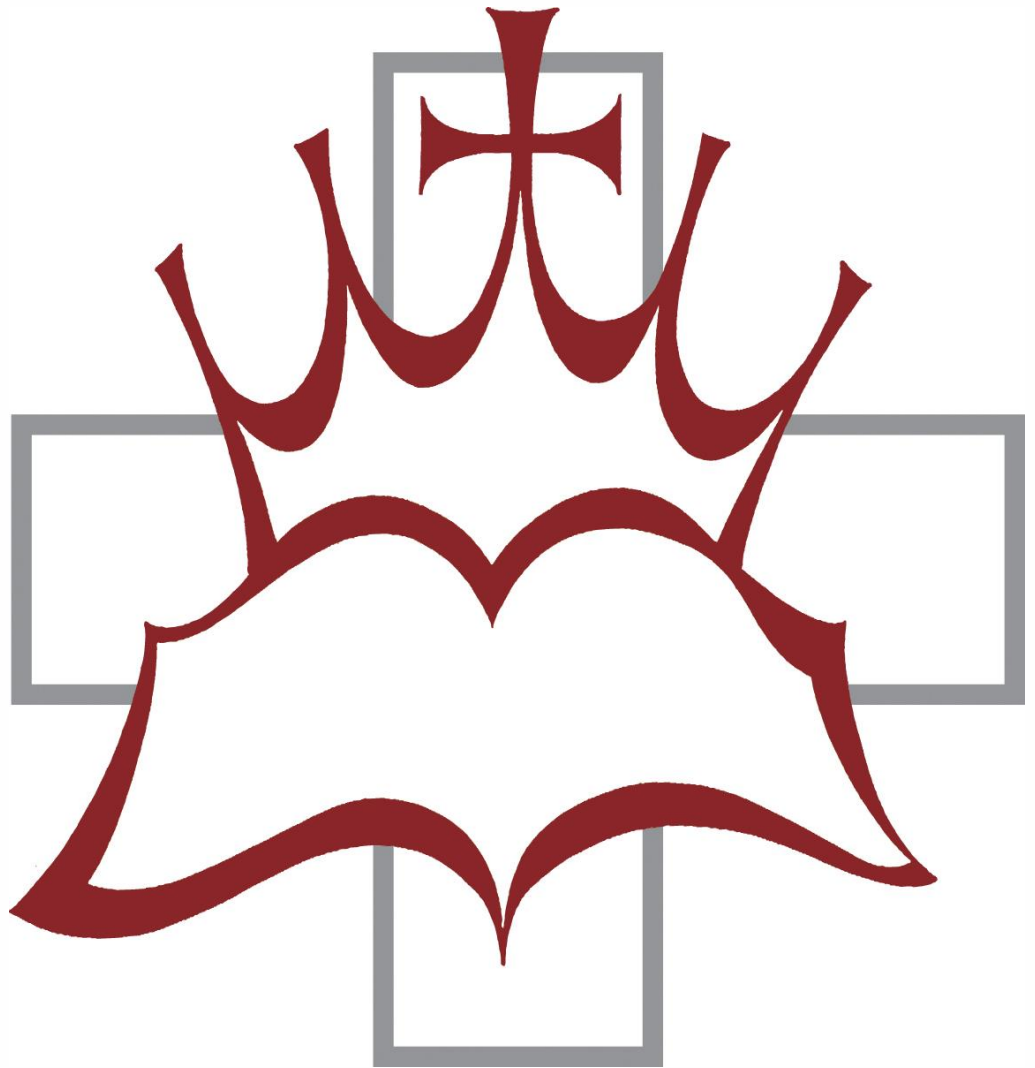


The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost
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8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

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

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

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

Hymns: 549, 516, (725, 748) 660

Readings: Zephaniah 1:7-16 (Pew Bible, Page 912)
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 1148)
St. Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible, Page 961)

Anthem: "10,000 Reasons" by Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman (*Kaitlyn Neustaedter, accompanist; Olivia Clay, Jordan Fergin, Gabrielle George, Eden Keller, Madison Neustaedter*)

Sermon Zephaniah 1:7-18

"LIVING LIKE YOU MEAN IT"

Special Music: Gabrielle George, Eden Keller (*piano*)
Joanna & Kaitlyn Neustaedter (*piano duet*)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Pastors William Chuol & Gary Weber (*11:00 Communion Assistant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Kendra & Serena Schmidt (*8:30 Acolytes*), Rebecca Rempel & Molly Rogers (*11:00 Acolytes*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember those of our congregation who have been in hospital in recent days including **Bill Rickert, Rob Schein, and Kurt Boese**. We also ask God to grant us discernment as we endeavor to be good stewards of all He has entrusted to us.

Adult Bible Class will focus on the last section of Luther's 95 Theses where the reformer talks about how the Gospel sets us free to serve our Lord and one another. Grab a coffee and join us in the sanctuary at 10 am.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out this past Friday for our first PD Day VBS!!

Coming Events...

Rake and Run is happening on **Saturday, November 25 at 3:00 pm**. If you would like to help, please contact Lenora.

Library VHS Tape Give Away We are giving our members an opportunity to take any of the VHS tapes from our library, "free of charge" and in "as is" condition. This will take place on **Sunday, November 26**, in the church parlour **after both services**.

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays – Sunday, November 26 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. here at Holy Cross. Those who are grieving can find the holidays even more difficult. This will be an evening of learning how to survive the holiday season. Even if you are not part of Griefshare, but have lost someone close to you in death, please come.

WICK is coming **Saturday, December 2** here at Holy Cross at 10:00 a.m. Come learn about different Christmas traditions from around the world. We look forward to you joining us for this casual, friendly time-out for women. We'll put the coffee on... please bring a small food item to share at our refreshment table.

Caroling to Shut-ins: Come join us as we sing carols to our shut-ins on **Sunday, December 3.** You are invited to bring a bag lunch to eat together after the late service as we meet at **1:00 p.m.** in the basement to organize into teams and set out at 1:30 for our visits. We plan to return to the church at 4:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the church parlour. For more information contact Marjorie Snyder at 519-745-4698 or e-mail: marjoriesnyder@rogers.com

Children's Christmas Service is just 4 weeks away on, **Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 am!** Plan to be here 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on 2 Saturdays (**Dec. 9 & 16**) for us to practice and make decorations for the Sanctuary. Sunday School students will meet in the basement for the next 2 Sundays at 9:45 for extra rehearsal time.

Please Note...

Ushers needed Can you give some of your time, on a rotating basis, to welcome worshippers into our services and collect offerings? We need volunteers to act as ushers, and we'll show you how! Men, women and youth are all welcome helpers. Please call Mike Koch (519) 741-5032.

Clothing Tree will again be set up in the narthex by **Sunday November 26.** Please consider donating socks, mittens, toques, scarves & children's items that we will distribute in the KW area (& sometimes beyond!) We have had *beautiful* home made donations in the past, as well as store-bought cozy, useful gifts - you decide!

Christmas gift idea.. The Knotty Ladies have an assortment of beautiful comforters ready to give the "gift of warmth" this Christmas. Please see Mavis Mann (519-743-1922), Doreen Groff (519-576-4556) or Joyce Stuckhardt (519-743-8974) to make a selection.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	96 & 190	Total 286	('16 – 308)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 30 Staff: 12	Total 42	('16 – 51)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 61 Staff: 1	Total 62	('16 – 62)
YABS:	Pupils: 8 Staff: 2	Total 10	('16 – 7)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 1	Total 8	('16 – 10)

Memorial: In memory of Dianne Peter's mother, **EVA SNYDER** to the Organ Fund from Lydia Weimer, Lois Cybalski. In memory of **BILL KUGLIN** to the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Martin.

Weekly Calendar

Monday November 20 to Sunday November 26, 2017

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Panel Room</i>	6:30 p.m.
	LCC Benefit Focus Group, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Stewardship, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Young Adult Bible Study, <i>Youth Centre</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <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 Properties, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Friday	Nuer Ladies, <i>Basement</i>	6:00 p.m.
	'This House', <i>Parlour</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	2:00 p.m.
	Rake N Run Event, <i>Outside</i>	3:00 p.m.
Sunday	Last Sunday of the Church Year	
	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>Conference Room</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service with Holy Communion , <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.
Surviving the Holidays, <i>Parlour</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*