

Last Sunday of the Church Year

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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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Last Sunday of the Church Year

8:30 am & 11:00 am - Divine Services

9:45 am - Sunday School and Mission Presentation

12:30 pm - Junior Choir

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

6:30 pm - Surviving the Holidays

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise *LSB #802*

Invocation & Opening Sentences: Based on Psalm 93:1-2, 5

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor The Lord reigns!

People **He is robed in majesty!**

Pastor The world is established.

People **It shall not be moved.**

Pastor God's throne is established from of old.

People **Our God is from everlasting.**

Pastor His decrees are very trustworthy.

People **Holiness befits the Lord's house forevermore.**

Pastor Christ is coming soon.

People **Therefore stay awake and remain prepared.**

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**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***LSB # 549 vs 1, 6, 7***All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!**

**Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6

“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Epistle Reading: Jude 20-25**

But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem*(Graham Duench, soloist)**“Worship the King Medley”**by Billy J. Foote, Robert Grant, Johann M. Haydn***Holy Gospel: St. Mark 13:24-37***Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.*People* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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**Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying** *LSB #516***Sermon**

St. Mark 13:24-37

“ARE YOU READY?”

Hymn**10,000 Reasons**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name**

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

Battle Hymn of the Republic

AGPS #69

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning
Of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Chorus

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men
Before His judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul to answer Him;
Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on....Chorus

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me.
As He died to make men holy,
Let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on...Chorus

- Preacher Pastor Roland Syens
- Officiants.....Pastor Nolan Astley (8:30), Pastor William Chuol (11:00)
- Organist.....Jennifer Massicotte
- Special Music.....Graham Duench (trombone)
- Acolytes Ben Clay & Kaylee Manuel (8:30)
.....Finnley Gallacher & Rebecca Rempel (11:00)
- Sound Operators.....Kristopher Griffin & Erik Reed (8:30)

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Prayer Concerns: In our prayers this Sunday we remember the **First Nations People** and especially those of Ehattesaht where our Mission team was able to share the message of the Gospel that the Lord would continue to pour His Spirit and blessings on them; for the **Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine** as they meet in convention later this week and for **LC-C President Teuscher** as he attends; for all those struggling with the loss of a loved one, especially **Colin Newport and family** as they mourn the loss of Colin’s father Keith whose funeral was last Thursday; for God’s blessings on the Surviving the Holidays Seminar later this evening; for the Gospel to be proclaimed throughout the world and for the Holy Spirit to open hearts and minds to respond in faith to the Gospel so that when Christ returns many will trust in Him and be saved.

Flowers on the Altar have been placed to the glory of God and in memory of Nancy Koch from Dave Koch.

Photo Directories have arrived and if you had your picture taken you can pick up your directory in the parlour.

Christmas Ornaments! Today is the last day to order the beautiful glass ornaments by Kara's Stained Glass. Please stop by the parlour for details. All proceeds go to sending our youth to NYG 2019 in Langley B.C. Payment and pick up December 2 & 9.

Surviving the Holidays tonight from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. This evening gives strategies that can help you deal with the death of a loved one during the holidays.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School- Sunday School opening will be held in the Basement. We are starting to get ready for our Christmas service! If your child will be here for our Christmas service on December 23, please let their Sunday School teacher know when you pick them up.

YABS This Sunday, we will finish our video series "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?" Join us at 10am in the conference room.

Youth Bible Class - Today the youth will be listening to the Mission presentation so that they can be informed and inspired about missions opportunities with Holy Cross.

Mission Presentation during Adult Bible class time today, is about the team we sent to work with the BC Mission Boat Society and the First Nation of Ehettesaht, BC.

Coming Events...

Prime Time Bible Study! Join us from **12:30- 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29** for a wonderful luncheon and a concert with the Parkade Players, a 10 piece brass band that will be filling our ears with the sounds of the 70s and 80s with songs like The Love Boat. If you are going to attend please RSVP to Lenora at: lenora@holycrosskitchener.org by **Tuesday November 27**.

Time and Talent Survey - If we have your email address you should have received a survey by email which you can print off and return to the church as well as an invitation to complete a paperless version of the survey online. If we don't have your email address or you would rather fill out a paper survey these are available at the welcome desk. We would like all confirmed members to complete the survey if at all possible. Surveys are to be completed online or returned to the church by **Sunday December 2**.

Caroling to Shut-ins: Come join us as we sing carols to our shut-ins on **Sunday, December 2**. You are invited to bring a bag lunch to eat together after the late service as we meet at 1:00 p.m. in the basement to organize into teams and set out at 1:30 for our visits. We plan to return to the church at 4:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the church parlour. For more information contact Marjorie Snyder at 519-745-4698 or e-mail: marjoriesnyder@rogers.com

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	100 & 165 & 123	Total 388	('17 – 286)
Communion Attendance:	83 & 137	Total 220	('17 – 274)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 37 Staff: 15	Total 52	('17 – 42)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 56 Staff: 1	Total 57	('17 – 62)
YABS:	Pupils: 2 Staff: 2	Total 4	('17 – 10)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total 6	('17 – 8)

Memorial: In memory of **REV. JOHN OBEDA** to Lutheran Hour from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlauff. In memory of **JOHN SCHNEIDER** to the Unified Church Budget from Pamela Martin, Cindy Ostell, Karin Toolsie, Ed & Donna Piwowarek.

Weekly Calendar

Monday November 26 to Sunday December 2, 2018

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St.Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Care & Protect Committee, <i>Conference Room</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>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.
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Board of Church Properties, <i>Church Library</i>	7:30 p.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
	Board of Young Peoples, <i>Conference Room</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time, <i>Downstairs</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Stephen Ministry Training, <i>Panel Room</i>	3:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Cantata Choir, <i>Basement</i>	7:45 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Basement</i>	9:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Downstairs</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	First Sunday in Advent	
	Holy Communion Service, Church	8:30 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Basement</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Conference Room</i> ; Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Holy Communion Service, Church	11:00 a.m.
	Junior Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Nuer Language Service, Church	2:00 p.m.
Caroling to Shut-ins, <i>meet in Basement</i>	1:00 p.m.	