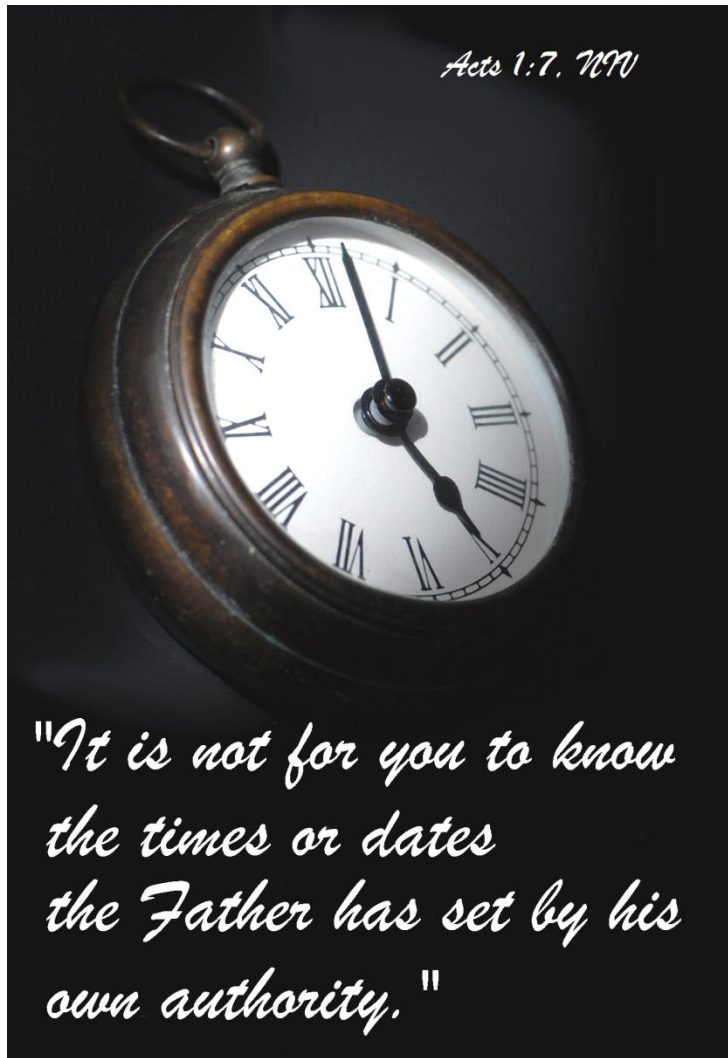


The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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: Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB page 260

Hymns: 493, 537, 525

Readings: Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 1055)
Ephesians 1:15-23 (Pew Bible, Page 1133)
St. Luke 24:44-53 (Pew Bible, Page 1026)

Anthem: "I Am Because" by William & Gloria Gaither (*Judy Lumsden ~ soloist*)

Sermon: Acts 1:1-11

"AND YOU TOO"

Special Music: Judy Lumsden (*piano*)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Ewan Gallacher (*8:30 Acolyte*), Katja Kubasta (*11:00 Acolyte*), Claude Massicotte (*Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: We pray for all who are struggling with illness, especially for **Verna Bowman** who's at St. Mary's hospital; for those who struggle with depression, addictions, mental disorders that God would bring freedom and healing;. for those effected by the **earthquake in Nepal** that aid agencies may provide the necessary needs quickly and for God's comfort to all who are experiencing loss; for **missionaries** here in Canada and around the world that God give them wisdom and strength to share His word; for **our congregation** as we continue to seek God's will as we consider renovations; for traveling mercies for all who travel and especially for **Pastor Astley and family** as they begin their holidays; for God's continued blessings on **Ken Baxter and Kim Young** as they were married yesterday and pray for God's blessings on all marriages.

Pastor Astley is on vacation and will return to the office Wednesday, June 3.

Last Chance: Today is the last day to register for the Holy Cross Youth Golf Tournament, which will be held on **Saturday, May 23**. Registration forms are at the Welcome Centre. Contact Carl or Judy Kuhl at 519-569-7165 for more details. This event is sponsored by Faith Life Financial.

Coming Events...

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

Vacation Bible School Registration next week: Come to the parlour *between services* 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.

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 taking the training from us previously can take the "refresher course". Contact Janet Cumby at 519-742-5812 or janet@holycrosskitchener.org.

Today's Education Hour...

JK through Gr. 5 students study the account of **Paul and Silas in Prison** (Acts 16:16-40). **Questions for families:** "How is this more than just a story about Paul's escape from prison? How has God rescued us from the prison of sin?" Just as God freed Paul and Silas from prison, granting them life out of death, so Christ by His crucifixion and resurrection frees me from the prison of my sins and grants me life eternal.

Gr. 6/7 students continue, **My Life As A Christian**. Today we finish, **Guided by God – the Holy Spirit Lives Within YOU!**

Youth (Gr. 8-12) meets for, **Sheep: The Innocent Wanderers**.

YABS (Young Adult Bible Study) meets to finish up our study of the book of **Colossians**.

Adult Bible Class we will be looking at what God's words says about caring for others and Stephen Ministry.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	135 & 185	Total 320	('14 – 335)
Communion Attendance:	119 & 141	Total 260	('14 – 268)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 48 Staff: 1	Total 49	('14 – 50)
Young Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 11 Staff: 2	Total 13	('14 – 19)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total 6	('14 – 10)
Sunday School Attendance:	Pupils: 36 Staff: 15	Total 51	('14 – 42)

Thankoffering: In honour of **KEN BAXTER & KIM YOUNG's** Wedding to the Board of Missions from Ron & Doris Johnston. In honour of **GERRY & ANNIE LANTZ's** 50th Wedding Anniversary to the Lutheran Hour from Jack & Elaine Kahl. In honour of **BOB PAETZ's** 80th Birthday to the Unified Church Budget from Dave & Judy Lloyd. In honour of blessings received on his 70th Birthday to the Board of Missions from **PETER WEBER**.

Memorial: In memory of **HAROLD LUFT** to the Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Ruth Luft & Family. In memory of **ROD SWARTZ** to the Unified Church Budget from Ruth Swartz, Cliff & Sherry Swartz-Hill. In memory of **CHRISTINE SCHIEMANN** to the CD Ministry from Marlene Lemon. In memory of **BILL MCKECHNIE & CARL HAUCK** to the Welfare Fund from Gus & Audrey Maue.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 18 to Sunday, May 24, 2015

Monday	Victoria Day, <i>Church Office Closed</i> Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	LWMLC Quilts, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> Board of Stewardship, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Friday	'This House', <i>Parlour</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Golf Tournament & Reception, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 p.m.
Sunday	The Day of Pentecost Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i>	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> Young Adult Bible Class, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.

