

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2020



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Canada

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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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 4, LSB page 203

Hymns: 809, 550, 547, 851, 861

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 712)
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Pew Bible, Page 1105)
St. John 1:29-42a (Pew Bible, Page 1028)

Anthem: "No Other Name But Jesus" *Words/Music by Chris Christian, Gary McSpadden, Bill Smiley*
Ken Griffin (*Solo*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Accompanist*)

Sermon Isaiah 49:1-4
THE SERVANT MESSIAH, PART 2 - "THE LIGHT"

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Reinhold Schmidt, Pastor Joe Das (*8:30 Communion Assistants*), Pastors William Chuol & Gary Weber, Rick Hutfloetz, (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Anne Forler (*Organist*), Royce Hildebrand (*8:30 Acolyte*), Karleigh Kuhlman (*11:00 Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Claude Massicotte, Jack Chuol (*11:00 Sound Operators*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers in this Epiphany Season ***we remember the mission of the church.*** Today we ask ***God's blessings upon the Cambodia Lutheran Church.*** We pray God to continue to bless this small confessional church and grant it growth and faithfulness to the Gospel of Christ. Closer to home, ***we remember Ken Frank as he undergoes cancer treatments*** and ***Judy Hebner who is at Innisfree House,*** asking God to grant them peace, courage and deep faith. We also ask ***God's blessings upon our congregation*** as we prepare for next Sunday's annual meeting and for grace to meet the challenges of the new year.

Pastor Syens and Curtis Schafer are away this weekend attending meetings of the Concordia Lutheran Mission Society in Edmonton. Pastor Syens will be back in the office ***tomorrow.*** ***Kyle Shaffer is away on vacation until Monday, January 27.*** Richard Roth will be filling in for Kyle during his absence.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School – This week in Sunday School we will hear about how Jesus turned Peter's boat into a pulpit and spoke to the people about their sinfulness. This rousing sermon was followed by a fishing miracle and led to the conversion of many.

Youth Bible Class – will meet in the Youth Room.

Adult Bible Class – Jesus is the final Word and ultimate truth of God. But if we don't listen to and accept God's final Word, our relationship to Him will wither and fade. Christ our Treasure took on our flesh to communicate God's love to us in a language we can grasp. Hebrews 1 and 2 call us to renewed focus on Christ, the Final Word. We will continue where we left off last Sunday and, as time permits, move into Chapter 2, where the sacred writer shows Jesus to be our Brother, Captain and King. Grab a coffee and join the discussion beginning at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Coming Events...

ESL Conversation Circle continues here at Holy Cross on ***Mondays from 10:30 am until noon***. If you or someone you know needs help with English, please join us!

GriefShare is on ***Mondays from 6:30-8:30 pm***. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and 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.

Daniel Bible Study resumes this ***Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm***. Pastor Gary Weber will lead us as we continue to delve into this fascinating chapter in the Bible and what it means for our lives today.

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.

The Voters' Assembly will gather in the basement after the 11:00 a.m. Service ***next Sunday, January 26***. A light lunch will be provided.

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) and at the Welcome Centre. This year's topic is "Jesus and Archaeology" by Dr. Stephen Chambers.

Please Note...

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

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday / Nuer Attendance:	53 & 140	Total 193	('19 – 262)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 12 Staff: 7	Total 19	('19 – 43)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 36 Staff: 1	Total 37	('19 – 53)
YABS:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 2	Total 6	('19 – 6)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 1	Total 5	('19 – 4)

Thankoffering: In honour of **ROB & HEATHER SCHEIN'S 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship Fund from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In honour of **DORIS JOHNSON'S 90th BIRTHDAY** to the Unified Church Budget from Sherry Swartz Hill. In thankfulness to God for **SHIRLEY WENTZLAFF'S 91ST BIRTHDAY** to the Mission Fund from Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff.

Memorial: In memory of **DON POLL** to the Unified Church Budget from Helen Millen; and to the Refugee Family Sponsorship Fund from Jack & Elaine Kahl.

Weekly Calendar

Monday January 20 to Sunday January 26, 2020

Monday	ESL Conversation Circle, <i>Church Basement</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Youth Study Night, <i>Church Basement</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Daniel Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Conference Room</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time, <i>Church Basement</i>	12:30 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>	7:45 p.m.
Saturday	Sound Operator Training, <i>Church Balcony</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Gym, Panel Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Third Sunday after Epiphany	
	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.
	Voters' Assembly, <i>Church Basement</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Nuer Language Service , <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.