

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

6:30 pm - Adult Instruction Class

Hymn

Brothers and Sisters in Christ AGPS #78

**Sing alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing To our Lord God our Saviour and King!
Here brought together by grace We are gathered as friends in this place.**

Chorus

**And assembled as one in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, Celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Man walked alone and in need Without faith hope or promise or creed;
Wandering aimlessly lost, Unaware of the staggering cost;
That God in his mercy would save All his people from death and the grave. (Chorus)**

**Lord teach us how to proclaim All your goodness, your love and your name!
Lord teach us how to forgive And in love, teach us, Lord, how to live
Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong. (Chorus)**

Invocation & Opening Sentences

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Pastor For God alone my soul waits in silence;

People **from Him comes my salvation.**

Pastor He only is my rock and my salvation,

People **my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

Pastor For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

People **for my hope is from Him.**

Pastor He only is my rock and my salvation,

People **my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;

People **God is a refuge for us.**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(11:00 - Ashley Black)

“In the Calm”

by Scott Krippayne, Tony Wood

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 1:14-20

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Would I Have Answered When You Called

Would I have answered when You called,
 "Come follow, follow Me!"?
 Would I at once have left behind
 Both work and family?
 Or would the old, familiar round
 Have held me by its claim
 And kept the spark within my heart
 From bursting into flame?

Would I have followed where You led
 through ancient Galilee,
 On roads unknown, by ways untried,
 Beyond security?
 Or would I soon have hurried back
 Where home and comfort drew,
 Where truth You taught would not disturb
 The ordered world I knew?

Would I have matched my step with Yours
 When crowds cried, "Crucify!",
 When on a rocky hill I saw
 A cross against the sky?
 Or would I too have slipped away
 and left You there alone,
 A dying king with crown of thorns
 Upon a terr'ble throne?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart
 Through all its tangled ways,
 Nor can I with a certain mind
 My steadfastness appraise.
 I only pray that when You call,
 "Come, follow, follow Me!",
 You'll give me strength beyond my own
 To follow faithfully.

Sermon

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

“AS THOUGH NOT”**Nicene Creed**

All **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church**Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering****Service of Holy Communion**

Pastor **The Lord be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

Pastor **Lift up your hearts.**

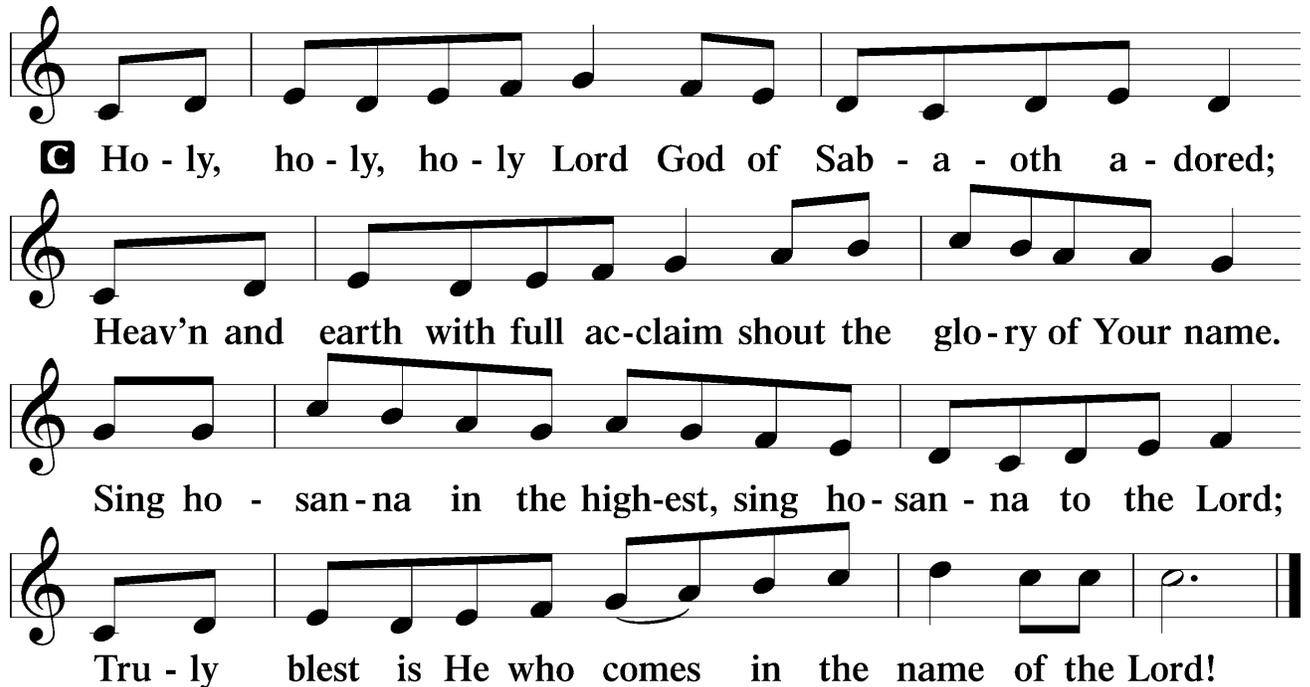
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Our Lord

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord LSB #637
O Christ who Called the Twelve LSB #856

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Let us pray.
 Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

“I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

“I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?” *Refrain*

“I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?” *Refrain*

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- Officiant.....Pastor Roland Syens
- Preacher Pastor Nolan Astley
- Communion Assistants.....Pastor Robert Morley (8:30)
-Pastors William Chuol, & Gary Weber (11:00)
- Organist.....Jennifer Massicotte
- Special Music.....Gabrielle George (11:00 piano)
- AcolytesRebecca Rempel, Molly Rogers (8:30)
-Amou Bhol (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember **Barry Duench** who had heart surgery this past week and is recovering at home, as well as those who are undergoing treatment for various illnesses. We ask God to bless the **Manouchehri/Prompakdee** family who arrived in Canada this past Wednesday as refugees from Iran and Thailand. Through the Ride for Refuge, Holy Cross was able to work with Grace Lutheran Church to support this Christian family's move to Canada. We also ask God to bless our **Adult Instruction Class** which begins this evening and runs for the next 9 weeks.

Sign Up TODAY for Prime Timers – Join Holy Cross' new 60+ group. We will meet on the last Thursday of the month, starting this **Thursday, January 25**. Join us **from 12:30-2:30 p.m.** for a simple meal, fellowship, and fun. Please sign up in the parlor today!!!

Pick Up a Voters' Report Today from the Welcome Centre desk. The Voters' Assembly is set for next **Sunday, January 28 at 12:30 p.m.** in the church basement. The Board of Fellowship will provide lunch prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Adult Information Classes are again being offered and begin **tonight from 6:30-8:30 pm** and continue for 9 weeks. Our first lesson is 'About a God Who Cares for You'. If you are interested in joining our church or simply looking to review what we believe, please join us.

Today's Education Hour...

YABS This week we will talk about Free Will. Come join us at 9:45 in the conference room.

Adult Bible Class will continue to work its way through the 2 (very long) sentences that make up the first chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. While the sentence structure is unfamiliar, the topics are not! Join us in the sanctuary at 10:00 as we continue the discussion!

Coming Events...

This House starts off 2018 this **Friday, January 26**. Join us at 7:00 in the parlour to handle the question 'Letting Jesus' words speak for themselves.

Pizza & Movie Night! The Board of Fellowship is hosting this fun, family event on **Friday, February 2** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** Please sign up at the Welcome Centre.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	90 & 235	Total 325	('17 – 321)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 39 Staff: 14	Total 54	('17 – 46)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 63 Staff: 1	Total 64	('17 – 47)
YABS:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 3	Total 10	('17 – 5)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 6 Staff: 2	Total 8	('17 – 9)

Thankoffering: In honour of **SHIRLEY WENTZLAFF's** 89th Birthday to the Lutheran Hour from Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff. In honour of **DORIS JOHNSTON's** Birthday to the Altar Fund from Cliff & Sherry Swartz-Hill.

Weekly Calendar

Monday January 22 to Sunday January 28, 2018

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> 10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Panel Room</i> 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 9:00 a.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> 6:00 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:00 p.m.
	Board of Church Property, <i>Church Library</i> 7:00 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>Confirmation Classroom</i> 7:30 p.m.
Friday	'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.
	Nuer Youth time, <i>Gym</i> 2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i> 8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Church</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.
	Voter's Assembly, <i>Church Basement</i> 12:30 p.m.
Nuer Language Service with Holy Communion , <i>Church</i> 2:00 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*