

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

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

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four, LSB page 203

Hymns: 686, 829, (770, 895) 660

Readings: 1 John 5:1-8 (Pew Bible, Page 1186)
St. John 15:9-17 (Pew Bible, Page 1046)

Anthem: “Amazing Love Medley” by Charles Gabriel, Bill Foote (*Graham Duench ~ soloist*)

Sermon: 1 John 5:1-8

“OVERCOMING THE WORLD”

Special Music: Graham Duench (*trombone*), Isaiah Bridgemohan (*piano*)

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Pastors Morley & Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistants*), Dieter Kays, Rick Hutfloetz, Carl Kuhl (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Eden Keller (*8:30 Acolyte*), Jordan Fergin (*11:00 Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Mike Koch (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers we remember **Verna Bowman** in St. Mary’s hospital. We also ask God’s blessings upon our **District President, Rev. Paul Zabel**, who was re-elected at our District Convention this past week.

Pastors Vacation: Pastor Roland finishes his vacation and will return to the office this Wednesday May 13. Pastor Astley begins his vacation this week and will return to the office Wednesday, June 3.

Coming Events...

Monday Evening Services Resume on Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Kitchener Circuit Ascension Service - Please join us, **Thursday, May 14 at 7pm** at Grace Lutheran Church, 136 Margaret Avenue, Kitchener, to celebrate the Lord’s ascension! The divine service will include Holy Communion. An offering will be taken on behalf of Lutheran Bible Translators to support missionaries Rev. Mike and Kara Kuhn.

Register Now! Time is running out to register for the Holy Cross Youth Golf Tournament on **Saturday, May 23**, and registrations are due by May 17. See the registration forms at the Welcome Centre. Please consider supporting the Youth by donating prizes or by sponsoring a hole. Contact Carl or Judy Kuhl for more information (519-569-7165).

Abuse Prevention Training sessions are coming up! If you are interested in volunteering with Holy Cross and have never done so before please plan to attend one of the four training sessions we're offering. The first two are **Sundays May 31 & June 13 at 12:30 pm**. Our training will last approximately one hour and its purpose is to educate and protect both our volunteers as well as our participants. Those who have taken the training from us previously can take the "refresher course". Contact Janet Cumby at 519-742-5812 or janet@holycrosskitchener.org.

Vacation Bible School Registration happens between services in the parlour on **Sunday May 24, 31 & June 7**. Sign your kids up for **SonSpark Labs** where **God's Plan 4U = Jesus!** Our program runs Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to noon, for kids born in 2011 through to having completed grade 7. We've got games, songs, crafts and Bible lessons that teach about God's Plan: to 2 make us; 2 be with us; 2 know Him; 2 save us; and 2 love us 4-ever. All set in a cool science laboratory. Register! It won't be the same without YOU.

Today's Education Hour...

Nursery through Gr. 5 students study the story of **Paul and Timothy (Acts 15:1-16:5**. Just like Paul's contemporaries, we think we must do something to be saved. Yet the answer is always Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus, whose resurrection from the dead sealed our salvation and absolved the world. Parents ask your kids, "How are you like Timothy?" and "How are we saved from our sin?"

Gr. 6/7 students continue, **My Life As A Christian**. Today's lesson focus is **Guided by God – the Holy Spirit Lives Within YOU!**

Youth (Gr. 8-12) meets to continue a unique unit that uses cool animated clips to unpack God's plan for us through our "Bible Ancestors". Today: **12 Disciples - the Provincial Bumpkins**.

YABS (Young Adult Bible Study) meets to continue our study of the book of Colossians. Today we are in chapter three.

Adult Bible Class will resume its study of 1 John, focusing on chapter 3 and the good news that we are God's children. Grab a coffee and join us for the discussion.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

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| Sunday Attendance: | 112 & 153 | Total 265 | (*14 – 288) |
| Sunday School Attendance: | Pupils: 33 Staff: 10 | Total 43 | (*14 – 58) |

Thankoffering: In honour of **GERRY & ANNIE LANTZ's** 50th Wedding Anniversary to the Concordia Lutheran Seminary from Gladys Musselman. To Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Marlene Lemon. In honour of **BOB PAETZ's** 80th birthday to the Women's Renewal Weekend from Ruth Ann Paetz. To Canadian Lutheran World Relief – Nepal from Jack & Elaine Kahl. In honour of blessings received on their 60th Wedding Anniversary to the Board of Missions from **RAY & MARG WEST**.

Memorial: In memory of **OLGA SCHAFRICK** to the Concordia Lutheran Seminary from Gladys Musselman. To the Unified Church Budget from Marcus & Val Baker. In memory of **BEV KAHL** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief – Nepal from Jack & Elaine Kahl. In memory of **HAROLD LUFT** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Ron & Doris Johnston.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 11 to Sunday, May 17, 2015

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| Monday | Small Group Facility Meeting, <i>Parlour</i> | 7:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> | 6:30 p.m. |
| | JK VBS Meeting, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Small Group Facility Meeting, <i>Parlour</i> | 7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | LWMLC Quilts, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> | 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday | Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Church Choir Tour, <i>Luther Village</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | Wedding Rehearsal, <i>Church</i> | 5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | Kim Young & Ken Baxter Wedding, <i>Church</i> | 11:00 a.m. |
| | SNL, <i>Downstairs</i> | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | The Seventh Sunday of Easter | |
| | 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. |
| | Young Adult Bible Class, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 9:45 a.m. |
| | Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> | 9:45 a.m. |
| | Divine Service , <i>Church</i> | 11:00 a.m. |