

# The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2020

8:30 am



**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church-Canada

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## The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 am & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

Youth Bake Sale

3:00 pm - Nuer Fellowship

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

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

**Hymns:** 904, 856, 850

**Readings:** Isaiah 58:3-9a (Pew Bible, Page 721)  
 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (Pew Bible, Page 1106)  
 St. Matthew 5:13-20 (Pew Bible, Page 936)

**Sermon** St. Matthew 5:13-20

### “SHINING LIKE SALT”

**Serving in God’s House Today:** Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Anne Forler (*8:30 Organist*), Praise Singers (*11:00*), Brian Hallman (*Director*), Heather Schein (*Accompanist*), Amy Khazaei (*8:30 Acolyte*), Kate Sommer (*11:00 Acolyte*).

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today ***we remember Judy Hebner*** at Innisfree House as well as her family as they support her. ***We also lift up those who grieve*** especially the family ***of Bruno Niereisel*** whose funeral will be here at Holy Cross tomorrow at 1:00 pm. We also ask God to ***bless the Shir-Karami family*** as they prepare to come to Canada later this month. May God grant them peace and courage and also bless the efforts of our refugee resettlement committee and other helpers. Finally, ***we remember all whose work is affected by labour disruptions*** and pray for timely, fair settlements.

**Refugee Family:** The Shir-Karami family will be traveling to Canada on ***Wednesday, February 26!*** Jafar, Maryam, Danial and Benyamin will be arriving from Denmark late that afternoon and members of our Refugee Resettlement Committee will be at the Toronto airport to welcome them to Canada! An apartment has been rented for them in Waterloo and temporary accommodation is arranged for them until they can move into their suite. Focus now turns to providing the necessary furniture and other things they will need. In your pigeonholes today is list of needed items. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Kim Griffin at the email address provided. **DO NOT DROP DONATIONS HERE AT THE CHURCH** as there simply is not room to store everything! We rejoice as the time comes for this family to come to their new home here in Canada!

# Today's Education Hour...

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**Sunday School** – The “Weather Wonder” is our Bible story this week. We get to hear about how Jesus calmed the storm and shows his command over the wind and the waves.

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

**Adult Bible Class** – Time is the currency in our busy world! Often our busyness keeps us from enjoying the Sabbath rest God intends for his children now, in this world, and hardens our hearts to the eternal promises he has for all of us. Long ago, many of the people of Israel failed to enter God's rest and the writer to the Hebrews calls attention to them, to warn us. More than that, he points us to Christ, our Treasure – The Rest Giver, who comes now to bring us Sabbath rest, even in our busyness. Grab a coffee and join the discussion at 10:00 am in the sanctuary as we unpack Hebrews 3 and 4 and receive Jesus the Rest Giver!

## Coming Events...

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**Circuit Youth Gr. 6-12** are invited to come to Holy Cross for the Circuit Youth Gathering **Friday, February 14, 7:00-9:00 pm**. Bring a Friend! RSVP to Lenora by February 12 please.

**Fisherville Retreat, February 21-23**, is for **Confirmands and Youth!** This year's retreat is going to take a look at some of the hard realities of being a young Christian in today's world. Registration forms are available from Lenora.

**Bake Sale: TODAY** is the annual Youth Bake Sale! We are starting to raise money for NYG 2021! We will be in the Parlour between services and after the late service.

**Prime Time:** We will be meeting **Thursday, February 27 at 12:30 pm**. We will be discussing some history of Valentine's Day, and Lenora will be sharing some pictures and stories from New Orleans. The sign-up sheet is in the Parlour.

**Men's Retreat: February 28-29, 2020** at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. This year's topic is “Jesus and Archaeology” by Dr. Stephen Chambers. Registration forms are available now on the Holy Cross website ([www.holycrosskitchener.org](http://www.holycrosskitchener.org)) and at the Welcome Centre. Please note: the deadline for registration is **February 23**.

**Sign Up for Easter Plants:** If you're willing to donate a hydrangea or lily to beautify our altar for Christ's Resurrection Day in April, please sign up at the Welcome Centre. There is room on the sign-up sheet to include a memorial mention for a loved one if you'd like it added to the bulletin. The deadline for sign up is **Sunday, March 8**.

## Please Note...

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**2019 Contribution Statements and Tax Receipts** are in the pigeonholes! If you don't have a pigeonhole, your statement and receipt have been mailed to you. If you have questions, please contact Harry Drews (519-576-3239).

# Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	62 & 173	Total 235	('19 – 282)
<b>Sunday Communion Attd:</b>	58 & 138	Total 196	('19 – 230)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 15 Staff: 6	Total 21	('19 – 51)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: N/A Staff: 1	Total N/A	('19 – 57)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: N/A Staff: N/A	Total N/A	('19 – 6)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 10 Staff: 1	Total 12	('19 – 7)

**Memorial:** In memory of **DON POLL** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Pamela Martin-Giuliani.

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday February 10 to Sunday February 16, 2020**

<b>Monday</b>	ESL Conversation Circle, <i>Church Basement</i> .....	10:30 a.m.
	Bruno Niereisel Funeral, <i>Church, Parlour, Downstairs</i> .....	1:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesday Evening Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</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>Friday</b>	Circuit Youth, <i>Everywhere</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Nuer Community Meeting, <i>Gym, Panel Room</i> .....	2:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Sixth 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>

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