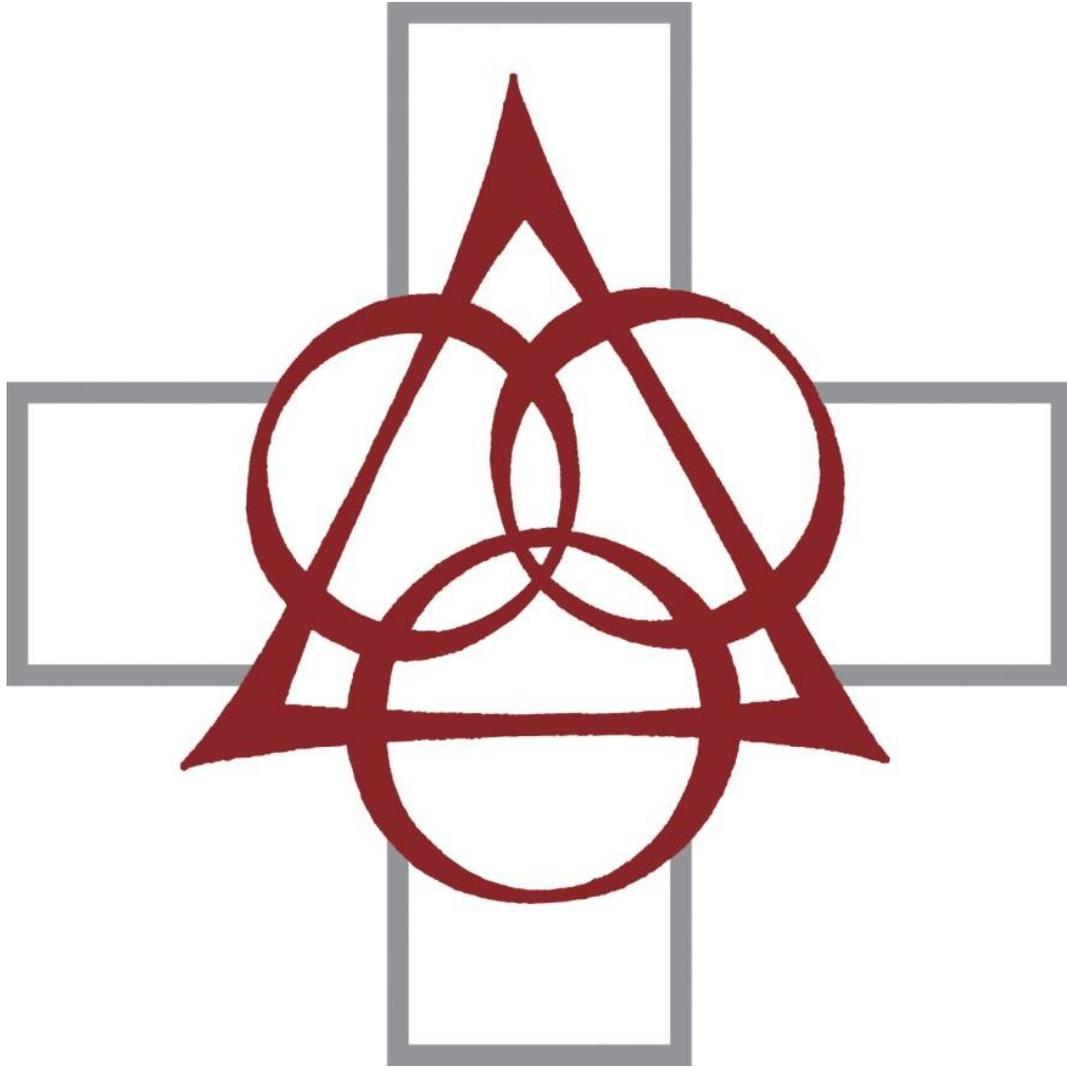


The Holy Trinity

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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 Holy Trinity

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

Monday, 7:00 pm - Divine Service

The Sunday after Pentecost is always The Holy Trinity. As we consider the Trinity, we do not attempt to define or explain God but confess what He has revealed to us in Scripture namely, one God in three persons. God reveals Himself as the God who saves. His delight is in us even though the cost of loving us means offering up His Son on the altar of the cross. This is the heart of God's self-revelation—the Father's saving will and purpose is fulfilled by the Son even to death, and the Spirit reveals this to us so that we might know and believe in Him and be saved. God's wisdom is not theoretical but practical—for us and our salvation. This is His delight, and from this we learn to delight in what He has done!

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy *LSB #507*

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor 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.**

Pastor May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Athanasian Creed: Part 1

Pastor Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
People **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor And the catholic faith is this,
People **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

Pastor For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
People **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Pastor Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
People **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
People **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

Pastor And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
People **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

Pastor In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
People **and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**

Pastor So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
People **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

Pastor So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
People **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Hymn Of Praise

How Great Thou Art LSB #801

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (*Judy Lumsden*)

"Breath of the Father" by Dennis Allen

Holy Gospel: St. John 8:48-59

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

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

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'" ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'" ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Athanasian Creed: Part 2

Pastor Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

People **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

Pastor The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

People **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

Pastor Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

People **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

Pastor but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

People **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

Hymn Of The Day

Thy Strong Word *LSB #578 vs. 1, 4-6*

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Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

At Thy speaking it was done.

**For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining

Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;

From the cross forever beameth

All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

Sermon

Romans 5:1-5

“THE WORK OF GOD”

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Prayer of the Church

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.**

Athanasian Creed: Part 3

Pastor But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

Pastor He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

People **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

Pastor equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

People **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

Pastor one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

People **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

Pastor For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
People **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

Pastor ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

People **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

Pastor And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

People **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

Benediction

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.**

Pastor Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Glory Be to God the Father LSB #506

Officiant..... Pastor Nolan Astley

Organist..... Jennifer Massicotte

Special Music..... Judy Lumsden (*piano*)

Acolytes..... (8:30) Justus Schafer, (11:00) Maxim Wentzlaff

Sound System Operators(8:30) Jerry Golschesky, (11:00) Claude Massicotte

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember those of our congregation who are **sick or shut-in**. We also pray for healing for those who have needs of **body, mind or spirit**. We ask God to bless our upcoming **summer ministries**, including VBS, the National Youth Gathering and other activities currently in the planning stages.

Pastor Roland and Anita continue on holidays until Wednesday, May 25; Richard Roth continues his holidays and will return Monday, May 30.

Pastor Astley's previously scheduled trip to Western Canada this coming week has been cancelled.

Monday Evening Services resume tomorrow **Monday, May 23 at 7:00 pm.**

Notice anything different at church this morning? If not, take a walk through the narthex (narthex is the fancy church word for foyer or lobby) and see the new glass in the front doors of the church! Karen Derksen has crafted four new glass inserts for these doors and they are amazing. They are both decorative and functional – letting in more natural light and allowing us to better see what's on the other side of the door. Thanks Karen for sharing your talents with all of us!

Coming Events...

The Christian Memorial Service for Don Fielding will be held this **Friday, May 27** at **11:00 am** here at Holy Cross. The service will be followed by a luncheon and a private family committal service.

Youth this Friday, May 27 is This House! Bring a friend for some food and music... then join Krysti in the gym for Human Sculptures. Intriguing...

Don't miss APP Training between worship services on **Sunday May 29**. The timing is meant to be REALLY convenient for people already in the building. If you plan to serve in Sunday School, LINC, VBS, Beginnings, Confirmation or Youth, this is for you! Meeting in Triple Bible Classroom at 9:45 a.m. If you know in advance you'll be attending please let Henri know. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

NYG Parent and Youth Pizza Lunch next **Sunday, May 29** after the 11am service. This is our last meeting before the Golf Fundraiser. Sign up on Youth board- plan to stay until 2pm.

BC Mission Boat Society Fundraiser..Building on the success of last year we are once again providing a Green Tec bin for anyone to drop off old electronics for donation. All funds raised will be directed to the BC Mission Boat Society to help offset costs of this mission trip in August 2016. Watch for the Green Tec bin to arrive **Monday, May 30** and it will remain until **Thursday, June 30** when Green Tec will return to pick up all that is collected. Wire cage bins will be found at the back entrance to drop off your old electronic consumer products. Please refer to the e-waste insert on what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. We will be paid by the pound so the more the better! If you happen to have old cell phones / smart phones / laptops please set them aside for easy sorting as we will be paid significantly more for these devices. Please consider this support as an opportunity to safely dispose of old electronics and also to support a mission through Holy Cross

Youth Golf Tournament...Mark your calendars! **Sunday, June 26** at **12:30pm**. Join us for this last fundraiser before the NYG! Not a golfer? Tickets available for Supper. Sign Up at the Welcome Centre.

Please Note...

Amazing ESL Update! Our ESL Community Outreach is being greatly blessed with more participants coming to the English Café on Tuesdays nights, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church. If you enjoy meeting new people and joining in friendly and informative conversations we need you to volunteer on a short term basis until June 21. You do not have to teach, just bring your warm smile and caring heart. This outreach into the community is in a relaxed and non-threatening atmosphere. If you know anyone who could benefit from our help at the English Café, please invite them. Please remember us in your prayers as we do this ESL Community Outreach. For more information, contact Peter Genzinger or Donna Sauder.

Today's Education Hour...

Nursery through Grade 5 students will learn about Jesus Healing the 10 Lepers this Sunday from St. Luke 17. **Grade 6/7 class** will be led by Colin Palmer.

Youth continuing our journey though the book of Romans. See you in the Youth Room!

YABS will meet on the Gym Stage and be led by Emmanuel George.

Adult Bible Class Pastor Astley will continue a study focused upon the God the Holy Spirit. Grab a coffee and come join the discussion.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	94 & 188	Total 282	('15 – 248)
Communion Attendance:	80 & 155	Total 235	('15 – n/a)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 41 Staff: 1	Total 42	('15 – 36)
YABS:	Pupils: 3 Staff: 1	Total 4	('15 – 4)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 2	Total 6	('15 – 6)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 29 Staff: 19	Total 48	('15 – 39)

Thankoffering: In honour of **DOUG GRISCHOW's** birthday to the Organ Fund from Erv & Jennie Bloch.

Memorials: In memory of **ELSE SCHLAUCH** to the Organ Fund from Steve & Delila Keczem. In memory of **HELEN MACKENZIE** to the Organ Fund from Grant & Joanne Schaefer. In memory of **DON FIELDING** to the Unified Church Budget from Harold & Norma Blake, Bob & Ruth Ann Paetz, Carl Zehr, James Buschert. To the Organ Fund from Joy Prittie, Alison Prittie. To Missions from Bob & Jean Schmitt. To the Sunday School from Grant & Joanne Schaefer. In memory of **DOREEN ISRAEL** to the Unified Church Budget from Suzanne Ries.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 23 to Sunday, May 29, 2016

Monday	Victoria Day, <i>Church Office Closed</i> Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	3ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Board of Church Property, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Memorial Service for Don Fielding, <i>Church</i> This House, <i>Parlour</i> Youth Activities, <i>Parlour, Youth room</i>	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Second Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service , <i>Church</i> Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> Abuse Prevention Training, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.
	VBS Registration, <i>Parlour</i> YABS, <i>Gym Stage</i> Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Room</i> Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Cartridges Ink and Toner

- Original HP, Canon, Dell, Brother, Samsung and Lexmark Cartridges

Cell Phones and Wireless Devices

- All Cell Phones and Smart Phones
- iPhones and iPads
- Tablets
- Pagers
- GPS
- Modems

Computer and IT Equipment

- Laptop, Desktop, and Personal Computers
- Mini & Micro Computers
- Tablets and iPads
- CRT (up to 39"), LCD and LED Monitors
- All Computer Peripherals, Keyboard, Mice, Cables and Wires etc.
- Computer Parts, CPU, Memory/RAM, Hard Drives and Motherboards
- CD-ROM and Optical Drives
- Power Supplies
- Uninterrupted Power Supply, APC, UPS Battery Back Up Supply

Printers

- All Laser or Inkjet Printers
- Fax Machines
- Scanners
- Plotters
- Copiers (Under 90 kgs)

Networking Equipment

- Servers and Storage Area Networks
- Routers, Modems and Switches
- Server Racks
- Cables and Wires

Telecommunications Equipment

- Multiline Phone Systems
- Multiline Phones
- Telephone and Fax Machines

Audio Visual Equipment

- Cable and Satellite Receivers (PVRs)
- Digital Cameras
- iPods and MP3 Players
- Projectors, Video Players/Recorders
- Amplifiers, Pre-Amplifiers, Equalizers
- Radios, Speakers, Turntables
- Audio Players/Recorders
- Stereos, Radios, Amplifiers And Speakers
- Car Audio Equipment
- Cameras And Camcorders
- DVD Players, VHS Players And Satellite Receivers
- Gaming Consoles

Batteries

- Cell Phone/Laptop Batteries
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Lithium Ion
- Nickel Metal Hydride
- Sealed Lead

Other Electrical and Electronic Equipment

- Air Conditioners, Fans, Blenders, Power Tools, Electrical Motors

Non-Acceptable Items

- Bio & Hazardous Waste/Sharps
- Medical Equipment
- Chemical Waste
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Gas Powered Equipment
- Medication

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