


The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2015

**“ALTHOUGH
HE WAS A
SON,
HE LEARNED
OBEDIENCE
THROUGH WHAT
HE SUFFERED.”**
Hebrews 5:8



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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

12:15 pm - Toronto Mission meeting

4:30 pm - Adult Instruction Class #9

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

Hymns: 430, 570, 575

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Pew Bible, Page 767)
Hebrews 5:1-10 (Pew Bible, Page 1163)
St. Mark 10:32-45 (Pew Bible, Page 980)

Anthem: “El Shaddai” by John Thompson, Michael Card
(Ken Griffin - soloist; Jennifer Massicotte ~ accompanist)

Sermon: Hebrews 5:1-10

“AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK”

Special Music: Kristopher Griffin (piano)

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Filip Mikulja (*8:30 Acolyte*), Jacob Wolf (*11:00 Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Claude Massicotte (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

Altar Flowers: Are in placed to the Glory of God and in memory of Nancy Koch by Dave Koch.

Prayer Concerns: We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith that God would give them strength, courage, freedom; for the Pastors and leaders of Lutheran Church - Canada that God give them wisdom and direction as they lead the church; for students and teachers as they return to school; for those mourning the loss of loved ones especially for the **family of Fred Kahlmeier** as they mourn the loss of Fred who died Tuesday. We pray for our congregation as we seek God’s direction in mission and ministry as we consider renovations. We pray for Pastor Astley as he considers letting his name stand for nomination to be the President of the ABC district.

Children’s Activity Bulletins...Are available for ages 3-6 or 7-12. Ask an usher for a bulletin to help your kids follow the service in an activity based way.

Toronto Summer Mission meeting today! Join us after the late service in the Triple Bible Classroom if you are interested in being a part of this exciting mission opportunity. We are looking for youth, young adults and adults who will serve in a one week VBS program at Trinity Lutheran Church in Toronto from **Sunday, July 12 to Friday, July 17, 2015**. If you are not able to attend the meeting or you would like more information please contact Pastor Roland Syens at 519-742-5812 or syens@holycrosskitchener.org or Emily Pritchard at emily_pritchard29@hotmail.com.

The Last Adult Information Class is tonight, "About a Life which never ends". Do you have questions about eternal life? Bring your questions and join us tonight!
Note: today's class begins at 4:30 pm

Coming Events...

Midweek Lenten Services conclude this **Wednesday, March 25**, at **1:30 and 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for this final service in *The Parables of Lent* series. This week is based on the parable of the Prodigal Son. In this parable, a wayward son returns to the forgiving embrace of his father, who welcomes him home. The parable reminds us that we who have strayed can return again and again to the embrace of our Father, through the sacrifice of His Son.

Easter Breakfast Reminder..if you will donate muffins or other baked goodies to our Easter breakfast on **Sunday, April 5, 8:30-10:00 a.m.**, please sign up in the parlour at the Welcome Centre. It helps to plan.

Women of Holy Cross: Please plan to attend our annual Renewal Weekend, **April 17 and 18**. Information is available in your pigeon holes. Registration forms are available at the welcome desk, or can be e-mailed to you by requesting one from the church office.

Please Note

Reach Out for Easter by giving one of the invitations available at the Welcome Centre desk. Your personal word asking a friend, family member, neighbour, or a church member you haven't seen lately, to join you for Easter worship goes much farther than almost any other outreach effort you can imagine!

E100 We're continuing our journey through the essential 100 readings of the Bible, focussing now on the New Testament. Watch for the next video to land in your mailbox tomorrow!

THE APOSTLES' TEACHING	
41. The Most Excellent Way	1 Corinthians 13:1-13:13
42. A New Creation in Christ	2 Corinthians 4:1-6:2
43. A Living Hope	1 Peter 1:1-2:12
44. Faith and Works	James 1:1-2:26
45. Love One Another	1 John 3:11-4:21

Today's Education Hour

LAST Sunday to bring Cereal is next week, March 29! Thanks to your generous support we have delivered **366 boxes of cereal** to Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard as of March 17. We're so close to beating last year's record of 430 boxes. Won't you help us? Thanks!

JK through Gr.5 students study the Bible account of ***The Widow's Mite (Mark 12:41-44)***. Just as the widow gave all she had to God, trusting Him to provide and care for her, so Jesus gave His all for us, who fail to trust in God for all things. Parents ask your kids, "How was the widow's offering different from the others? How has God given us His greatest treasure?"

Gr. 6/7 students complete, ***Who Am I? Only Jesus can free you to be yourself.***

Youth (Gr. 8-12) meets for ***Responsibility: Give Me More! Help Me Handle It!***

YABS (Young Adult Bible Study) meets for continued study of ***Isaiah 58 – the True Fast***

Adult Bible Class will continue its Lenten Word of the Week study. Our word for the week is "Vindicate" from **Psalm 43**; "Vindicate me, O God, For you are the God in whom I take refuge."

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Lenten Attendance:	48 & 132	Total 180	('14 – 145)
Sunday Attendance:	107 & 224	Total 331	('14 – 300)
Communion Attendance:	88 & 156	Total 244	('14 – 277)
Young Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 5	Total 12	('14 – 10)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 2 Staff: 1	Total 3	('14 – 9)
Sunday School Attendance:	Pupils: 42 Staff: 17	Total 59	('14 – 55)

Memorial: In memory of **GANDOLF BURGHART** to the Welfare Fund from Bob & Jean Schmitt, Lydia Weimer.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 23 to Sunday, March 29, 2015

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> 10:30 a.m.
	Fred Kahlmeier's Funeral, <i>Church</i> 11:00 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> 6:30 p.m.
	Sunday School Teachers, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	LWML Quilters, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 9:00 a.m.
	Lenten Service , <i>Church</i> 1:30 p.m.
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i> 5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> 6:15 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:15 p.m.
	Lenten Service , <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.
	Board of Church Property, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> 9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 9:30 a.m.
	Board of Evangelism, <i>Parlour</i> 7:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.
	Youth Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Parlour</i> 7:00 p.m.
	'This House', <i>Downstairs</i> 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Palm Sunday
	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>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> 9:45 a.m.
Divine Service with Reception of New Members , <i>Church</i> 11:00 a.m.	

PAD & the offering plate...If you are a PAD member (or are becoming one) but would still like to place something in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, we have a couple options for you:

- Use a blank offering envelope from home (PAD donors still have a supply of envelopes) and write "PAD" on the front of the envelope;
- Put the Faith Life business sized card directly in the offering plate (It has a logo and "My offering has been given through our Pre-authorized Offering Program" typed on the front side); cards are located on the shelves, in the Narthex.
- Put the Faith Life business sized card in your offering envelope and place the envelope in the offering plate (if putting a business card directly in the plate seems strange or you don't want the card to further advertise for Faith Life business – Faith Life name is printed on the back of the card)

Pre-authorized Offering Program

The Board of Stewardship has approved a plan to offer a Pre-authorized Offering Program to Holy Cross member. This does not replace the Contribution Envelopes system, but is an additional option to those members who would like an automatic monthly withdrawal taken from their bank account.

There is one withdrawal each month on the 20th (or the next business day). The entire amount will be credited to Unified Budget. The monthly withdrawals will be entered into the Holy Cross computer system, the same as the weekly contribution envelopes.

Contribution envelopes can still be used for additional donations, whether for Unified Budget, Reserved Accounts, Memorials, etc. One tax receipt will be issued by Holy Cross at the end of the year for the sum of all contributions.

The program is administered by FaithLife Financial. There is no cost to members as Holy Cross will pay the \$0.50 per withdrawal administration fee. The program is managed by the Financial Secretary.

The monthly deadline for Holy Cross members' additions, changes, or removals from the program is the first Sunday of each month.

For those interested, an individual information and sign-up sheet is available in the Welcome Centre. Attached to each sheet is an envelope addressed "Financial Secretary – Confidential". You may complete the sheet, put it in the envelope, and deposit the envelope on the Sunday Offering Plates.

If you have any questions which are not addressed on the sign-up sheet please contact Lorraine Cress at 519-747-2783.

Lorraine Cress,
Financial Secretary.