

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017



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“I am the  
**resurrection** and the  
*Life.*”  
John 11:25



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

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

12:15 pm - Pizza & Gym Time, Youth Parent Meeting

6:30 pm - Adult Instruction Class

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

**Hymns:** 435, 548, (433, 437) 575

**Readings:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pew Bible, Page 833)  
Romans 8:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 1096)  
St. John 11:17-27, 38-53 (Pew Bible, Page 1041)

**Anthem:** "Embrace the Cross" by John Elliott  
(Andrew Dolson ~ soloist; Jennifer Massicotte ~ accompanist)

**Sermon** **St. John 11:25-27**  
**"DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?"**

**Special Music:** Madison Neustaedter (*piano – 11:00*)

**Serving in God's House Today:** Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*),  
Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Jerry Golschesky,  
Rev. Dieter Kays (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Jennifer Massicotte  
(*Organist*), Samuel Schafer (*8:30 Acolyte*), Emma Sommer (*11:00 Acolyte*),  
Marty Stanfel, Claude Massicotte (*Sound Operators*).

**Prayer Concerns:** in our prayers today we remember those of our congregational family who are **sick or shut in**. We particularly pray for **Doris Young** who is in Grand River Hospital. We also give **thanks for our youth** and ask God's blessings on the youth and parents meeting that will happen following our second service today. We also give thanks for God's leading and guiding to our **confirmands** and those in the **Adult Instruction classes** as these two programs of instruction come to their close.

**Library Birthday Today** Come and celebrate with us in the **church parlour after both services**. Come browse our displays for all ages and sponsor something new or you can put a donation to the "Libraries" in your church offering envelope. Enjoy refreshments and your children can pick a small toy out of the "treat box".

**Youth Parent Meeting** is at **12:15 today**, in the confirmation room, to discuss the ongoing youth ministry here at Holy Cross.

**Last Adult Information Class** is this evening **from 6:30-8:30 pm**. We will finish up our classes with a discussion about Stewardship & Eternal Life.

## Today's Education Hour

**Time Together Families** will meet with Beth downstairs at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday School students** We are jumping ahead to Palm Sunday celebrations today so that next week we can concentrate on the life of Jesus in Holy Week.

**Pizza & Gym time** at 12:15 pm is for YOUTH – grades 8 - 12! Eat & meet & have fun!

**Youth Bible Class** will learn about Later Protestants: CRC, Presbyterians with Marjorie.

**YABS** we will discuss the question: "Why is there something rather than nothing?" Come by the Triple Bible Classroom at 9:45.



**Adult Bible Class** will continue to work through Romans 8, the chapter where Paul assures his readers that “Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Grab a coffee and join the discussion which begins in the sanctuary at 10:00 am.

## Coming Events...

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**Volunteers are needed!** To deliver Easter invitations with a free DVD of John’s Gospel, to all the homes in our neighborhood. Take a map with the invitation packets and go for a walk around the church with your family, a friend or loved one. Packets and instructions can be found in the narthex.

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

**Wednesday, April 5 at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.**  
**“STANDING In Truth”**

In our world we are surrounded by many philosophies and religions, all claiming to have the truth. In our Lenten worship this week we will gather to worship Jesus our Savior, whose kingdom is a kingdom of truth and who is himself the Way and the Truth and Life.

**The box of balls has overflowed!** Thanks for your generous donations... next **Sunday April 9**, will be our final collection day.

**Easter Breakfast Reminder..**if you will donate nut free muffins or other baked goodies to our Easter breakfast **Sunday, April 16, 8:30-10:00 a.m.**, please sign up in the parlour at the Welcome Centre.

**Women’s Renewal Weekend - ‘God Is Closer than You Think!’** A reminder to all Teens, Young Adults and Women of All Ages that our weekend is coming up fast! Join us **on Friday, April 21 or Saturday, April 22/17 or both days** at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Our guest speaker, Lori Schultz, will explore this inspiring topic and we will study and discuss it with each other. Enjoy the fellowship with new and old friends. Have fun and enjoy good food! Bring your friend with you. Pick up our registration package at the Welcome Desk or on the church’s website. **Registration Deadline is April 16**, please try to register early. We look forward to seeing you there. God’s blessings to you and your family.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

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<b>Wednesday Lent IV Attd:</b>	49 & 96	Total 145	(’16 – 100)
<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	76 & 217	Total 293	(’16 – 618*)
			<i>*Easter this date last year</i>
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 57 Staff: 1	Total 58	(’16 – n/a)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 2 Staff: 2	Total 4	(’16 – n/a)

**Thankoffering:** In honour of **ALBERT KELLER's** 95<sup>th</sup> birthday to the Organ Fund from Diann Helliwell & Family.

**Memorials:** In memory of **LLOYD ALLENSEN** to the Organ Fund from Chris Bloch, Guy Chadsey. In memory of **VI EVANS** to the Unified Church Budget from Jack & Elaine Kahl. In memory of **GEORGE LUMSDEN** to the Organ Fund from Bruce & Norene Brubacher. In memory of **JUNE KELLER** to the Organ Fund from Diann Helliwell & Family.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday April 3 to Sunday April 9, 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>Triple Bible Classroom</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> ..... 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.
	Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</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 Missions, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 6:30 p.m.
	Board of Evangelism, <i>Parlour</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>	Youth Activities, <i>Guelph church (meet at Holy cross)</i> ..... 6:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Sixth 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> ..... <b>3:30 p.m.</b>	

"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*