

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

Order of Service: (8:30) Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB page 260
(11:00) See Printed Order

Hymns: 710, 819, 549

Readings: Acts 4:1-12 (Pew Bible, Page 1058)
1 John 3:16-24 (Pew Bible, Page 1185)
St. John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible, Page 1040)

Sermon: St. John 10:11-18

“SHEPHERDING”

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Sydney Steinman (*Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember **Verna Bowman** who has been in St. Mary’s hospital this week. We rejoice with **Gerry & Annie Lantz and family** as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. We also ask God’s blessings on the upcoming convention of the East District of Lutheran Church – Canada which begins next Sunday.

Altar Flowers Are placed to the Glory of God in honour of the 50th wedding anniversary of Gerry & Annie Lantz, and a reminder of the eternal love of Christ for His bride, the Church.

Pastor Roland is away on vacation and will return to the office on Wednesday May 13.

Coming Events...

Small Group Bible Study meets for two more evenings: **Friday, May 1 & 8 at 7:00 pm** here at Holy Cross. This group is studying the book of Mark. Contact Gary Weber with any questions (519-747-1741).

Holy Communion in May will take place on **Sunday, May 10 & 24**. This change is for one month only to accommodate the Congregational Family meeting.

Special Congregational Family Meeting – Sunday May 3, 9:30 am The Facility Committee and the Parish Planning Council ask you to set attend a special congregational family meeting on Sunday morning, May 3, 2015. Our architect Glenn Reinders will be in attendance to present the proposed conceptual drawing for the possible renovation of our church building. This will not be a decision making meeting, but a chance for you to talk directly to the architect and ask your questions. Our early service that morning will be 45 minutes long so we can begin promptly at 9:30. There will also be opportunity to discuss this matter at the Spring Voters’ Meeting on Wednesday, May 6 and small group follow-up meetings here at the church on Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12.

Reminder...Application forms for the Summer Toronto Mission are due **Sunday, May 3.** If you are considering being apart of the team you can pick up an application package from the bulletin board outside the Pastors’ offices. Please continue to keep this mission opportunity in your prayers as we begin to plan for the summer.

Spring Voters’ Assembly meets on **Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m.** Dockets are available at the Welcome Centre in the parlour.

Today’s Education Hour...

Heads Up For Next Week: Kids! Come to the basement as Beth leads a **Sunday School Special beginning 15 minutes earlier than usual at 9:30 a.m.**, to line up with the Facility meeting taking place in the sanctuary at the same time.

Nursery through Gr.5 students learn the story of **Paul’s First Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14).** Just as God sent Paul and Barnabas to spread the Gospel, so today He sends pastors to preach the Gospel, baptize, and feed Jesus’ body and blood to His children, against whom the gates of hell cannot prevail. Consider discussing, “*Who gave Paul directions on where to travel? What was Paul’s message?*”

Gr. 6/7 students continue with, **My Life As A Christian.** Today’s lesson is part two of, **Rock solid faith: you can trust God.**

Youth (Gr. 8-12) meet for lesson three of this series that uses clever DVD animation to explore our New Testament “ancestors” and how God teaches us through them. Today it’s, **Centurion – The Roman Convert.**

YABS (Young Adult Bible Study) meets to begin a study of Paul’s letter to the Colossians, facilitated by Emmanuel George. Now is a great time to “jump in” if you’ve never joined us in YABS before.

Adult Bible Class will continue its journey through 1 John 2, listening to John as he teaches us how it better identify false teachers.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	97 & 205	Total 302	('13 – 573*)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 52 Staff: 1	Total 53	('13 – n/a*)
Young Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 6 Staff: 2	Total 8	('13 – n/a*)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 1	Total 5	('13 – n/a*)
Sunday School Attendance:	Pupils: 36 Staff: 15	Total 51	('13 – 50)

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 26 to Sunday, May 3, 2015

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul’s</i>	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul’s</i>	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	LWMLC Quilts, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Choir, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Friday	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Congregational Family Meeting, <i>Church</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:15 a.m.