

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
January 22, 2017



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*Jesus*  
began to preach,  
and to say,  
*Repent:*  
for the  
kingdom of heaven  
is at hand.

Matthew 4:17



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Lutheran Church Canada

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# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

9:45 am - LINC Registration

**Order of Service:** Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB Page 260

**Hymns:** 644, 826, 917

**Readings:** Isaiah 9:1-4 (Pew Bible, Page 671)  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Pew Bible, Page 1105)  
St. Matthew 4:12-25 (Pew Bible, Page 935)

**Special Music:** Claude Massicotte

**Anthem:** "For the Sake of the Call" by Steven Curtis Chapman (Claude Massicotte, *soloist*)

**Sermon:** "KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE" St. Matthew 4:17

**Serving in God's House Today:** Pastor Astley (*Officiant*), Pastor Syens (*Preacher*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*)  
Ella Kuhlman (*8:30 Acolyte*), Kendra Schmidt (*11:00 Acolyte*)  
Marty Stanfel (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Chris Bohl (*11:00 Sound Operator*)

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today we thank the Lord for the gift of **Family and friends** and pray for God's blessings as we move into 2017. We pray for over **100 million persecuted Christians** in our world that God would bring them comfort and freedom. We pray for our **church in Berlin** that has been receiving many Muslim converts to Christianity and who have been challenged by immigration officials that God bring them freedom and protection. We pray the Gospel speaks into the hearts and minds of all Muslims and all who are in the darkness that they may come to know Christ as Saviour. We pray for **President Trump and for the leaders of the United States** that God give them guidance and wisdom as they begin their terms of office.

**Sign up for LINC Today!** (Living In the Nurture of Christ) Join us **Wednesdays 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** beginning **January 25** (with a 1 week recess during March break). No cooking for YOU!!! We do have areas where your help is needed. Register in the parlour **today** or email [henri@holycrosskitchener.org](mailto:henri@holycrosskitchener.org).

**2016 Contribution Statements and Tax Receipts** are in the pigeon holes today! If you don't have a pigeonhole, your statement and receipt have been mailed to you. If you have questions, contact Harry Drews (519-576-3239).

**Pick Up a Voters' Report Today** from the Welcome Centre desk. The Voters' Assembly is set for **Sunday, January 29 at 12:30 p.m.** in the church basement. The Board of Fellowship will provide lunch prior to the beginning of the meeting.

## Today's Education Hour

**Time Together** will meet at 10:00 in the basement with Beth Gibney sharing about the Wise Men visiting Jesus.

**Sunday School** students will hear about what Jesus Taught Nicodemus. It's Pizza & Playtime today for families of 3 year olds, JK & SK – meet us in the GYM after late service!

**Youth** meet in the Youth Centre with Marjorie Sutherland who will teach on False Gospels.

**YABS** this morning, led by Oleg Chernukhin, will discuss Religious Pluralism.



**Adult Bible Class** continues its Reformation 500 study of the Book of Romans. It was while teaching on Romans that Luther began to understand the Gospel of forgiveness, life and salvation. However in order to receive the Gospel one needs to hear the Law and that is where we will spend our time today as we look at Romans 1:18-3:20. Grab a coffee and join the conversation!

## Coming Events...

**Youth** join us *this Friday* at **7:00 pm**. Friends are always welcome!

**Confirmation Classes & LINC** return **this week** on *Wednesday January 25, 2017*.

**This House/Coffee House** is this *Friday January 27 at 7 p.m.* We continue our study on “Who is Jesus” “Nearly everyone has some vague ideas about who Jesus was. But often that mental picture does not match what the Gospels reveal. Jesus’s actions, His words, and His penetrating encounters with other people were nothing less than shocking.” We will be looking at “His LIFE.” Everyone is welcome.

**Adult Information Classes** are again being offered and will begin next **Sunday, January 29 from 6:30-8:30 pm** and continue for 9 weeks. If you are interested in joining our church or simply looking to review what we believe, please join us.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	113 & 208	Total 319	('15 – 292)
<b>Sunday Communion Attd:</b>	97 & 161	Total 258	('15 – 250)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 41 Staff: 15	Total 56	('15 – 46)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 60 Staff: 1	Total 61	('15 – 48)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 10 Staff: 1	Total 11	('15 – 3)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 10 Staff: 1	Total 11	('15 – 12)

**Thank Offerings:** In honour of the birthday of **CHRISTINE SEIP** to the Organ Fund from Judy Siegner. With prayer, praise & joy for **BLESSINGS RECEIVED** to the Organ Fund from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In honour of **GUY CHADSEY** to the Organ Fund from Richard & Christine Seip.

**Memorials:** In memory of her parents **ELFRIEDE & GUENTHER BAKERMANN** to the Organ Fund from Sigrid Bakermann. In memory of **FRED SCHLEGEL** to the Organ Fund from Richard & Christine Seip. In memory of **JOHN SCHULTZ** to the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Martin. In memory of **GARY LEMON** to Griefshare from Marlene Lemon. In memory of **ILENE LEMP** to the Unified Church Budget from Violet Luckhardt.

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday January 23 to Sunday January 29, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	ESL English Conversation, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... 10:30 a.m. Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 6:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i> ..... 6:30 p.m. Board of Stewardship, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Quilters, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 9:00 a.m. LINC, <i>Everywhere</i> ..... 5:30 p.m. Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 6:15 p.m. Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 6:15 p.m. Board of Church Properties, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 7:00 p.m. Board of Worship, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... 7:30 p.m. Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	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.
<b>Friday</b>	'This House', <i>Parlour</i> ..... 7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 7:00 p.m. Youth Event, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>8:30 a.m.</b> 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. <b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Voters' Lunch, <i>Basement</i> ..... 12:15 p.m. Voters' Assembly, <i>Basement</i> ..... 12:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 6:30 p.m.

"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*



***Reformation 500 Planning and Coordinating Committee  
now being organized for Kitchener Circuit.***

This year the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation will be celebrated around the world, and various events will be held to commemorate this monumental time period in our Church's history. This is an extraordinary opportunity for our local LCC congregations to collaborate in reaching out to the larger community with the same Gospel message that Luther proclaimed. In order to plan and coordinate circuit-wide activities, Pastor Jim Heinbuch—Chairman of the LCC's Reformation 500 Committee—will be hosting a special meeting on **Saturday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church** (700 Glen Forrest Blvd, Waterloo; phone: (519) 884-3849). We are requesting that at least **one lay representative from each congregation** in our circuit attend this meeting. This liaison person will be asked to help plan and organize 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and promote these within their home church.

Some ideas that have already been proposed are

- 1) hosting a screening of the new Luther movie <http://newluthermovie.com/lcms/>,
- 2) organizing "Reformation Walk" (especially for kids) <http://www.cph.org/reformationwalk/>,
- 3) hosting a Lutheran concert series of fine music interspersed with short lectures. Have any other ideas?? Let's work together to celebrate the Reformation and raise public awareness in the K-W area!