

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

322 East Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario N2H 1Z5 (519)742-5812 www.holycrosskitchener.org

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

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

Hymns: 425, 430, (807, 571), 575

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 (Pew Bible, Page 705)
Philippians 3:8-14 (Pew Bible, Page 1140)
St. Luke 20:9-20 (Pew Bible, Page 1019)

Anthem: "I've Got the Joy" Traditional (Sunday School Children)

Sermon St. Luke 20:9-20

"BLIND SPOTS"

Special Music: Madison Neustaedter (11:00 piano)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (Officiant), Pastor Roland Syens (Preacher), Pastor Konny Hahn (8:30 Communion Assistant), Pastors William Chuol & Gary Weber (11:00 Communion Assistants), Anne Forler (Organist), Amy Khazaei (8:30 Acolyte), Finnley Gallacher (11:00 Acolyte), Erik Reed (8:30 Sound Operator), Claude Massicotte & Isaiah Bridgemohan (11:00 Sound Operators).

Prayer Concerns: We pray for **Canada's leaders** for wisdom, guidance, understanding and love as they lead; for **refugees** in our world that God would bring them to safety, helping them to find new places to live and thrive, including those families that we are sponsoring: the Iranian Shir-Karami family of Jafar & Maryam, Danial (10), Benyamin (8) as they wait in a detention center in Denmark and for the Palestinian Freij family of Basem & Maya, Amy (16), Nicole (15), Jacob (11) as they wait in Palestine; for Christians in our world who are persecuted for their faith in Christ that God would give them strength, courage and freedom. That God would bring closer to Himself all those who are distant, who struggle with faith, and help us to be a light in a world of darkness.

Next week in Adult Bible Class will continue to study St. Luke's account of Jesus suffering, death and resurrection. Today we move from the upper room to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prays and is arrested. Grab a coffee and join the conversation at 10 am in the sanctuary.

Coming Events...

Midweek Lenten Services continue this week...

Wednesday, April 10 at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.
Sermon on the Mount: "Build on Rock"

We build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus reminds us in his teachings that the only solid foundation is Himself, the Rock of our salvation. On Him alone we build.

Special Voters' Meeting on **Sunday, April 14, 2019**. The purpose of this meeting will be to serve written "Notice of Motion" to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the congregation to implement a revised governance structure. There will be no vote at this meeting; however questions will be welcome. The proposed changes will be put to a vote at the next regular Voters' Assembly meeting on May 7, 2019. The docket detailing the proposed changes are available at the Welcome Centre.

Adult Instruction Classes begin **Sunday, May 12 to Sunday, June 23** during Bible Class hour in Library. If you would like to become a member of Holy Cross or want to know more about what we teach, confess and believe then this class is for you.

Youth/YABS Golf Tournament will take place on **Sunday, May 26** Tee-off at 1:00 p.m. at the Rockway Golf Course. If you have questions contact Alex Drung at 416-804-8521 or email drungmeister@hotmail.com

Please Note...

Stuff the Mattress- This spring the Sunday School children are fundraising to buy mattresses for the South Sudanese orphans living in Gambela through the Children of Promise International (COPI). Keep an eye on the bulletin board for weekly updates on how many mattresses they will be able to purchase.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief Responds to Cyclone Idai Up to 2.6 million people have been affected by Cyclone Idai and are in desperate need of humanitarian aid. The Humanitarian Coalition is responding, delivering emergency food, water, shelter and providing protection to thousands of people. CLWR is responding through our partners ACT Alliance, who are on the ground in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe providing life-saving support to families affected by this crisis. Please prayerfully consider supporting CLWR and their relief efforts.

Seminary Guild Thank you to Shirley Wentzlaff for all her years of dedicated service being the Holy Cross representative of the Concordia Seminary Guild, St. Catharines. We are now actively seeking someone to be the new representative. Please prayerfully consider this important area of ministry contact Janet or Debbie in the office.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Wednesday Lenten:	32 & 81	Total 113	('18 – 129)
Sunday Attendance:	61 & 203		
Nuer Attendance:	15	Total 279	('18 – 619*)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 32 Staff: 12	Total 44	('18 – 30)

Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 43	Staff: 1	Total 44	(18 – n/a)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4	Staff: 2	Total 6	(18 – n/a)
YABS:	Pupils: 4	Staff: 1	Total 5	(18 – n/a)

*This was Easter in 2018

Memorial: In memory of **MILLIE KRAFT** to Missions from Murray & Norma Herz. To the Unified Church Budget from Joan Lautenschlager. In memory of **BRUCE LAUTENSCHLAGER** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Verica Ketko. In memory of **ROGER SCHMITT** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Verica Ketko.

Weekly Calendar

Monday April 8 to Sunday April 14, 2019

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Lenten Service , <i>Church</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Service , <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Parish Planning Council, <i>Church Library</i>	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time Bible Study, <i>Church Library</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Holy Cross</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Palm Sunday	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	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>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
	with Commissioning of Stephen Ministers	
Special Voter's Meeting, <i>Basement</i>	12:15 p.m.	
Slovak Service , <i>Church</i>	3:30 p.m.	