

# Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Lutheran Church Canada

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# The Sixth 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 - Youth Bake Sale

12:15 pm - Pizza and Playtime

12:30 pm - VBS Supervisor's meeting

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

6:30 pm - Adult Instruction Class

## Call to Worship Bells

## Words of Welcome

## Opening Hymn

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ, AGPS #78**

## Invocation and Psalm 98

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* The LORD has made known His salvation;

*People* **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*Pastor* Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

*People* **the world and those who dwell in it!**

*Pastor* Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,  
*People* **for He comes to judge the earth.**

*Pastor* He will judge the world with righteousness,

*People* **and the peoples with equity.**

*All* **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Pastor* The LORD has made known His salvation;

*People* **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Pastor* Lord of mercy and might, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.

*(A time of silence is observed.)*

*Pastor* Our failure to obey Your commandments,

*People* **we confess to You, Lord.**

*Pastor* Our giving attention to so many other gods,

*People* **we confess to You, Lord.**

*Pastor* Our giving in to the temptation to hate our neighbor,

*People* **we confess to You, Lord.**

*Pastor* Our impure thoughts and actions,

*People* **we confess to You, Lord.**

*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.**

**Hymn**

**O Sing to the Lord** *LSB# 808*

**O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.**

**For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.**

**So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.  
And sing to our God, And sing to our God.**

**O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.**

**For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.**

**Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Anthem**

*(Caitlin Pritchard - soloist)*

*"Testify to Love"*

*by Paul Field, Henk Pool, Ralph Van Manen, Robert Riekerk*

**Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:21-37**

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'<sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'<sup>32</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

## In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found  
 He is my light my strength my song  
 This Cornerstone this solid ground  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
 What heights of love what depths of peace  
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
 My comforter my all in all  
 Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh  
 Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
 This gift of love and righteousness  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save  
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
 The wrath of God was satisfied  
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
 Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay  
 Light of the world by darkness slain  
 Then bursting forth in glorious day  
 Up from the grave He rose again  
 And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 For I am His and He is mine  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life no fear in death  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny  
 No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand  
 'Til He returns or calls me home  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand**

Hymn

In God We Believe AGPS #136

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.

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

I Love To Tell the Story AGPS #128 (v 1-3)

Preacher..... Pastor Nolan Astley
Officiant..... Pastor Roland Syens
Organist..... Jennifer Massicotte
Acolytes ..... (8:30) Madison Neustaedter, (11:00) Nicole Relf
Sound Operators.....(8:30) Jerry Golschesky, (11:00) Claude Massicotte

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Prayer Concerns: Thanking the Lord for the gift of freedom and praying for the persecuted church that God bring His comfort and freedom. For the children and families of those who have lost loved ones because of terrorist activity. For our Prime minister and parliament that God give them wisdom to rule wisely. For our Queen as she celebrates 65 years on the throne that God continue to give her His wisdom and guidance as she defends the faith. For the church in Ukraine as they gather for planning meetings this weekend. For Missionaries around the world that God give them strength and courage as they share Christ. For all of us as God calls us to be salt and light in a world of darkness. For those struggling with illness, depression, addictions that God bring His healing, strength and love.

Pastor Astley will be out of the office Tuesday to Thursday this week attending meetings on behalf of Lutheran Church – Canada and its seminaries.

Youth Bake Sale Today! Visit us in the Parlour after services and get some treats for your sweethearts! A free will donation will go to the Community Cupboard.

Confirmand Retreat for youth grades 6-9 in Fisherville, February 17-19. Information and forms available on the youth board. Registration due to Krysti today!

Adult Information Class is tonight from 6:30-8:30 pm and will discuss “A Saviour Who Saves You”. All are welcome to join us.

## Today's Education Hour

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**Time Together Families** will meet with Beth downstairs at 10:00 a.m.

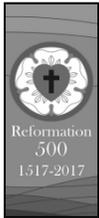
**Sunday School** students will read about when Jesus called Matthew and the other disciples.

**Pizza & Gym time *today*** for Grade 3 & 4 Families us in the GYM after late service!

**Sunday School SPECIAL** is ***next Sunday, February 19*** – Time Together Families thru Grade 7 will be in the Basement (& maybe the Gym to finish!) to experience the excitement of Jesus' healing miracles.

**Youth** will meet to discuss "Sharing Your Faith with Muslims - Part 2"

**YABS** will be discussing John 7-9. Join us in Triple Bible classroom.



**Adult Bible Class** will continue the Reformation 500 study of the book of Romans. Today we will focus on chapter 4 to see how even in the Old Testament, salvation was received by faith alone! Grab a coffee and join us at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

## Coming Events...

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**Young Adults Bible Study...** takes place again on ***Tuesday, February 14 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm***. The topic is "Father, Master, Bridegroom, King", and it looks at parables about the kingdom of God and the different roles of God and God's people presented in each. Hosting this week are Jonathan and Caitlin Astley (#4-150 Sheldon Avenue, N., Kitchener).

**Pizza & Movie Night** Featuring "*Finding Dory*" is happening here at Holy Cross ***Friday, February 24 at 6:30 pm***. If you're coming for "This House" join us for pizza before. Sign-up sheets are available at the welcome centre.

**Need a tissue? So do our schools!** The Sunday School kids are doing a project of collecting Kleenex boxes (new, full boxes) and donating them to local schools. Please bring them ***in Sunday, February 19 and 26***.

**Pancake Supper** will be held ***Wednesday, March 1 at 5:30 pm*** with our LINC program. If you aren't already attending LINC please sign-up at the welcome centre.

**Clean Out Your Children's Books!** A box as been placed at the back entrance to collect children's Christian books from ***now until March Break***. If you have some children's books in good condition, they will go to a member's 'free little library' where neighbours can take a book. What a neat ministry to do from your own home!

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	105 & 193	Total 298	('15 – 304)
<b>Communion Attendance:</b>	91 & 155	Total 246	('15 – 229)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 44 Staff: 14	Total 58	('15 – 48)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 53 Staff: 1	Total 54	('15 – 42)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 4 Staff: 3	Total 7	('15 – 4)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 4 Staff: 5	Total 9	('15 – 12)

**Memorials:** In memory of **WALTER WENTZLAFF** to the Church Maintenance Fund from John & Wilma Reist.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday February 13 to Sunday February 19, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <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.
	YABS Bible Study, <i>Jonathan &amp; Caitlin Astley's house</i> .....	7:30 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.
<b>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> .....	2:30 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> .....	8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	
	<b>Holy Communion Service, Church</b> .....	<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>Holy Communion Service, Church</b> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
	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*