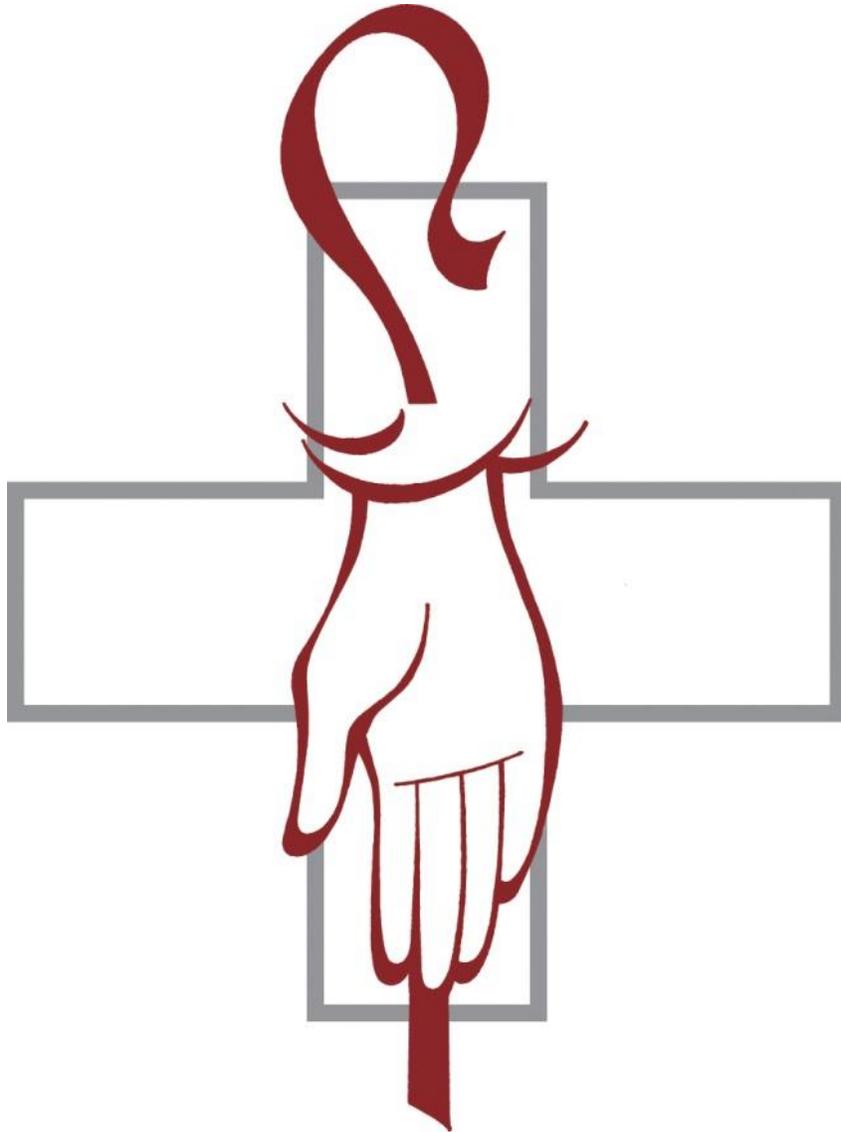
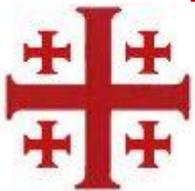


The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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*

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

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

9:45 am - LINC Registration

Monday, 7:00 pm - Holy Communion Service

Call To Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns *LSB #525 vs. 1-3*

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 virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

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.

Invocation & Opening Sentences

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

Pastor Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

People **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

Pastor From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

People **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

Pastor to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people.

People **Praise the LORD.**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.

People **Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor When we have ignored the plight of the poor,

People **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor When our happiness is dependent upon our possessions and our wealth,

People **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor When we have failed to be generous to others as You have been generous to us,

People **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor When we have been foolish with the resources You entrust to us, instead of using them to further Your Kingdom,

People **we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those of which we are unaware. Have mercy on us.

Pastor There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. 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.**

Hymn of Praise

Crown Him With Many Crowns LSB #525 vs. 4 & 5

**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.**

Old Testament Reading: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Martha Schaus - soloist)

"Somebody Bigger Than You and I"

By Johnny Lange, Hy Heath, Sonny Burke

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 16:1-15

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'

³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life and Let It Be LSB #783

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

Sermon

St. Luke 16:1-15

“HABITS OF FAITHFUL DISCIPLES: SACRIFICIAL GIVING”

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.

Prayer of the Church

Parish Announcements and gathering of our Offering

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.**

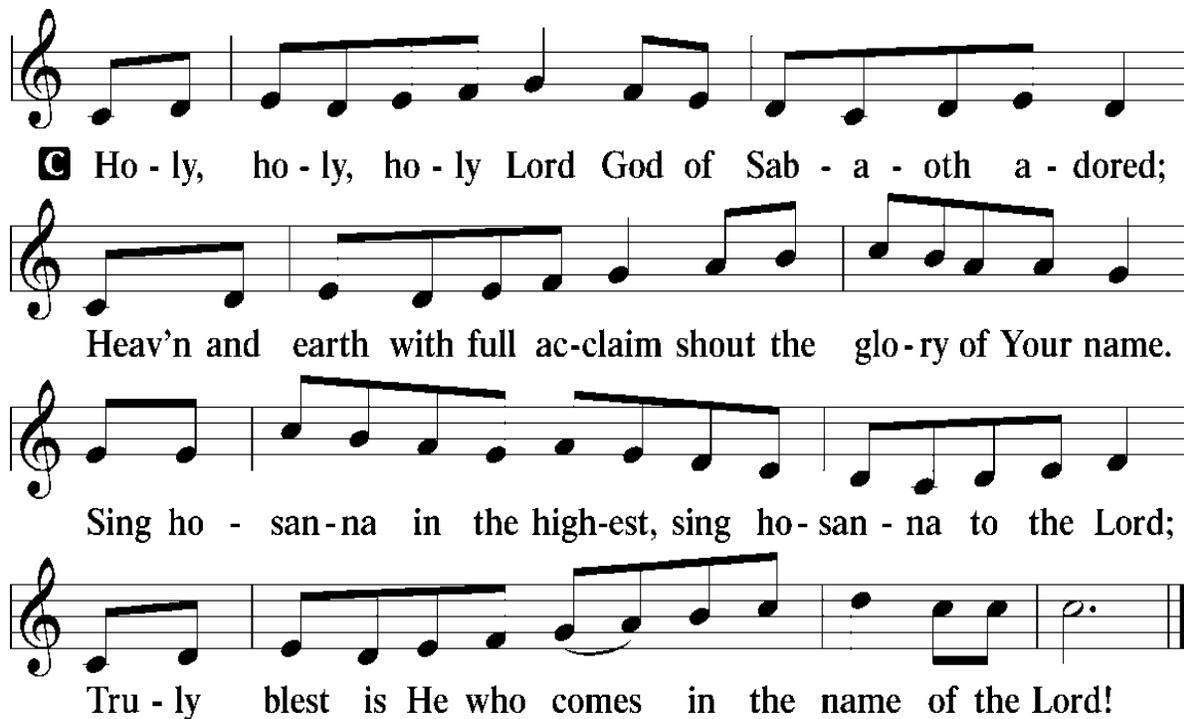
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Proper Preface

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who faithfully, and generously gave His own life for us on the cross, that we may now live new lives of faith and generosity. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C 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!

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."

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

C 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

Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us LSB #851

The Lord My God be Praised LSB #794

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor Gracious God, Your generosity to us knows no bounds. For all of the goodness You have lavished upon us—all that we need for daily life and so much more—we give You thanks. We especially thank You this day for the gift of Christ's body and blood, in which we receive the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation. Help us to be generous people, wisely using what You have entrusted to us to serve others; 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 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

Sent Forth By God's Blessing *LSB # 643*

**Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

Officiant.....Pastor Roland Syens
Preacher..... Pastor Nolan Astley
Communion Assistants(8:30) Pastor Wentzlaff
..... (11:00) Jerry Golschesky, Rick Hutfloetz
OrganistsJennifer Massicotte (*Sunday*), Jonathan Astley (*Monday*)
Acolytes..... Regan Elgie (8:30), Madison Neustaedter (11:00)
Sound System Operators..... Jerry Golschesky (8:30), Claude Massicotte (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers this morning we remember those who have been in hospital this week including **Paul VanderGriendt**, who is now at Lyndhurst Rehab hospital in Toronto, and **Lydia Weimer** who has been at St. Mary's. We also ask for God's care and comfort for **Bob Peters** who receiving palliative care at Innisfree House. We ask God to **comfort all who mourn** and to be with all who are **undergoing treatments** for various ailments. As we resume many **ministry programs** we ask God to bless and to guide our work and to bless the mission of His church here and throughout the world.

LINC Registration is Today... in the parlour Join us for **10 Wednesdays, beginning September 28, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.** in a casual, friendly atmosphere. LINC means Living In the Nurture of Christ. Our Wednesdays include Family Mealtime (*freewill offering*), Bible Learning for ages kindergarten through adult and a wide variety of Response Activities. The adult learning time will focus on the Gospel of John using the movie of the same name to lead us in to discussion of the fourth Gospel. This study will begin Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 pm. Those who prefer to come just for the study are most welcome!

New 2016 - 2017 Church Directories are now available at the Welcome Centre.

Coming Events...

Confirmation Candidates meet this **Wednesday, September 21 at 5:00 p.m.** with Pastor Astley in the Triple Bible Classroom. Confirmation of the Candidates will take place on Sunday, October 23.

Confirmation Students and Parents, there's an orientation meeting this **Wednesday, September 21 at 5:00 p.m.** for those entering Grade 6 and 7 this fall. Junior and Senior classes begin on **Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m.**

No Youth this week- as Krysti is away. See you on September 30th!

Grade 3 Students Receive Bibles next **Sunday, September 25** during our special presentations at either early or late worship service. Parents & students be ready to come to the altar together when Pastor calls you! During the Sunday School hour parents & students will move to the gym to work together on learning how to use these beautiful books.

Fall Voters' Assembly is set to meet **Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.** The Voters' reports are available at the Welcome Centre desk to help you prepare for the meeting.

Ride for Refuge...is Saturday, October 1!! We have our team registered as Holy Cross Lutheran Riders and now we need riders/walkers! This year's donations will go to help families of Grace Lutheran Church as they sponsor an Iranian Christian refugee family. You can sign up on the website rideforereluge.org. You can also support us by donating. Contact Anita Syens at rasyens@hotmail.com. Co-Sponsored by Faith Life Financial Chapter #74097

Youth Fundraiser- Apple Pies 9" Apple Crumble Pie (unbaked) \$8.00 each Just in time for Thanksgiving, pick up **Saturday, October 1 between 12-5pm** or **Sunday, October 2 between services**. We are taking orders after both services today in the narthex. Forms are also available on the youth board. Contact Krysti for more information or to place your order. krysti@holycrosskitchener.org 226-989-4444. Last year we sold over 150 pies! Thank you for supporting the youth.

Thanksgiving Display—Bring Groceries! Thanksgiving is on **Sunday, October 9** and you're asked to start bringing grocery items in for the harvest display. Please begin with non-perishable food items. Fresh fall vegetables can be brought the week of October 3.

Today's Education Hour

Time Together (Babies – Age 3 w/ a parent) will meet in the Basement @ 10:00 a.m. with Beth leading.

JK through Grade 7 students will find out about "Entering the Promised Land" from Joshua 3-5.

Youth Bible Class meets in the Youth Room right after Early Service. Bring a friend!

YABS will meet in Triple Bible Classroom immediately after Early Service.

Adult Bible Class will continue its focus on Discipleship. Jesus said to His disciples, "Follow me." With that he invites us to not just listen to Him, but to belong to Him as we journey through this world. Join us as we focus on following, Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	120 & 190 & 37	Total 327	('15 – 312)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 52 Staff: 1	Total 53	('15 – 49)
YABS:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 3	Total 10	('15 – 5)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 10 Staff: 2	Total 13	('15 – 14)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 13 Staff: 37	Total 50	('15 – 70)

Memorial: In memory of **STEFAN WELKER** to the Organ Fund from Richard & Christine Seip.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 19 to Sunday, September 25, 2016

Monday	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Organ Committee, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Stewardship, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Candidate Class, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	5:00 p.m.
	Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Orientation, <i>Parlour</i>	5:00 p.m.
	Board of Missions, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
	Board of Worship, <i>Youth Centre</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.
Sunday	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	with Grade 3 Bible Presentations	
	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.
	YABS, <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.	