

# The Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018



**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church Canada

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## The Third Sunday in Lent

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

### Opening Hymn

**Just as I Am, without One Plea**

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

### Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection on God's word and self-examination*

*Pastor* Holy and gracious God,

*People* **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

*Pastor* The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Let us pray,

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before Me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labour, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>1</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** (11:00 Sunday School Children)

*“Amigos de Cristo” by John Ylvisaker*

**Holy Gospel: St. John 2:13-25**

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And He told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make My Father's house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to Him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking about the temple of His body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup> Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all people<sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

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

## Hymn of the Day

## Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;



Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon

St. John 2:13-22

"THE TEMPLE"

## 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

## Preface

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

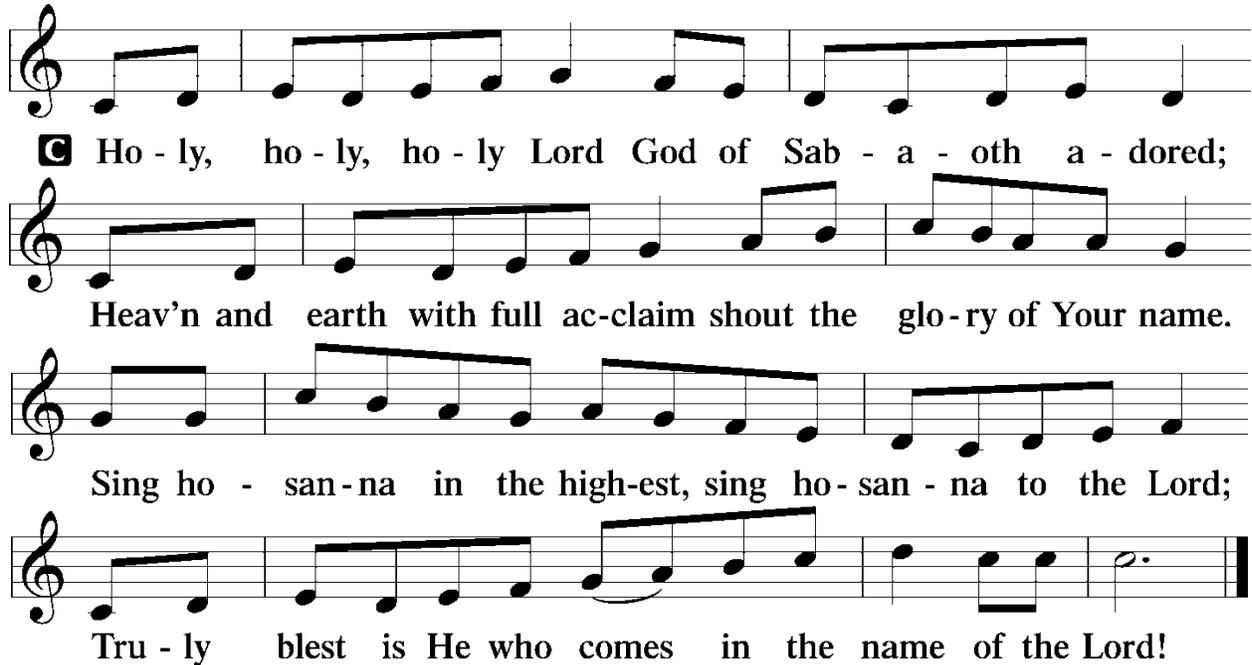
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. 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



**C** 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!

## 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.**

## 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."

## Proclamation of Christ and the Peace of the Lord

*Pastor* As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

*People* **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*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

**God of Grace and God of Glory** LSB #850  
**How Firm a Foundation** LSB #728

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

*Pastor* Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in Your Son's body and blood You give us new life and the desire to live lives pleasing to You as Your workmanship, created in Jesus to do good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

### Benediction

*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

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory** LSB #427

- Preacher**..... Pastor Nolan Astley
- Officiant** ..... Pastor Roland Syens
- Communion Assistants**.....Pastor Robert Morley (8:30),Pastor William Chuol, Pastor Gary Weber (11:00)
- Organist**..... Jennifer Massicotte
- Special Music**.....Mackenzie Szasz (8:30 Offering), Brady Fergin, Mackenzie Szasz (11:00 Prelude)  
 . Evangeline Branje, Justus Schafer (11:00 Offering), Madison Neustaedter (11:00 Communion)
- Acolytes**..... Madison Freiter (8:30), Brigitte Bridgemohan (11:00)

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today we remember **Matt Paulini** who continues to recuperate at St. Mary's hospital following heart surgery. We also remember those of our congregation who are **shut-in and our confirmands and adult instruction class members** as they grow in faith and knowledge. We remember our **Stephen Ministers** as they continue caring for others and **our Griefshare program** as it cares for those in their journey through grief.

**Adult Information Class #7** tonight **from 6:30-8:30 pm** is 'About a Devotional Life Which Blesses You'. If you are interested in joining our church or simply looking to review what we believe, please join us.

**Eat & Bowl today** after late service for Grades 3 – 7 Sunday School students & their families. Join us at Towne Bowl on Ottawa Street. Please bring \$2/person to help with cost of pizza & shoe rental.

**Last Day to 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. If you want to designate yours as a memorial or thank offering 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 on the church office door.

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## Today's Education Hour...

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**Sing with us!** All Sunday School students are invited to stay and share the gift of music at Late service today. Please meet in the Basement at 10:45 a.m. because we need to sit in the front pews by the piano at 10:55 a.m. to be ready for the first song. We will practice during Sunday School Opening.

**March Munchies - Mission project!** We will collect cereal boxes in the month of March to give to our neighbours in need at Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard.

**Adult Bible Class** will continue its discussion of Ephesians 3. In this chapter Paul defends his ministry to the Gentiles and prays for the spiritual strength of the Ephesians.

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## Coming Events...

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**Midweek Lenten Services** continue this **Wednesday, March 7** at **1:30 or 7:00 p.m.** as we continue with "Passionate Psalms, Psalm 122 – A Song of Ascent." Have you ever been wrongly accused? There is a Psalm for that! Those who wanted Jesus crucified accused Him of wanting to tear down the temple in Jerusalem. Psalm 122 is a Psalm about the temple reminding us that true judgement comes from God who gives His people peace.

**Nuer Women's Service** The ladies of the Nuer Language congregation invite women of all ages to join them, **Saturday, March 10** for an afternoon of celebration and fellowship. Activities begin at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Lenora by Thursday March 8.

**Grade 6-12 Day of Service** come out to Holy Cross, **Wednesday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** for a fun day of crafting, baking, and playing games, all with the opportunity to help out our church and the church at large. Please RSVP to Lenora by Monday March 12.

**Young Adult Brunch** on **Easter Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m.** Mark your calendars - more details to come. Hope to see many of you there!

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Wednesday Lenten II:</b>	49 & 75	Total 124	('17 – 141)
<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	90 & 227		
<b>Nuer Attendance:</b>	21	Total 338	('17 – 335)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 35 Staff: 14	Total 49	('17 – 50)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 60 Staff: 1	Total 61	('17 – 51)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 8 Staff: 1	Total 9	('17 – 5)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 3 Staff: 1	Total 4	('17 – 7)

**Memorials:** In memory of **CLARA SCHMIDT** to the Unified Church Budget from David & Barbara Parott, Ken Benninger, Gladys Musselman, Sandra Brunk, Murray & Norma Herz.

In memory of **ALBERT KELLER** to the Unified Church Budget from Earl & Pat Famme. In memory of **BEATRICE SCHIEMAN** to the Unified Church Budget from Carole Johnson.

In memory of **JOHN GABEL** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Ron & Joyce Stuckhardt.

In memory of Joyce's parents **ELGIN & HELEN MERNER** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Ron & Joyce Stuckhardt.

# Weekly Calendar

## Monday March 5 to Sunday March 11, 2018

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... 10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Panel Room</i> ..... 6:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</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>
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i> ..... 5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 6:00 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Church Library</i> ..... 6:00 p.m.
	<b>Lenten Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i> ..... 8:00 p.m.
	Board of Missions, <i>Church Library</i> ..... 8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	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.
<b>Friday</b>	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Nuer Women's Service, <i>Church</i> ..... 2:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>
	<b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>8:30 a.m.</b>
	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.
	<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>
Adult Instruction Class, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 6:30 p.m.	

# Holy Week Schedule



## Palm Sunday Services Sunday, March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday Festival Service at 8:30  
Sunday School & Bible Classes at 9:45 a.m.  
Palm Sunday Festival Service at 11:00 a.m.  
with Reception of New Members



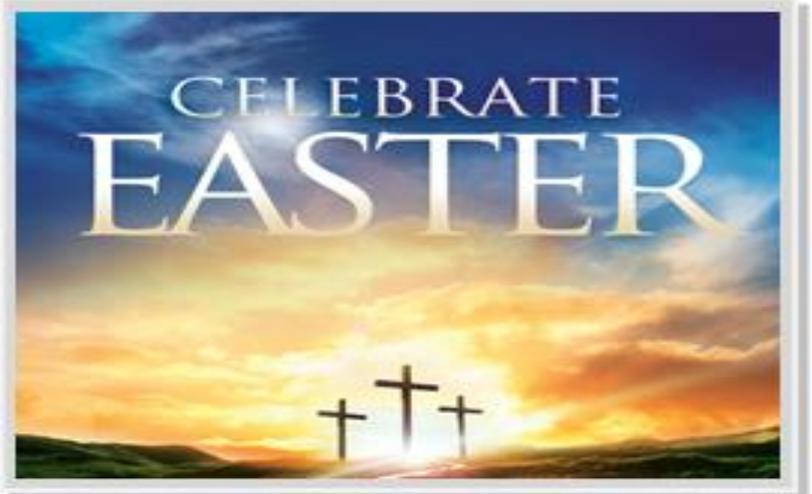
Maundy Thursday  
Thursday, March 29, 2018  
Holy Communion Service  
7:00 p.m.



Good Friday  
Friday, March 30, 2018  
Holy Communion Services  
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

## The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday April 1, 2018

Sunrise Holy Communion Service at 7:30 a.m.  
Easter Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.  
Easter Praise Service at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Festival Service at 11:00 a.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