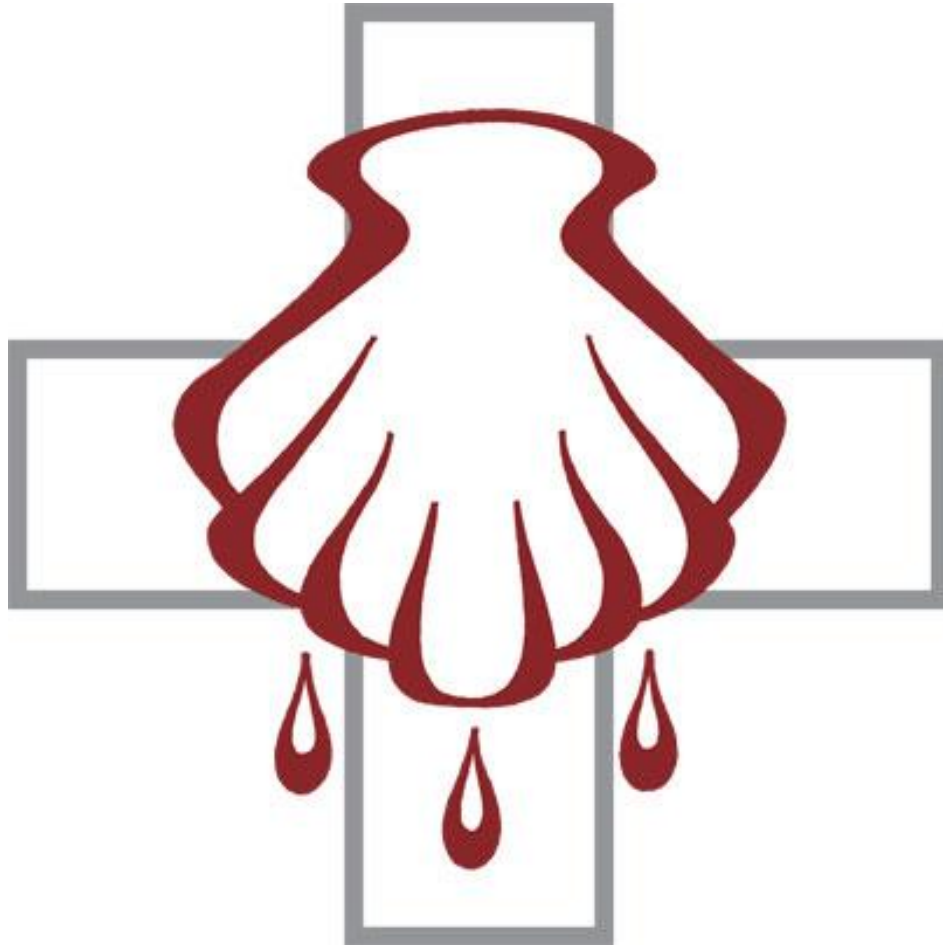


# The Baptism of Our Lord

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**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church-Canada

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## The Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

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

**Hymns:** 578, 405, 537, 394

**Readings:** Isaiah 42:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 703)  
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (Pew Bible, Page 1105)  
 St. Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible, Page 935)

**Anthem:** "Jesus, Your Name" *by Morris Chapman, Claire Cloninger*  
 Lauren Gray (*Solo*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Piano*)

**Sermon** Isaiah 42:1-7

### THE SERVANT MESSIAH PART 1 - "THE HEALER"

**Special Music:** Lauren Gray, Jennifer Massicotte (*piano duet*)

**Serving in God's House Today:** Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Braden Fergin, Ethan Bindseil (*8:30 Acolytes*), Isabella Guillartes (*11:00 Acolyte*), Kristopher Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Mike Koch & Ben Branje (*11:00 Sound Operators*).

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers this morning we ask **God's comfort for the families of those who perished in this past Wednesday's plane crash in Iran** and we especially ask our Lord to bring peace to that part of our world. Closer to home **we remember those of our congregation who are battling health problems**, including **Ron Stuckhardt** in Hamilton, **Donna Sauder** following back surgery, as well as **Judy Hebner** and **Ken Frank** who battle Stage 4 cancer. May God's healing and restoring hand be upon all according to his will. Also in the Epiphany season **we will remember various mission outreach efforts** in which our congregation is involved, focusing today upon the **Upper Nile Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan and Sudan and the Gambella Evangelical Lutheran Church**. Finally, we keep **Pastor Syens and Anita** in our prayers as they make plans to enter a new chapter of their service to God and His church. We ask God to bless them and to also to bless our congregation as we move forward.

**Installation of ESL Volunteers:** This morning at the 11:00 am Service we will install the following people as volunteers in our ESL ministry -- Guy Chadsey, Cheri Drung, Rebecca Guillartes, Donna Sauder, Ilse Smith, Leslie Ann Webb, Gary Weber, Kim Young, Georgina Green and Sandy Dolson. God's blessings on all our ESL workers as they converse with new Canadians!

**Officers and Board Directors:** your reports are due in the church office **today!** The Voter's Assembly is on **Sunday, January 26.**

## Today's Education Hour...

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**Sunday School** – will continue to study the early life of Christ.

**Youth Bible Class** – will meet in the Youth Room.

**Adult Bible Class** – Today Pastor Astley will begin a new series entitled “Christ, Our Treasure” based on selected readings from the Book of Hebrews. Life is a difficult journey: a journey from weariness into rest, and from isolation into the glorious city of God. Ultimately, we are all dreaming of home, and the only way we're going to get there is by fixing our eyes on Jesus. He is our home, and in Him, our passage is secure, and our resources are sufficient, whatever circumstances we face. Our topic this morning is “Jesus – The Final Word” based on Hebrews 1:1-4 and Hebrew 2:1-4. Grab a coffee and join the discussion beginning at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

## Coming Events...

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**GriefShare** is on ***Mondays from 6:30-8:30 pm.*** GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. You'll learn valuable information that will help you at this difficult time in your life. For more information, please contact Anita Syens at 519-896-7574.

**Youth Study Night!** - ***Tuesday, January 21, 6:30-9:00 pm.*** Dinner provided! We will have teachers on hand to help you in French, English, Math, and Science. Whiteboards, chalkboards, pens, paper, highlighters, sticky notes, and snacks will also be provided!

**Prime Time!** ***Thursday, January 23, 12:30-2:30.*** Lynn Wallden will be sharing pictures and stories from her pilgrimage on The Camino this past spring. Please sign up in the Parlour.

**Men's Retreat** registration forms are now available for the ***February 28-29, 2020*** Men's Retreat on the Holy Cross website ([www.holycrosskitchener.org](http://www.holycrosskitchener.org)) and at the Welcome Centre. This year's topic is “Jesus and Archaeology” by Dr. Stephen Chambers.

## Please Note...

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**Thank you** to everyone who donated to the ***Mitten Tree!*** The cold weather is here and now we can help people in our community to stay warm!

**The Church Library** will be closed until approximately ***Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>*** due to renovations. Please contact the office to find an alternative room for your meeting or event.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

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<b>Sunday / Nuer Attendance:</b>	98 & 220 & 28	Total 346	('19 – 319)
<b>Sunday Communion Attd:</b>	85 & 157	Total 242	('19 – 215)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 33 Staff: 11	Total 44	('19 – 39)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 58 Staff: 1	Total 59	('19 – 54)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 3 Staff: 2	Total 5	('19 – 7)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 12 Staff: 1	Total 13	('19 – 12)

**Thankoffering:** In honour of **ROB & HEATHER SCHEIN'S 25<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** to the Unified Budget from Virginia Schmidt.

**Memorial:** In memory of **ROY & ESTHER FLEISCHAUER** to the Welfare Fund from Bruce & Norene Brubacher. In memory of **RALPH BEECHEY** to the Unified Church Budget from Peter Weber. In memory of **DON POLL** to the Unified Church Budget from Marg Klages, Harold & Norma Blake, Sherry Swartz Hill, Rev. Konny & Doris Hahn, Shirley Martin, Peter Weber, Bernard Drung, Bruce & Norene Brubacher, Doreen Groff, Earl & Pat Famme; to the Welfare Fund from John & Wilma Rickert; to the Mission Fund from Pastor & Shirley Wentzlaff; to the Refugee Family Sponsorship Fund from Arnold & Cheri Drung; to the Church Improvement Fund from Grant & Joanne Schaefer and David & Wilma Reist.

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday January 13 to Sunday January 19, 2020**

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<b>Monday</b>	ESL Conversation Circle, <i>Church Basement</i> .....	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Outreach, <i>Conference Room</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Conference Room</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	7:45 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Gym, Panel Room</i> .....	2:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Second Sunday after Epiphany</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>Church</i> .....	9:45 a.m.
	<b>Holy Communion Service, Church</b> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Nuer Language Service, Church</b> .....	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>