

# The Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020



**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church-Canada

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## The Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 am & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services  
9:45 am - Sunday School and Bible Classes for All Ages

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

**Hymns:** 570, 616, (637, 761), 918

**Readings:** Romans 5:1-8 (Pew Bible, Page 1093)  
St. John 4:5-26 (Pew Bible, Page 1030)

**Anthem:** *"The Blood of Jesus Medley"* arranged by Jay Rouse  
**Church Choir**, Jennifer Massicotte (*Director*)  
Claude Massicotte (*solo*), Heather Schein (*Accompanist*)

**Sermon:** St. John 4:1-18

### "NEVER THIRST"

**Serving in God's House Today:** Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Pastor Gary Weber, Rick Hutfloetz (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Usher (*8:30 Acolyte*), Maya Black (*11:00 Acolyte*)

**Special Music:** Evangeline Branje, Jennifer Massicotte (*11:00 Piano Duet*), Brady Fergin (*11:00 Recorder*), Jennifer Massicotte (*11:00 Accompanist*)

**Prayer Concerns:** We pray for **safe travels for those traveling during March break** and especially for **Pastor Chuol and others who are traveling to the South Sudanese Lutheran Mission Society meetings** held this weekend in Omaha, Nebraska. We also pray for **God's healing for those struggling with illness** especially those affected by the Coronavirus. We pray for **God's wisdom for all our world leaders and health providers** as they work to calm panic and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Finally, we continue to ask **God's blessings on our refugee families** and especially **the Shir-Kirami family** as they settle into their new apartment and **the Freij family** as they await travel dates to move to Canada. We pray **God's guidance, peace and comfort for all** as we place our hope in the LORD in all things.

**Communion Note:** Through the many plagues, epidemics and pandemics of the past 2000 years, the church has continued to faithfully celebrate the Lord's Supper in which our Lord gives to us His very Body and His very Blood for the forgiveness of our sins. However in times of widespread illness, there is increased concern about the cleanliness associated with this Holy Meal. Please be assured that at Holy Cross all who are distributing the sacrament wash their hands and use hand sanitizer before distributing the elements. In addition, all the vessels are washed between services. During this time of global concern regarding the COVID-19 virus, we are implementing a few changes to our communion practices:

1. The Common Cup will be wiped with a cloth soaked in 120 proof/60% alcohol.
2. We will be increasing the number of individual cups available at each service so there will be no danger of not having enough for all who wish to commune with the individual cups. All our individual cups are single-use plastic.
3. We respectfully ask that all communicants receive the host (bread) in their hands for the time being. Preventing hand to mouth contact has proven to be one of the ways to ensure the virus is not spread.

Now, even with these changes, there are some who may feel uneasy about partaking in the sacrament at this time. Please be assured no one will interpret your decisions regarding the sacrament as an indication of the strength or weakness of your faith and we will respect your conscience- based decisions.

## Today's Education Hour...

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**Sunday School** – Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day in “A Prayer Lesson”. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers.

**Senior Confirmation** meets at 9:45 with Pastor Astley in the Library.

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

**YABS** will meet in the Conference Room.

**Adult Bible Class** – Pastor Syens will continue a study called, “Geography of the Sacred”. The focus of today’s class will be upon Bethlehem – the town where Jesus was born. Grab a coffee and join us in the Sanctuary beginning at 10:00 a.m.

## Coming Events...

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**Gr. 6-12, Day of Serving – Wednesday, March 18, 9am-5pm.** Youth are invited to the church to participate in a day of serving others. This will involve baking, cooking, crafting, and a foosball tournament. Please bring a bag lunch! RSVP to Lenora by **March 16.**

**Lenten Midweek IV** – We continue with “Calling Us Home... Suffering.” Based on 1Peter 2:20-25. Does your faith find a way to actually welcome suffering? Devotional writer, Oswald Chambers says: “The saint never knows the joy of the Lord in spite of tribulation, but because of it.” Learn more **this Wednesday** at **1:30 and 7:00 p.m.**

**Jubilation Male Chorus** will be singing **this Wednesday** at the **7:00 p.m. Service.**

**Prime Time** will take place **Thursday, March 26, from 12:30-2:30.** Jack Kahl will be sharing pictures and stories from his 5-week North American adventure. The sign-up sheet is now in the Parlour.

**Youth Ladies Lock In (Ages 13-18) – April 3-4,** we will be having our rescheduled lock in. RSVP to Lenora if you are able to come for all or part of the weekend. Cost is \$30 each and will cover your movie ticket and all food supplies.

**9-Hole Golf Tournament** - in support of youth will take place on **Sunday, May 24** (the Sunday after the long weekend). **Tee-off at 1:00 p.m.** at Rockway Golf Course. \$75 includes golf and dinner. A dinner- only option is available for \$40. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Drung at 416-804-8521 or email [alex.drung@gmail.com](mailto:alex.drung@gmail.com). The sign-up sheet is in the Parlour.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	62 & 191	Total	253	('19 – 182)
<b>Wed Lenten Attendance:</b>	59 & 47	Total	106	('19 – 100)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 26 Staff: 13	Total	39	('19 – 28)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 58 Staff: 1	Total	59	('19 – 34)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 1 Staff: 1	Total	2	('19 – 5)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 4 Staff: 1	Total	5	('19 – 3)

**Thank Offering:** In honour of the Baptism of Kayla Palmer to the Unified Church Budget from Oleg & Nicole Chernukhin.

**Memorial Offering:** In memory of **BOB STEINER** to the Sunday School from Peter & Sandra Rueffer. In memory of **JUDY HEBNER** to the Sunday School from Lydia Weimer; to the Unified Church Budget from Andrea Aitken.

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday March 16 to Sunday March 22, 2020**

<b>Monday</b>	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Panel Room</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
	Youth Day of Service, <i>Kitchen, Youth Centre</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
	<b>Lenten Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
	Coffee Fellowship, <i>Parlour</i> .....	2:30 p.m.
	<b>Lenten Service with Jubilation Male Chorus</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Board of Elders, <i>Library</i> .....	8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	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.
<b>Saturday</b>	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Gym, Panel Room</i> .....	2:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	
	<b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<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>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Nuer Language Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	