

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019



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 and Bible Classes for All Ages

1:45 pm - Church Choir Tour at The Westmount

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

3:30 pm - Church Choir Tour at Sunnyside

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB #525 vs 1-3

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Invocation

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

People **to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

Pastor To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

People **be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

People **O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Pastor In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession.

Silence for reflection

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB #525 vs 4-5

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Revelation 5:1-14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"

³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the
elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands
of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to
receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and
blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the
earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the
throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and
ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and
worshiped.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Judy Lumsden, soloist)

“Sometimes it takes a Mountain”

by Gloria Gaither, Mark Mathes

Holy Gospel: St. John 21:1-19

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias,
and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin),
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his
disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They
said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that
night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not
know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?”
They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of
the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to
haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved
therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the
Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw
himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full
of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out
on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just
caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large
fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not
torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the
disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.

¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn

Long Before the World Is Waking *LSB #485*

Sermon

St. John 21:1-19

"CROWING ROOSTERS - BURNING COALS"

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.

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Blessed Lord, You appeared to the disciples, showing Yourself again as the one and only risen Redeemer. You forgave Peter his betrayal and appointed him to feed Your sheep. Forgive our sins, restore us to Your service, and bless all that we do that it be to Your glory. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor You turned Saul from an enemy of Your kingdom into Your servant and sent him as an apostle to the Gentiles. Turn our hearts from rebellion and resistance to Your Word and Spirit, and lead us to be bold witnesses of Your mercy in words and in deeds. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor You set apart nations and governments for the protection of people, for justice, and for the promotion of virtue. Raise up good and honest leaders here and everywhere, and guide them on the path of peace for the benefit of all. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor You deliver the sick from their illness, the wounded from their pain, the grieving from their sorrow, and the dying from their fear, [*especially . . .*]. Bless all people according to their need with grace sufficient to carry them through their day of trouble, and sustain them in faith, according to Your gracious will. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor You bestow upon us the resources we need for this body and life and You equip us with eternal life. Grant that in our baptismal vocation we live for more than the moment and use the resources entrusted to us for Your eternal purpose. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor You show us mercy and grant us forgiveness though we deserve neither. Through Your Means of Grace You come to us in simple ways, yet with powerful grace through Jesus' body and blood given and shed for us. As we join in fellowship at Your Table, help us through Your Spirit's gift of faith that we recognize our risen Lord, and Him alone, for our forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Parish Announcements and 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.**

Proper Preface

Pastor It is truly good, right, and proper that we should praise Your holy name, O Lord, our God, for You offered Yourself as the perfect Lamb to be sacrificed in our place, and having redeemed the world to Yourself, You are now enthroned as the worthy Lamb on high. Therefore with every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, we laud and magnify Your glorious name with blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy LSB #507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

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.**

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."

Pax Domini

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God LSB #550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymns

God of Grace and God of Glory LSB #850

Lift High the Cross LSB #837

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor We give You thanks, O Lamb upon the throne, that just as You were present with Your disciples on the shores of Galilee, so You also reveal Yourself to us still as risen Redeemer. We praise You that we, like Saul, have had our eyes opened by Your Means of Grace to recognize You as You are. In the forgiveness given and the victory won for us, keep us by faith in Your grace so that one day we join with every living creature in heaven and on earth singing Your praise around Your eternal throne. We pray in the name of Jesus, the worthy Lamb of God, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Benediction

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise** *LSB #917*

Officiant.....Pastor Roland Syens

Communion Assistants.....Curtis Schafer, Reinhold Schmidt (8:30)
..... Pastors William Chuol & Gary Weber, Rick Hutfloetz (11:00)

PianistJudy Lumsden

Acolytes Bridget Coleman (8:30), Brigitte Bridgemohan (11:00)

Sound OperatorsCarl Kuhl (8:30), Mike Koch & Ben Branje (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: We pray for God's blessings and guidance on our upcoming **Voters' Assembly**; for safe travels for **Pastor Astley and Susan** as they return from their time away; for **Ken Frank** as he recovers from eye surgery; for those **affected by flooding** in different areas of Canada. We give thanks for our **church choir** and pray for blessings as they minister in song to a number of our care homes; for the **Women's Renewal Weekend** that finished yesterday. We rejoice with Ryan and Jamie-Lee Wagler at the baptism, this past Monday, of their son **Lincoln Michael Martin Wagler**. We pray for all to come to know the love of God in Christ Jesus in our families, communities and world.

Spring Voters' Assembly meets this **Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.** Dockets are available at the Welcome Centre in the parlour.

Coming Events...

Adult Instruction Classes begin **Sunday, May 12 to Sunday, June 24** 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...

VBS Craft Supplies Needed - The JK department is in need of these items for crafts: paper towel rolls, empty boost bottles with the lid, and empty kleenex boxes in earth tones (brown, yellow, stones, gray). If you are able to help us out with these items, please place them in the box provided by the pew at the parking lot door.

Stuff the Mattress- This spring the Sunday School children invite you to join them in their spring fundraiser to buy mattresses for the South Sudanese orphans living in Gambela through the Children of Promise International (COPI). Please mark your envelopes for the Sunday School Mattress fundraiser. Each mattress is approx. \$50.

Pre-Authorized Offering Program Are you a frequent traveler? 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

Building renovations If we are able to raise \$55,000 by mid-May it is entirely possible the sanctuary will be air conditioned in time for the heat of summer. So far we have raised **\$38,987** toward this project and we ask members to prayerfully consider making a special offering to help us achieve this goal. During summer heat many people, both young and old, stay away from church due to the heat in the building.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	94 & 186			
Nuer Attendance:	34		Total 314	('18 – 336)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 27	Staff: 12	Total 39	('18 – 41)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 41	Staff: 1	Total 42	('18 – 52)
YABS:	Pupils: 5	Staff: 2	Total 7	('18 – 6)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 3	Staff: 1	Total 4	('18 – 6)

Memorial: In memory of **BRENDA (néé Wagner) MICHAUD** to the Facility Improvement Fund from Robert Wagner. In memory of **NICOLE PAUL** to the Unified Church Budget from Peter Weber. In memory of **ELLIE JACKOLA** to the Church Improvement Fund from Gladys Musselman.

Weekly Calendar

Monday May 6 to Sunday May 12, 2019

Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Voter's Assembly , <i>Basement</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Board of Young Peoples, <i>Conference Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Sunday School Teachers, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Church Choir Tour, <i>Winston Park</i>	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Circuit Youth Event, <i>First St. Paul's, Wellesley</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Gym, Panel Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Fourth Sunday after Easter	
	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>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
	Slovak Service , <i>Church</i>	3:30 p.m.