

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016



“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and...
honor and glory and praise!”

Revelation 5:12, NIV



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“By God’s grace, the members of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a caring, vibrant diverse community of blessed believers, lovingly reaching out with the message of Jesus Christ.” - *Vision Statement 2010*

The Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services with Holy Baptism

9:45 am - Sunday School, and Mission Presentation

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

Opening Hymn

O Blessed Spring *LSB #595*

Service of Holy Baptism

8:30 am – Today we rejoice as ***Caroline Evelyn Gray*** is received into the family of God in Holy Baptism. Caroline is the child of Scott and Lauren (neé Lemon) Gray. Her sponsors are Medardo & Stephanie Cañada.

11:00 am – Today we rejoice as ***Nora Lillian Jean Grebinski*** is received into the family of God in Holy Baptism. Nora is the child of Ryan and Laura (neé Grahlman) Grebinski. Her sponsors are Caitlin Yearwood and Shayne Grebinski.

May God's richest blessings be upon these children now and forever!

As part of the Baptism service we will pray the Lord's Prayer and
Confess the Apostles' Creed

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.

Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Praise**I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.**

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

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Second Reading: Revelation 5:8-14

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Pastor
People

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem*(Ken Griffin ~ soloist)***“Love Crucified, Arose”***by Michael Card***Holy Gospel: St. John 21:1-14***Pastor*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Pastor

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise to You, O Christ.****Hymn Of The Day****The Lamb** *LSB #547***Sermon****Revelation 5:7-14****“THEN I LOOKED AND I HEARD”****Hymn****Holy, Holy, Holy** *LSB #507 v 1-2*

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Prayer of the Church

Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

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

Crown Him With Many Crowns *LSB #525 V, 1, 3-5*

**Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
 Enthroned in worlds above,
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
 The wondrous name of Love.
 Crown Him with many crowns
 As thrones before Him fall;
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
 For He is king of all.**

Preacher Pastor Nolan Astley
Officiant.....Pastor Roland Syens
Organist.....Jennifer Massicotte
Special Music..... Kristopher Griffin (*piano*)
Acolytes (8:30) Regan Elgie, (11:00) Madison Neustaedter
Sound System Operators.....(8:30) Ken Griffin, (11:00) Mike Koch

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers we remember the ***family of Norman McKay*** who passed away last Sunday at age 89. We also remember those who have been in hospital including ***Walter Wentzlaff*** (Freeport) and ***Paul VanderGriendt*** (St. Michael's Toronto); may God give strength, healing and peace to all who call on Him in their time of need! We also lift up to our Lord the people of ***King of Kings Lutheran Church in St. Albert, AB*** who today begin holding services in a new facility after losing their church building due to the financial crisis in the Alberta British Columbia 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.

Sunday School Staff meeting ***TODAY*** in the basement at ***10:45 am***.

Ehattesah 2016 - an interest finder meeting will be held ***Today after late service*** for anyone interested in knowing more about Holy Cross' 2016 mission trip to Ehattesah. Alternatively, contact Ross Dolson at rwdolson@gmail.com or 519-725-2797.

Coming Events...

Join us for our final LINC night this ***Wednesday, April 13!*** There will be food & fun as we have a campfire, singing and talent show to wrap up our Winter Term. Contact Henri to be part of this fellowship time.

Women's Renewal Weekend Calling all Ladies and Teenage Girls! Do you need to get away and spend time with our Lord and friends in a relaxed atmosphere? Our "LAVENDER SPRINGS SPA" is just for you! Come on **April 22-23** to the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. You can come for Friday night and Saturday, or just one of them, it is up to you. Need a ride, we will arrange one for you. We will study the book of Psalms in an inspiring informative way. Enjoy the fellowship, fun and laughter with new and old friends or bring a friend. For more information and registration forms, please see our display on the Welcome Desk. Registration Deadline is April 17, please try to register early. We look forward to seeing you there. God's blessings to all of you and your families.

Spring Voters' Assembly is on **Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm**. Heads of boards and other officers should get their reports into the church office by **Sunday, April 17!**

Today's Education Hour...

Nursery through Grade 7 students will meet for Opening in the Sanctuary. Today we will learn about the details of "Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two" from Luke 10:1 -24. Next Sunday is the last day we will be collecting cereal boxes & hygiene items for our Mission Projects! We also have a Sunday School Special with Val, Heather & Cheri next week – you won't want to miss it!

Youth continuing our journey though the book of Romans.

Adult Bible Class ..Emily Pritchard will have a presentation on her Mission trip to Ethiopia with CLWR this past January.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	83 & 130	Total 213	('15 – 707*)
Communion Attendance:	64 & 125	Total 189	('15 – 256)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 34 Staff: 1	Total 35	('15 – n/a)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 6 Staff: 2	Total 8	('15 – n/a)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 27 Staff: 10	Total 37	('15 – 39)

Memorials: In memory of **EARL HEBNER** to the Unified Church Budget from Ruth Swartz, Shirley Martin, Don & Carl Fleming, Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Gerry & Ila Wentzlaff, Joan Lautenschlager, Marlene Lemon. To Missions from Dave & Judy Lloyd. In memory of **STANLEY ZEHR** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Ray & Marg West, Gladys Musselman.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 11 to Sunday, April 17, 2016

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Parish Planning Council, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</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.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Friday	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	Holy Communion 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 Room</i>	9:45 a.m.
Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.	