

The Third Sunday of Easter

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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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

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

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

7:00 pm - Leap of Faith Concert

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Hymn

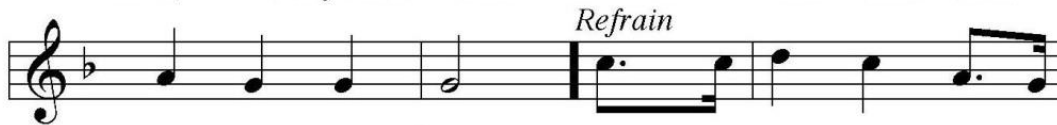
Revive Us Again



1 We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy
 2 We praise Thee, O God! for Thy Spir - it of
 3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was
 4 All glo - ry and praise to the God of all
 5 Re - vive us a - gain; fill each heart with Thy



love, For Je - sus who died, and is
 light, Who hath shown us our Sav - ior, and
 slain, Who hath borne all our sins, and hath
 grace, Who hast brought us, and sought us, and
 love; May each soul be re - kin - dled with



now gone a - bove. Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the
 scat - tered our night.
 cleansed ev - 'ry stain.
 guid - ed our ways.
 fire from a - bove.



glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men; Hal - le -



lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Re - vive us a - gain.

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor Let us then 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

This Is the Feast

Refrain

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son, You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-49

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.

Hymn Of the Day

10,000 Reasons *by Matt Redmond*

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

Sermon

Acts 3:11–21

“GOD RAISED HIM”

Antem *(11:00 - Nuer Choir)*

(English Meaning: Jesus Christ has called us to Himself. Let us Praise Him with joy)

Prayer of the Church

Parish Announcements & 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Tune #457

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Alleluia!
 God of power, might, and sword, Alleluia!
 Earth and heaven both abound, Alleluia!
 With Your glory and renown. Alleluia!**

**So we shout hosannas high. Alleluia!
 Blest is He who now draws nigh. Alleluia!
 For He comes in God's own name, Alleluia!
 To undo our guilt and shame. Alleluia!**

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.

Peace of the Lord

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

Lamb of God**Lamb of God** *LSB #550*

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God...Refrain

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God...Refrain

Distribution HymnsChildren of the Heavenly Father *LSB #725*Jesus Shall Reign *LSB #832***Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

Pastor 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.

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

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB #680

**Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.**

**Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

**Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

Preacher.....	Pastor Nolan Astley
Officiant.....	Pastor Roland Syens
Communion Assistants.....	Pastor Robert Morley (8:30), Pastors William Chuol, Gary Weber (11:00)
Organist.....	Jennifer Massicotte
Special Music.....	Katie Crosby & Jennifer Massicotte (<i>piano duet</i>), Brady Fergin (<i>recorder & piano solo</i>), Gabrielle George (11:00 <i>piano</i>)
Acolytes	Jack Chuol (8:30), Sam Schafer (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers we remember the **family of Earl Millen** whose funeral was held yesterday, we also remember all those who mourn as a result of the **Humboldt bus accident** as well as those who are recovering from their injuries and their families. May God grant His peace to all who suffer! We ask God to bless the mission of His church, particularly the work of the **Concordia Lutheran Mission Society** meeting this weekend at Redeemer, Waterloo. We pray also for our **Synod leaders** as they meet regarding the placement of, vicars, pastoral candidates and a **DPS Candidate** in the church.

At our special Voters' meeting last week it was decided to **extend a call** through the Lutheran Church—Canada Board of Assignments for a fulltime Director of Parish Services to be placed at Holy Cross. The Board of Assignments held its preliminary meeting this past Wednesday, however, we will not hear an answer from the church until mid-May. Please keep this matter in your prayers!

50th Women's Renewal Weekend – Registration *Deadline is Today!* Young Adults and Women of All Ages come join us for "*Looking Back, Stepping Forward*" on **April 20 & 21** at the **Guelph Bible Conference Centre**. Everything is planned, all we need is you. Anita Syens is ready with her presentation. Enjoy fellowship, fun, good food with new and old friends. Bring your friend. More information and registration forms are on the Welcome Centre Desk in the church parlour. We look forward to seeing you there.

Youth Fundraiser Tonight!! Join us for the Leap of Faith, country gospel concert **at 7:00 p.m.** There will be a free will offering during the concert and a time of snacks and fellowship after.

Pastor Astley and Susan will be on vacation for 10 days following services this morning. We welcome Krysti Beckett back from her maternity leave this coming Wednesday.

Education Hour...

Miss Beth's Preschool class will join the JK – Grade 2 Group in the basement **next Sunday, April 22.**

Sunday School Staff will meet in the basement **Sunday, April 22 at 10:45.** Please join us!

Adult Bible Class will resume its look at Ephesians 4 as Paul gets very practical in his guidance to the church. Grab a coffee and join us at 10:00 in the Sanctuary.

Coming Events...

CLMS (Concordia Lutheran Mission Society) is holding a special Mission Presentation at Redeemer Lutheran Church (78 John St. W. Waterloo) **today 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.

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

Prime Time Please join us **Thursday, April 26 from 12:30-2:30**. We will be sharing a light meal, after we will spend some time talking about spring and doing some planting. We would like to do a seed swap at this time, so if you have any seeds you would like to trade, please bring them along (small pots will be provided). The sign-up sheet is now in the parlour!

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 519-576-7682 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...

Sunday Attendance:	108 & 198			
Nuer Attendance:	35		Total 341	('17 – 326)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 34	Staff: 12	Total 46	('17 – 39)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 66	Staff: 2	Total 68	('17 – 62)
YABS:	Pupils: 3	Staff: 1	Total 4	('17 – 5)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4	Staff: 1	Total 5	('17 – 9)

Thankoffering: In honour of **JANE SULLIVAN's** birthday to Missions from Brian & Leslie Ann Webb. In honour of **BOB & MILLIE LESSARD's** 65th Wedding Anniversary to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Ron & Joyce Stuckhardt.

Memorial: In memory of **HAROLD JOHNSTON** to Missions from Ray & Marg West.

Weekly Calendar

Monday April 16 to Sunday April 22, 2018

Monday -Wednesday Photo Sessions, *Parlour, Church Library* 1:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Monday ESL, *Historic St. Paul's* 10:30 a.m.
 Griefshare Seminar, *Confirmation Classroom* 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Parish Education, *Panel Room* 7:00 p.m.
 Board of Elders, *Conference Room* 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday ESL, *Historic St. Paul's* 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Stewardship, *Church Library* 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Knotty Ladies, *Confirmation Classroom* 9:00 a.m.
 Winkel, *Church, Basement* 9:00 a.m.
Parish Planning Council, *Church Library* 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Beginnings, *Downstairs* 9:30 a.m.
 Prayer Group, *Church Library* 9:30 a.m.
 Praise Singers, *Church* 7:00 p.m.
 Church Choir, *Confirmation Classroom* 7:30 p.m.

Friday - Saturday Women's Renewal Weekend, *Guelph Bible Conference Centre*

Friday Youth Activities, *Youth Centre* 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Nuer Bible Study & Youth Time, *Panel Room, Gym* 2:00 p.m.

Sunday **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Divine Service, *Church* 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School, *Downstairs* 9:45 a.m.
 Adult Bible Class, *Church* 9:45 a.m.
 YABS, *Conference room* 9:45 a.m.
 Youth Bible Class, *Youth Centre* 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday School Teachers, *Basement* 10:45 a.m.
Divine Service, *Church* 11:00 a.m.
 Mission Meeting, *Confirmation Classroom* 12:15 p.m.
Nuer Language Service, *Church* 2:00 p.m.

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