1:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Lenten Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i> ..... 5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 6:15 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 6:15 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... 9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 1:30 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.
	'This House', <i>Parlour</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>8:30 a.m.</b>
	Library Birthday, <i>Parlour</i> ..... 9:45 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.
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>11:00 a.m.</b>
	Pizza & Gym Time, <i>Gym</i> ..... 12:15 p.m.
	Youth Parent Meeting, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 12:15 p.m.
Adult Instruction Class, <i>Confirmation 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*