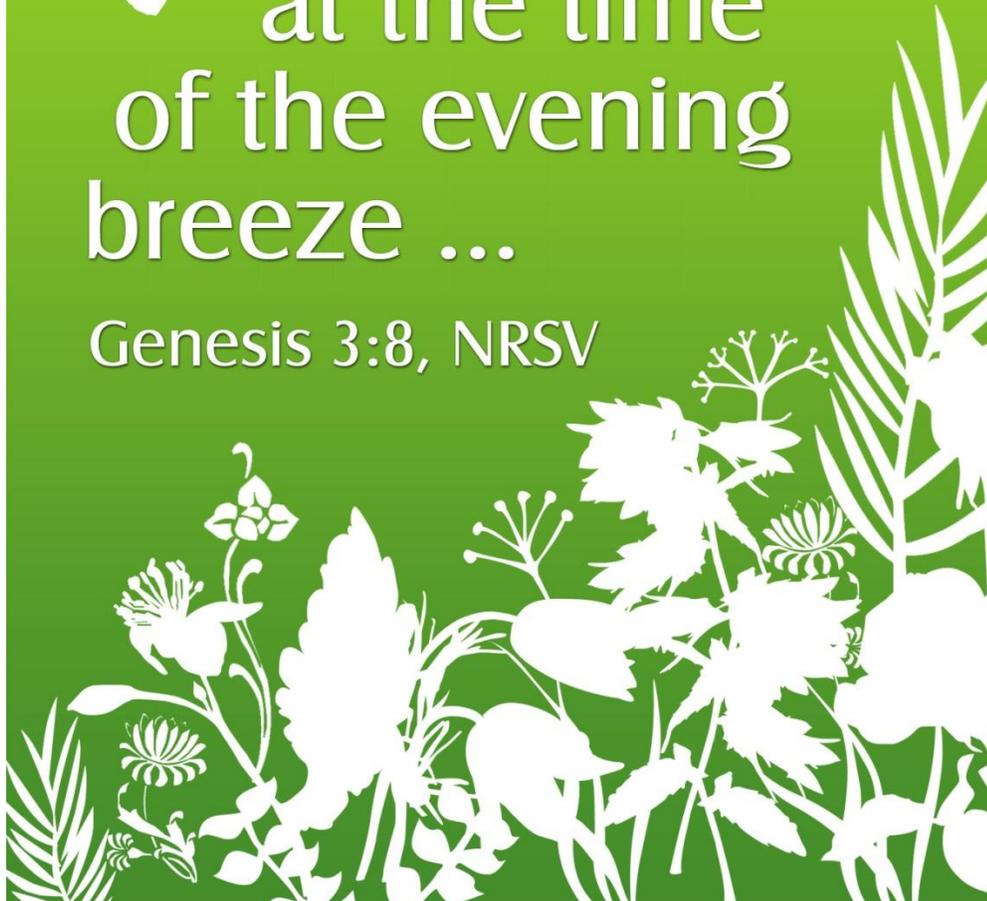


# The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 10/11, 2018

They heard the  
sound of the  
LORD God walking  
 in the garden  
at the time  
of the evening  
breeze ...

Genesis 3:8, NRSV



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## The Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

Plan to Protect Refresher Training

3:30 pm - Slovak Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

### Opening Hymn

**We Praise You O God**

*LSB #785*

### Invocation and Opening Sentences

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

*People* **In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; be to me a rock of refuge.**

*Pastor* You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

*People* **For You, O Lord, are my hope; my praise is continually of You.**

*Pastor* I will hope continually and will praise You yet more and more.

*People* **My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You, my soul also, which You have redeemed. And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the day long.**

### Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

*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

**Earth and All Stars**

*LSB #817 v. 1-2, 6-7*

## Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all live stock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.

For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **Anthem**

(11:00 ~ Youth Choir)

*“Our Great God Medley”*

*arranged by Russel Mauldin*

## **Holy Gospel: St. Mark 3:20-35**

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the third chapter

*People* **Glory to you O Lord**

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebub,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord

*People* **Praise to You O Christ**

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**All** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Hymn Of The Day

I Know That My Redeemer Lives *LSB #461 v.1-2, 5-8*

## Sermon

Genesis 3:8-15

## “TRANSPARENT GRACE”

## Offertory

Create in Me

*LSB #956*


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Anthem (11:00 -Nuer Choir)

*“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”*

## Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## 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.

## 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

God of Grace and God of Glory *LSB #850*

Officiant.....Pastor Roland Syens  
 Organist.....Jennifer Massicotte (*Sunday*), Anne Forler (*Monday*)  
 Special Music.....(8:30) Mackenzie Szasz (*piano - offering*),  
 .....(11:00) Brady Black, Brady Fergin, Evangeline Branje (*piano - prelude*),  
 .....Maya Black, Samuel Schafer (*piano - offering*)  
 Youth Choir..... Jordan Fergin, Gabrielle George, Eden Keller, Payton Wentzlaff  
 Acolytes ..... Rebecca Rempel (11:00)

**Prayer Concerns:** We pray for world leaders and for our new **Provincial leader** that God give them wisdom to lead wisely and with compassion; for the **peace in Nicaragua** and for our brothers and sisters there that God give them harmony and His peace may prevail; for **Dan Marshall** as he mourns the loss of his sister and **John Lumsden** as he mourns the loss of his mother Betty Lumsden who died this past Tuesday; for our **VBS program** as registrations come in that many children may know Christ's love for them and come to faith and grow in faith; for the different boards here at Holy Cross that the Lord would guide us with His wisdom; for our **Seminaries** here and in Ukraine as they place vicars and pastors in ministry. We thank the Lord for the ministry of **Marillac Place** as they minister to many young women caring for little ones.

**Plan to Protect** – abuse prevention training is being held between services **TODAY** in the Library and next **Sunday, June 17**. If you have taken our training before come join us for your refresher!

**VBS Supervisors** meeting is **TODAY at 12:15 pm** in the Church Library.

## Coming Events...

**YOUth to Skyzone** on **Friday, June 22**. There is a limit on jumpers, you must sign up to jump. We have a reservation for **7pm**. \$16 includes the jump socks. It is a glow jump-wear a white or neon shirt so you can be seen. Sign up on the youth board. Friends are welcome!

**Bubbles, Balloons & Piñata Party** for our Sunday School Students **Sunday, June 24 at 9:45**. Hope to see you here! Don't forget about your prayer partners this month – it's a wonderful free gift to give.

**Help Needed at Beginnings** If you are available to come on a Thursday morning (or multiple) between **June 14 and August 30** (break for the week before and during VBS) we could use your help with snack and snack clean up. Our volunteers do a wonderful job but take some weeks off in the summer. Please speak to Krysti or Lenora if you can help us out! Plan to Protect training is mandatory to serve in this ministry.

## Please Note...

**Pre-Authorized Offering Program** Are you a frequent traveller? Do you spend time away for work or pleasure? Are you racing out of the house on Sunday mornings, only to find you've left something behind? If you've answered YES to any of these questions.....the **pre-authorized monthly offering program** may be for you! It's as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Visit the WELCOME CENTRE to pick-up an enrollment form.
2. Complete the form & attach a VOID cheque.
3. Return the form, in the "CONFIDENTIAL" envelope to the FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S mailbox, located beside the Church Office or place in the OFFERING PLATE during a Service.

Lorraine Cress, Financial Secretary

**Lend us a Fichus!** Do you have fake plants at home we could borrow to decorate for VBS? This year's theme is *SonQuest Rainforest* and we could use some extra greenery. If you are lending it, please put your name on the bottom of the pot. If it is a donation, thank you! It will be used and either kept for the future or donated. Please leave any items under the coat racks in either entrance. Contact [krysti@holycrosskitchener.org](mailto:krysti@holycrosskitchener.org) for more info.

**VBS craft supplies needed!!** Please save your paper towel tubes and bring them to the box at the back door of the church so they can be used for crafts at VBS.

**Volunteer Time!** For those who would like to volunteer at VBS, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex! Please help us make this a great year, with your help!

**Baby Bottles for Marillac Place** fundraiser is being sponsored again by the Board of Missions from Mother's Day to Father's Day! Please pick up a baby bottle from the narthex, fill it with change, any time until **Sunday, June 17**, and when it is full return it to the church. Marillac Place provides a safe home for women between the ages of sixteen to twenty-five who are pregnant, who have a child in their care, or who are attempting to regain care of their child. Thank you for your support.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	98 & 180 & 30		
<b>Nuer Attendance:</b>	24	Total 332	('17 – 272)
<b>Communion Attendance:</b>	86 & 134 & 29	Total 249	('17 – 237)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 29 Staff: 15	Total 44	('17 – 32)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 53 Staff: 1	Total 54	('17 – 42)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 8 Staff: 1	Total 9	('17 – 4)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 4 Staff: 1	Total 5	('17 – 8)

**Memorial:** In memory of **LAM DIING** to the *Children of Promise* from Emmanuel & Maureen George.

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday June 11 to Sunday June 17, 2018

<b>Monday</b>	Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i> .....7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i> .....7:00 p.m. CLMS Annual Meeting, <i>Church Library</i> .....7:00 p.m. CLWR Refugee Sponsorship Committee, <i>Conference Room</i> .....7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Photo Sessions, <i>Parlour, Church Library</i> Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....9:30 a.m. Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i> .....9:30 a.m. YABS Axe Throwing & Wing Night, <i>Batl, Kitchener</i> .....6:00 p.m. YABS Wing Night, <i>Morty's Pub, Waterloo</i> .....8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre</i> .....7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion Service, Church</b> ..... <b>8:30 a.m.</b> 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. Plan to Protect Refresher Training, <i>Church Library</i> ..... 9:45 a.m. <b>Holy Communion Service, Church</b> ..... <b>11:00 a.m.</b>

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