

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 24, 2019



RADICAL GENEROSITY



"For we are His workmanship..."

Ephesians 2:10



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Canada

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8:30 am - Divine Service

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

11:00 am - Divine Service

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

6:30 pm - Surviving the Holidays

The Worship Service

Order of Service: Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB page 260

Hymns: 525, 709, 549, 819

Readings: Malachi 3:13-18 (Pew Bible page 930)
Ephesians 2:1-10 (Pew Bible page 1133)
St. Luke 23:27-43 (Pew Bible page 1024)

Sermon: “**RADICAL GENEROSITY from the KING ON THE CROSS**”
St. Luke 23:27-43

Anthem: “I Can Only Imagine” by Bart Millard (11:00)
(*Youth and Moms; Jennifer Massicotte, Director; Eden Keller, Soloist*)

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*) Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Katie Reed and Jennifer Massicotte (8:30 Piano Duet), Youth String Group: Jordan Fergin, Brigitte Bridgemohan, Sam Schafer, Justus Schafer, Gabrielle George (11:00 Offering Music), Amy Khazaei (8:30 Acolyte), Kate Sommer (11:00 Acolyte), Erik Reed (8:30 Sound Operator), Claude Massicotte, Isaiah Bridgemohan (11:00 Sound Operators).

Flowers: have been placed to the glory of God and in memory of **Nancy Koch** from David Koch.

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers this week we remember our prospective refugee families: **Jafar, Maryam, Benyamin** and **Danial** who have been approved to come to Canada, as well as the **Freij family: Basem, Maya, Amy, Nicole and Jacob** who are in Palestine awaiting further word on their application. We also remember **Loraine Planert** who has been at Grand River Hospital, **Bruno Niereisel** at Cambridge Hospital, and **Judy Hebner** in respite care at Bankside. We also remember the missions of our church particularly the work of Concordia Lutheran Mission Society.

Please Note: Today’s 11:00 Service is being video recorded in its entirety.

Pastor Syens and Pastor Astley will be away attending a meeting in Calgary from Monday to Wednesday this week. Should there be a need for a pastor in an emergency, please call the church office and they will connect you with the pastors who are providing coverage.

Today’s Education Hour...

Sunday School – The Israelites have been wandering in the desert for 40 years, and now they have reached “The Land at Last”. This week’s lesson focuses on Joshua and the arrival of the Israelites in the Promised Land.

Adult Bible Class – will continue its study of the Gospel According to Abraham focusing today on the renewal of the covenant in Genesis 17. Abraham's response however is to laugh at God. Again we see God's extreme grace and patience with his servant. We receive the same generosity from God as he continually renews our baptismal covenant day by day. Grab a coffee and join the discussion, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Coming Events...

Surviving the Holidays – No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us **tonight at 6:30** for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.

Primetime – Thursday, November 28 will be our last meeting for the year. Bob and Jean Schmitt will be talking about their time in the mission field. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the parlour. If you'd like to bring a dessert, please let Lenora know.

Youth Gr. 6-12 – November 30, 3:00pm, come together for a fun day out! We will be going bowling at the Frederick Street bowling alley then coming to the church for the Fall Supper where we will help to clean up. Please RSVP to Lenora by **November 25**.

Fall Supper –The Fall Supper will happen on **Saturday, November 30**. Please sign up at the Welcome Centre in the parlour so we know many prime ribs to buy. Deadline to sign up is **Wednesday, November 26**. Any questions, please contact pattikoch@sympatico.ca. The cost will be covered by a free will offering.

Caroling to Shut-ins – Come join us as we sing carols to our shut-ins on **Sunday, December 1**. 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.

Christmas Cantata "Sing Noel!" – Sunday, December 8 and Monday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Centre In The Square. This is an outreach opportunity where you can invite family and friends to hear about the true meaning of Christmas accompanied by a 125-voice choir, KW Symphony and Children's Chorus. Tickets are around \$30 and available at the Centre In The Square Box Office, online at www.christmascantata.ca or by calling 519-578-1570. Proceeds will go to help Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard in Kitchener and Trinity Community Table in Cambridge.

Please Note...

Clothing Drive – The Board of Outreach is sponsoring a Clothing Drive for the months of November and December. We are looking for donations of warm, winter clothing for the homeless and working poor, especially men's jackets, gloves, hats, new socks and underwear, and women's sanitary products. Please leave any items in the donation boxes by the back door. Thank you!

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Nuer Attendance: 112 & 198 & 21	Total 331	('18 – 388)
Communion Attendance: 96 & 160	Total 256	('18 – 220)
Sunday School: Pupils: 31 Staff: 13	Total 44	('18 – 52)
Adult Bible Class: Pupils: 66 Staff: 1	Total 67	('18 – 57)
Youth Bible Class: Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total 6	('18 – 6)
Young Adult Class: Pupils: 4 Staff: 2	Total 6	('18 – 4)

Memorials: In memory of **LINDA ANN LANTZ** to Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary-St. Catharines from Arnold & Cheri Drung, Reinhold & Anna Schmidt, Mary Coleman, Bruce & Norene Brubacher, Jack & Elaine Kahl, Doreen Groff, Marlene Lemon, Lydia Weimer, Shirley Martin, Gladys Musselman, and Jim & Mable Wentzlaff.

Weekly Calendar

Monday November 25, 2019 to Sunday December 1, 2019

Monday	ESL Staff Training, <i>Basement</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Daniel Bible Study, <i>Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Church Band, <i>Church Balcony</i>	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Gym, Basement, Kitchen</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time Event, <i>Basement</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	3:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:45 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Gym, Panel Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
	Youth Bowling, <i>Frederick St. Mall</i>	3:00 p.m.
	Fall Supper, <i>Gym, Basement, Kitchen</i>	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	The First Sunday in Advent	
	Holy Communion Service, Church	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Sanctuary, Downstairs</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Confirmation Classes, <i>Library (Senior), Panel Room (Junior)</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.
	Nuer Language Service, Church	2:00 p.m.