

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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9:45 am - Sunday School & Mission Presentation

12:15 am - Special Voter's Meeting

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184

Hymns: 469, 477, 475, 548

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 (Pew Bible, Page 1059)
1 John 1:1-2:2 (Pew Bible, Page 1183)
St. John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible, Page 1052)

Anthem: (11:00) *"On Eagles' Wings"* by Michael Joncas (by Gabrielle George, Madison Neustaedter, Payton Wentzlaff; accompanists - Kaitlyn Neustaedter (piano), Gabrielle George (viola), Brigitte Bridgemohan (violin); Jennifer Massicotte – (director)

Sermon St. John 20:19-31

"MISSOURI, MY FAIR LADY, AND MISSION"

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Anne Forler (*Organist*), Serena Schmidt (8:30 *Acolyte*), Amou Bhol (11:00 *Acolyte*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we rejoice with **Colin and Michelle Palmer** at the birth of baby daughter Alison Nicole Palmer born Wednesday, April 4. We also give thanks of the 50 years of blessings God has given to our **Women's Renewal Weekend** and ask His blessing upon the upcoming renewal weekend April 20-21. In addition we pray the Lord of the church to bless the **missions of His church**, particularly Lutheran Church – Canada's work in Nicaragua and Ukraine which have been the focus of our mission presentations this morning.

2018 Photo Directory: We have many reasons to **smile** here at Holy Cross and our goal is to have all of our church family ... this means **you**...participating!! Please look at your calendars and come prepared to book your photo session. Appointments can be booked between the services **today**. Please see the flyer in your pigeonhole or at the welcome desk for photo session times.



50th Anniversary celebration of the Women's renewal weekend/retreats

Praise the Lord that we are able to celebrate the 50th Anniversary at both services. **Between the two services today** come and enjoy looking at memorabilia, a video of past renewal weekend/retreat pictures and refreshments in the church parlour. Let's celebrate 50 years of inspiring retreats!

Special Voter's Meeting is being held *today at 12:15 pm in the Church Basement.*

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School Opening will be in the basement today so that the Nicaragua / Ukraine Mission Presentations can begin immediately upstairs at 9:45 a.m.

Coming Events...

Circuit Youth This *Friday, April 13 from 7-9 pm*, Gr. 6-12 are invited to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waterloo for the circuit youth night.

Youth Fundraiser - Leap of Faith is a country gospel concert being held here at Holy Cross next *Sunday April 15 at 7:00pm*. There will be a free will offering during the concert and a time of snacks and fellowship after.

CLMS (Concordia Lutheran Mission Society) is holding a special Mission Presentation at Redeemer Lutheran Church (78 John St. W. Waterloo) next *Sunday April 15 from 3-5 p.m.* Everyone is invited to see God's work through the financial support that is given through CLMS. Hear how God is working in the South Asian Radio Ministry based in the GTA and ministry outreach in Nicaragua and Ukraine with a report on Thailand.

50th Women's Renewal Weekend – "Looking Back, Stepping Forward" Young Adults and Women of All Ages we will celebrate the past 50 years of inspiring retreats. **Looking back** helps us see our present more clearly and move us forward. **Stepping forward**, what is your legacy now and in the future? Our Lord nurtures and empowers us. How do we nurture others? Our guest speaker, Anita Syens will lead us through these topics and we will discuss them with each other. Come join us on *April 20 or April 21 or both days* at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Enjoy fellowship, fun, good food with new and old friends and we encourage you to bring a friend. More information and registration forms are on the welcome desk in the church parlour. **Registration Deadline is April 15.** We look forward to seeing you there.

Attention: The summer 2018 mission opportunity information meeting for those interested in joining the Moncton, New Brunswick and/or the Ehattesaht, BC mission teams has been postponed to *Sunday April 22 after the late service*. Hope to see you there!

Please Note...

Photo Session volunteers needed! If you are available to take a 4 hour shift to serve as host during the photos sessions, please contact Marg Klages at 519-5767682 or meklages@gmail.com. We need friendly faces to greet our members and fill out paperwork as they arrive to have their picture taken.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Maundy Thursday Attendance:	129	Total 129	('17 – 139)
Maundy Thursday Communion:	108	Total 108	('17 – 123)
Good Friday Attendance:	102 & 250	Total 352	('17 – 348)
Good Friday Communion:	85 & 200	Total 285	('17 – 303)
Easter Sunday Attendance:	135 & 209 & 275	Total 619	('17 – 562)
Sunrise Communion:	130	Total 130	('17 – 116)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 23 Staff: 7	Total 30	('17 – n/a)

Thankoffering: In honour of **BLESSINGS RECEIVED** to Missions from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In honour of **LESLIE ANN WEBB's** birthday to Missions from Brian & Leslie Ann Webb.

Weekly Calendar

Monday April 9 to Sunday April 15, 2018

Monday -Wednesday	Photo Sessions, <i>Parlour, Church Library</i>	1:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Women's Renewal Committee, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 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.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Redeemer Lutheran Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Bible Study & Youth Time, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Gym</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Third Sunday of Easter	
	Holy Communion Service, Church	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.
	Holy Communion Service, Church	11:00 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service, <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.
Leap of Faith Concert, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.	