

The Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 10/11, 2017



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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church Canada

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services with Installation of Education Workers

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

9:45 am - LINC Registration

12:15 pm - Congregational BBQ

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

3:30 pm - Slovak Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Call to Worship Bells

Hymn

Brothers and Sisters in Christ AGPS #78

Invocation

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

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

People **whose sin is covered.**

Pastor I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

People **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor Brothers and sisters, we gather together as the baptized children of God. Let us come to Him confessing our need of Him and begging His forgiveness.

People **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your children, confess to You our waywardness. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds. We are sinful from birth. We do not deserve Your love. Yet by Your own Gospel promise we dare to come before You imploring Your grace. Forgive us our sins, gather us as Your own children, and give us Your love and life. Amen.**

Pastor "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Upon this your confession and prayer, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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

Let all Things Now Living AGPS #155

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem**Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 18:1-20**

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

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

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Sermon

St. Matthew 18:15-20

“BEFORE YOU UNFRIEND”

Hymn

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

Installation of Christian Education Volunteers

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

There is a Name I Love to Hear AGPS #236

Preacher..... Pastor Nolan Astley
Officiant..... Pastor Roland Syens
Pianists..... Jennifer Massicotte (Sunday), Anne Forler (Monday)
Acolyte..... Jonathan Das (11:00)
Special Music (piano)..... Hope Bindseil, Mackenzie Szasz (8:30),
..... Evangeline Branje, Brady Fergin (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: For all those who have been effected by wild fires in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba and the States, by hurricanes in the States, Mexico & Caribbean, by flooding in Southeast Asia, by drought in Eastern Africa; for teachers & students who have begun another school term that God give them wisdom and His guidance; for Lutheran Church Canada and her leaders that God give them wisdom, patience and strength as they prepare for the 11th Synodical Convention and that God would continue to guide His people to elect new leaders who will govern with Godly wisdom; For those struggling with illness, especially Dora Dreisinger who has been in hospital this past week, depression and other difficulties that God would give healing and direction. Thanking God for all those who serve in our church and our Holy Cross family.

Rally Day BBQ! Join us *after late service* out on the lawn to re-connect after the summer!

Today's Education Hour...

Welcome to Rally Sunday! Preschool (Age 3) to Young Adults are invited to our Opening in the Sanctuary at 9:45. Look for the pew with your (child's) current grade label & introduce yourself to the Teachers & Helpers.

Sunday School Registration in Gym from 10:00-10:50 – Parents/guardians please update/sign a form for each of your children in Sunday School.

Youth Bible Class will meet in the Youth Centre, after opening, and meet with our new DPS Intern Lenora Wallden!

YABS Feel free to join us in the newly renovated Church Library. We will chat about what kinds of exciting Bible studies we'll be having this year and eat some donuts.

Adult Bible Class Many Lutherans Christians know that 2017 is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. But what were those 95 sentences all about? Do they have any relevance for today? As we begin Adult Bible Class this fall we will focus on those 95 sentences and the early history of the Reformation. Luther was above all a Bible scholar and pastor and we will grow in our faith as we look at the Scripture passages behind the 95 Theses and that were key to Luther's desire to bring change to the church in his time and to preserve true teaching for us today. Grab a coffee and join us at 10 am in the Sanctuary!

Coming Events...

LINC Registration is today ... and next **Sunday, September 17 in the parlour.** Join us for **10 Wednesdays, beginning September 27, 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. Adult learning time will focus on Parenting. Those who prefer to come just for the study are most welcome!

GriefShare A new group will be starting on **Monday September 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** and will continue for 13 weeks. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome to attend. Please contact Anita Syens at: rasyens@hotmail.com or the office (519-742-5812) for more information.

Church Choir Resumes on **Thursday, September 14.** The Choir meets each Thursday evening at 8:00 pm in the sanctuary. All are encouraged to come and share your gifts as we sing praises to the Lord. Please see Jennifer Massicotte for more details.

Ride for Refuge ... is *Saturday, September 30!!* Get your helmets or walking shoes on and join us! 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 Ride Website: rideforrefuge.org. This event is co-sponsored by Faith Life Financial Branch #74097. You can also support us by donating.

If you have any questions contact Anita Syens at: rasyens@hotmail.com

Youth Golf Tournament is on ***Saturday, September 16*** at Creekside Golf Course, Woodstock with tee off (shot gun start) **at 1:00 p.m.** Registration forms are available at the Welcome Centre. Co-Sponsored by Faith Life Financial Chapter #74097.

Youth Pie Fundraiser The Youth will be making and selling their delicious apple pies, just in time for Thanksgiving! Order forms are in your pigeon holes today! Please have your order to Lenora by ***Thursday, September 28***. Pies will be \$8.00.

New Church Directory will be coming at the end of September.

Thanksgiving Display - Bring Groceries! Thanksgiving is on ***Sunday, October 8*** 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 1.

Walk in Martin Luther's Footsteps—Come join one of the guided tours as we go on a ***Reformation Walk*** through 10 educational stations explaining the life of Martin Luther. Adults and children alike will enjoy this living history event at **Messiah Lutheran Church** [700 Glen Forrest Blvd, Waterloo] on ***Saturday, October 28th*** from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Other highlights include medieval displays, Reformation book/souvenir sale, kids' activities and FOOD! **Pre-registration now open**—sign up early to secure your place within a tour group. Email Roslyn at r2zehr@gmail.com to register via Google Doc (or call 519-745-4891). Come dressed in medieval-style clothing and travel back 500 years in time!

VBS Revisited!!! Have you volunteered at VBS in the past? Are you wondering if volunteering for VBS would be something you enjoy? Now is a great opportunity to find out! On ***November 17, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.*** we are planning a one day VBS program which will look at this summer's themes of ACT, OBEY, FORGIVE, and BELIEVE as they are expressed in the Christmas story. If you have any interest in being involved with this, please contact Lenora at: lenora@holycrosskitchener.org

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	184 & 27		
Nuer Service Attendance:	19	Total 230	('16 – 226)
Sunday/Monday Comm Attd:	169 & 24	Total 193	('16 – 203)

Memorial: In memory of **RUTH SWARTZ** to the Altar Fund from Cliff & Sherry Swartz-Hill.
In memory of **GARY LEMON** to the Organ Fund from Marlene Lemon.

Weekly Calendar

Monday September 11 to Sunday September 17, 2017

Monday	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:30 p.m. Evening Divine Service , <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Board of Young Peoples, <i>Church Library</i> 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 9:00 a.m. Board of Missions, <i>Church Library</i> 7:00 p.m. Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i> 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Gym, Basement, Kitchen</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i> 9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 2:30 p.m. Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m. Church Choir, <i>Church</i> 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Nuer Ladies Music & Fellowship, <i>Basement</i> 6:00 p.m. Youth Activities, <i>Gym, Youth Centre</i> 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost with receiving of Nuer Fellowship Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 8:30 a.m. LINC Registration, <i>Parlour</i> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> 9:45 a.m. YABS, <i>Church Library</i> 9:45 a.m. Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 11:00 a.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*