

**Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016**

*Hosanna!*

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.



# Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Palm Sunday

8:30 am - Holy Communion Service

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

11:00 am - Holy Communion Service with Reception of New Members

12:15 pm - New Member Social

Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor *LSB #442*

*Refrain*

All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and Blessèd One...*Refrain*

The company of angels  
Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply...*Refrain*

Invocation

*Pastor* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

*People* **that the King of glory may come in.**

*Pastor* Who is this King of glory?

*People* **The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

**Holy Gospel: St. John 12:12-19**

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

*People* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Pastor* The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out,

*People* **“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”**

*Pastor* And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

*People* **“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”**

*Pastor* His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor** *LSB #442*

**Refrain**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present...*Refrain***

**As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev’ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King...*Refrain***

## Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

*Pastor* Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*People* **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*Pastor* "You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** LSB #443

**Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.**

From Olivet they followed  
 Mid an exultant crowd,  
 The victor palm branch waving  
 And chanting clear and loud.  
 The Lord of earth and heaven  
 Rode on in lowly state  
 Nor scorned that little children  
 Should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”  
 That ancient song we sing;  
 For Christ is our Redeemer,  
 The Lord of heav’n our King.  
 Oh, may we ever praise Him  
 With heart and life and voice  
 And in His blissful presence  
 Eternally rejoice!

Sermon

Philippians 2:5-11

“GIGO”

Anthem (Anthony Lavender)

Hosanna by Michael W. Smith



Bless - ed is He\_\_\_\_\_ who\_\_\_\_\_ comes\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the



Lord!\_ Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na!



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Lord! Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na!

## Reception of New Members (11:00)

Today we rejoice to receive the following people into membership at Holy Cross through Adult Confirmation/Adult Baptism:

Ken Baxter

Alana Beirness

Dina Clark

Azita Salehi

We also rejoice as the following individuals are received into membership by Transfer and Affirmation of Faith:

Dianne Arjune

Lawrence Just

Nicole Kutz

Sasha Mikulja

Tatiana Mikulja

## Prayer of the Church

## Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offerings

## Service of Holy Communion

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

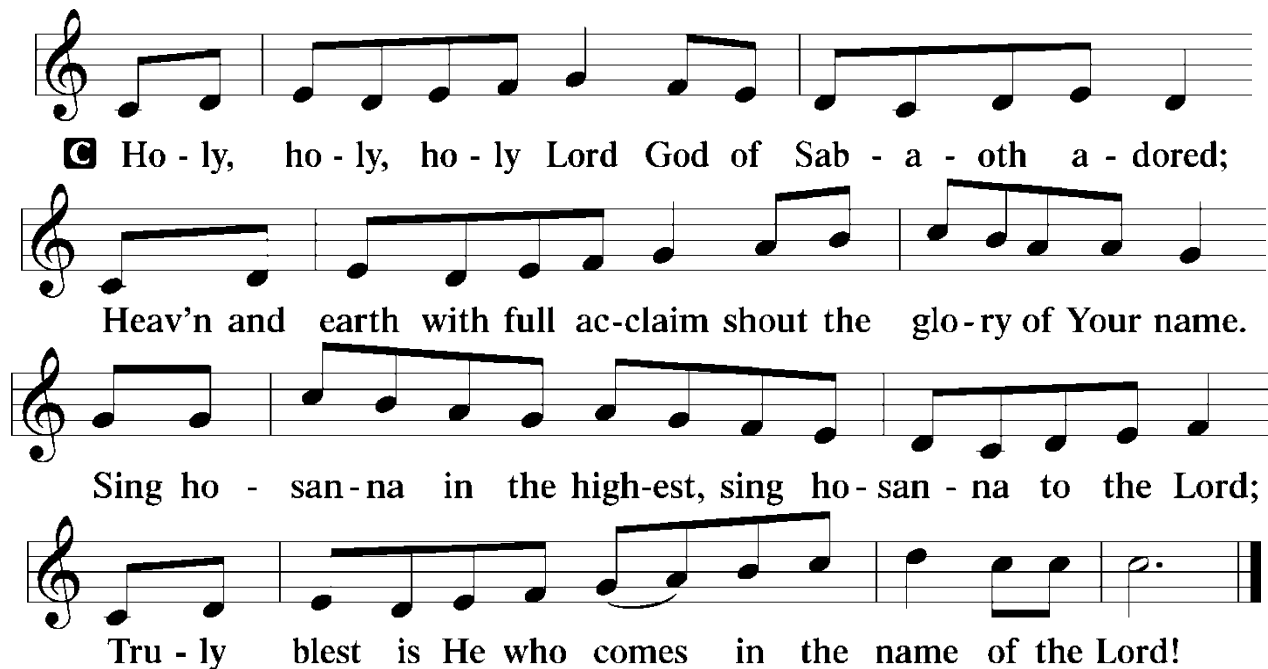
*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus



**☩** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Lord's Prayer

*All* Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Words of Our Lord

*Pastor* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*Pastor* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People* Amen.

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution Hymns

*Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* LSB #437

*Lift High the Cross* LSB #837

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

*Pastor* Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that we have received at this altar the benefits of Your Son's Passion in His body and blood given and shed for us, that we might be forgiven and strengthened; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Benediction

*Pastor* Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

*People* **that the King of glory may come in.**

*Pastor* Who is this King of glory?

*People* **The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

*Pastor* The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*People* **Amen.**

## Hymn

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty** *LSB #441*

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the\_ approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.**



<b>Preacher</b> .....	Pastor Roland Syens
<b>Officiant</b> .....	Pastor Nolan Astley
<b>Communion Assistants</b> .....	(8:30) Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff, (11:00) Rick Hutfloetz, Emmanuel George
<b>Organist</b> .....	Anne Forler
<b>Special Music</b> .....	(11:00) Gabrielle George ( <i>piano</i> )
<b>Acolytes</b> .....	(8:30) Max Wentzlaff, (11:00) Justus Schafer
<b>Sound System Operators</b> .....	(8:30) Jerry Golschesky, (11:00) Mike Koch

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers we remember those who have been in hospital this week including **Paul VanderGriendt**, **Earl Hebner** and **Vince Guillani**. May God continue to grant his healing mercies. We also remember those being **received into membership today**. As we enter Holy Week we ask God to bless our observance of Christ's death and resurrection filling us with renewed hope, deepened faith and strength to serve Him in all we do!

**Altar Flowers:** With thanksgiving to God and in memory of Nancy Koch, from Dave Koch.

## Coming Events...

**Easter Breakfast Reminder..**if you will donate nut free muffins or other baked goodies to our Easter breakfast next **Sunday, March 27, 8:30-10:00 a.m.**, please sign up in the parlour at the Welcome Centre.

**Spring Mission project continues - until April 17.** We have delivered 18 boxes of CEREAL to Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard to be distributed on Monday mornings. We are also accepting **toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, pull-ups and wipes** for families of refugees connected at Franklin Public School.

**Women's Renewal Weekend** Hello ladies! Do you need a break? Do you want to be refreshed? Come to our "**LAVENDER SPRINGS SPA**" **Friday, April 22 to Saturday, April 23** at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Spend time with our Lord and other ladies. Study the book of Psalms in an inspiring informative way. Enjoy the fellowship, fun and laughter with new and old friends, bring a friend, enjoy good food and relax. Attend the whole weekend, or come for Friday night or Saturday. For more information and registration forms, please see our display on the welcome desk. **Registration Deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>**, please try to register early. We look forward to seeing you there. God's blessings to all of you and your families.

**Save the Dates for VBS 2016!** We're already planning for a fabulous VBS this summer: **Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 8**, 9 a.m. to noon Vacation Bible School serves kids that turn four in 2016 (born in 2012) right up to those who've completed grade seven.

## Today's Education Hour...

A "JOURNEY to the CROSS" Pop-Up Window Calendar goes home today if you did not receive one last week. Have fun following directions as printed on the back!

**Easter Sunday** we meet **at 9:30** in the basement for our opening. Younger children will watch a movie & do a craft. Older children can choose movie or Bible trivia!

**Nursery through Grade 5** will learn about when Jesus was anointed, from Luke 7.

**Grades 6/7** continue topical studies – how Jesus & the Bible speak to our everyday lives.

**Youth** continuing our journey through the book of Romans.

**YABS** will meet for today's topic: Mining for Golden Advice in Proverbs

**Adults** Pastor Astley will be teaching today and will focus on St. Luke's account of our Lord's passion. Grab a coffee and join the discussion.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Wednesday Attendance:</b>	48 & 68	Total 116	('15 – 148)
<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	85 & 168	Total 253	('15 – 300)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 28    Staff: 1	Total 29	('15 – n/a)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 8    Staff: 1	Total 9	('15 – 12)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 5    Staff: 1	Total 6	('15 – 3)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 21    Staff: 16	Total 37	('15 – 59)

**Memorial:** In memory of **ROD SWARTZ** to the Unified Church Budget from Sherry Swartz-Hill. In memory of **ALMA GOLSCHESKY** to the Unified Church Budget from Loraine Planert. In memory of **MARJORIE TOOLSIE** to the Unified Church Budget from Gerry & Ila Wentzlaff, John Toews. To Missions from Dave & Judy Lloyd. To Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **RUTH LUFT** to Missions from Dave & Judy Lloyd. In memory of **SKIP MCELHINNEY** to the Unified Church Budget from Bruno & Jean Fergin, Arbutus Real Estate Ltd. To Missions from Dave & Judy Lloyd, Anne Cherwonogrodzky. In memory of **JAGDAT VINCENT TOOLSIE** to Lutheran Bible Translators from Melanie Toolsie.

# Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 21 to Sunday, March 27, 2016

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>		
	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i> .....	1:30 p.m.
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> .....	8:00 p.m.
<b>Good Friday</b>		
	<b>Solemn Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	8:30 a.m.
	<b>Solemn Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	10:00 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....	11:15 a.m.
<b>Sunday</b>		
	<b>Easter Day: The Resurrection of Our Lord</b>	
	<b>Sunrise Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	7:30 a.m.
	Easter Fellowship Breakfast, <i>Gym</i> .....	8:30 a.m.
	<b>Easter Praise Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	<b>Easter Festival Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	11:00 a.m.

# Holy Week Schedule



**Thursday, March 24**  
Holy Communion Service

*Maundy*

Thursday  
at 7:00 pm

The graphic features a large purple cross on the left. To the right, there is a brown line drawing of hands being washed. The word 'Maundy' is written in a purple, cursive font across the middle. Below it, the word 'Thursday' is written in a brown, serif font, followed by 'at 7:00 pm' in a smaller brown font.



**Friday, March 25**

Holy Communion  
Services  
8:30 & 10:00 am

**Good Friday**

The graphic shows a black silhouette of a cross on a hill against a sunset or sunrise sky with clouds. The text is white and black. 'Friday, March 25' is at the top. 'Holy Communion Services 8:30 & 10:00 am' is in the middle. 'Good Friday' is at the bottom in a large, white, serif font.



**The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**CELEBRATE**

**EASTER**

**Sunday, March 27**

Sunrise Holy Communion Service at 7:30 a.m.  
Easter Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.  
Easter Praise Service at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Festival Service at 11:00 a.m.

The graphic features a background of a sunrise over a landscape with three crosses. The text is white and yellow. 'The Resurrection of Our Lord' is at the top. 'CELEBRATE' and 'EASTER' are in large, yellow, serif fonts. 'Sunday, March 27' is below. The schedule items are listed in white text.