

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2020



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Canada

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8:30 am & 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 Setting Four, LSB page 203

Hymns: 785, 686, (394, 636), 643

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Pew Bible, Page 201)
1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (Pew Bible, Page 1106)
St. Matthew 5:21-37 (Pew Bible, Page 937)

Anthem: "God and God Alone" by Phill McHugh
Claude Massicotte (*solo*), Jennifer Massicotte (*accompanist*)

Sermon St. Matthew 5:21-37

"INTEGRITY"

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*),
Pastor Konny Hahn, Reinhold Schmidt (*8:30 Communion Assistants*),
Pastors William Chuol, Gary Weber, Dieter Kays (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Maya Black (*8:30 Acolyte*), Buk Reat (*11:00 Acolyte*).

Special Music: Brigitte Bridgemohan (*8:30 Violin*), Gabrielle George (*11:00 Piano*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers ***we continue to remember Judy Hebner*** in palliative care at Innisfree House as well as other members of our congregation who have needs of body, mind and spirit.

We also remember our refugee families – the Shir – Karami's who will fly to Canada on ***Wednesday, February 26*** and the ***Freij family*** who await final clearance to make their travel plans. May God watch over both families and bless the many efforts of our Resettlement Committee.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are in memory of ***Jo Anne Deeks-Weber*** who was carried Home by the Lion of the Judah after living a life in her Lord's command, "Love one another as I have loved you." Moved to her Father's Mansions 10 years ago yesterday.

Flowers also remain from ***Bruno Niereisel's*** funeral this past Monday in loving memory from his family.

The Church Office will be ***closed tomorrow*** for Family Day. ***Pastor Astley*** will be out of the office on ***Tuesday*** as he has been summoned for jury duty. ***Pastor Syens*** returns to the office on ***Wednesday***.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School – Jesus proves his power over death when he brings Jarius' daughter back to life in our lesson, "A Life Restored".

Youth Bible Class – will meet in the Youth Room.

Adult Bible Class – Long ago the people of Israel became so preoccupied with the problems of everyday life they missed the blessings God had for them in the Promised Land. Their hearts became callous to God's grace. Today also we are preoccupied with many things and we can also become hardened to God's promises. In Hebrews 3-4 the holy writer calls us from our busyness to enjoy the Sabbath rest God has for us in Christ. Join us at 10:00 as we dig deeper into these promises that even in the chaos of busy lives we might truly rest.

Coming Events...

The 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 now from Lenora on the Youth bulletin board. Registration ends **February 18**.

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. Please sign up 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) 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 of a loved one if you'd like it added to the bulletin. The deadline for sign up is **Sunday, March 8**.

Volunteers Needed...

Altar Set Up: We are currently looking for an additional person who would be willing to help set up Communion ware on the altar. Set up times are flexible and training is available. If you're interested, please speak to Pastor Astley or Darlene Livingston.

Funeral Lunch Committee: Extra volunteers are also needed for the Funeral Lunch Committee. If you think you could help serve grieving families in this valuable way, please speak to Lenora.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	90 & 211	Total	301	('19 – 309)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 35 Staff: 12	Total	47	('19 – 39)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 65 Staff: 1	Total	66	('19 – 48)
YABS:	Pupils: 2 Staff: 1	Total	3	('19 – 4)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 12 Staff: 1	Total	13	('19 – 8)

Memorial: In memory of **BRUNO NIEREISEL** to the Refugee Resettlement Fund from Lydia Weimer and Bob & Jean Schmitt; to Lutheran Hour Ministries from Rev. Lloyd and Shirley Wentzlaff; to the Unified Church Budget from Bruno & Jean Fergin and Sherry Swartz-Hill. In memory of **ALLEN SCHEKLESKY** to the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Martin.

Weekly Calendar

Monday February 17 to Sunday February 23, 2020

Monday	Church Office Closed, <i>Family Day</i>
Tuesday	Tuesday Evening Bible Study, <i>Library</i> 7:00 p.m.
	Refugee Resettlement Committee, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Panel Room</i> 9:00 a.m.
	Stewardship Board, <i>Library</i> 7:00 p.m.
	Church Band, <i>Church Balcony</i> 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> 9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Library</i> 9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 7:45 p.m.
Sunday	The Transfiguration of Our Lord
	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.
	Nuer Language Service , <i>Church</i> 2:00 p.m.
VBS Supervisors Meeting, <i>Library</i> 6:30 p.m.	
Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 7:30 p.m.	