

The Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
September 24/25, 2017



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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services with Grade 3 Bible Presentations

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

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service with Holy Communion

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Order of Service: (8:30 & Monday) Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184
(11:00) See Printed Order of Service

Hymns: (8:30 & Monday) 809, 826, 794

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9 (Pew Bible, Page 714)
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (Pew Bible, Page 1100)
St. Matthew 20:1-16 (Pew Bible, Page 950)

Sermon **St. Matthew 20:1-16**
“THE MATHEMATICS OF GRACE”

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Preacher*)
Anne Forler (8:30 & Monday *Pianist*), Cole Tiegs (8:30 *Acolyte*), Samuel Schafer (11:00 *Acolyte*), Claude Massicotte (*Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: We pray for the upcoming convention of **Lutheran Church Canada** that God would give wisdom to the delegates as they choose the next leaders of the church; for our **Voter’s Assembly**; for all those who have been affected by **natural disasters** in our world that God would bring help and hope to all who suffer loss; for all **Christians who are persecuted** for their faith in Christ that they may be strengthened and given courage; for all who mourn the loss of a loved one especially for **Rick Jolivet and family** as they mourn the loss of Ricks father this past week.

Today’s Education Hour...

Parents of Sunday school children... if you have not already done so, please go to your child(ren)’s class today at 10:40 to update/sign permission/registration forms.

God’s Word is a special gift today! We have the joy of giving Bibles to this year’s grade 3 class. Parents, please bring your child to the altar in early or late service and attend the workshop in the Gym between services.

Youth Bible Class Will begin study on Angels, Lesson 1, with Michelle!

YABS This Sunday, we’ll talk about "Moral Argument for God's Existence". Join us at 9:45AM in the conference room (formerly Senior Pastor’s office).

Adult Bible Class Martin Luther touched a raw nerve when he wrote at the beginning of the 95 theses that the life of a Christian is a life of repentance. Today we will look at why that rather tame statement (by today’s standards) caused such an uproar 500 years ago. Grab a coffee and join the discussion at 10:00 in the sanctuary.

Coming Events...

Fall Voters’ Assembly is **Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.** Voters’ reports are available at the Welcome Centre to help you prepare for the meeting.

Confirmation Classes Begin this **Wednesday, September 27 at 6:15 p.m.** Junior students gather with Henrietta Schafer in the Panel room, and senior students meet with Pastor Nolan Astley in the Confirmation room.

LINC begins ... this Wednesday, September 27 and runs for *10 Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.* in a casual, friendly atmosphere. The adult learning time will be a Focus on the family parenting study. If you missed registration or wish to join us for a meal one evening please call the office, 519-742-5812 or email janet@holycrosskitchener.org. Those who prefer to come just for the study are most welcome!

Youth Pie Fundraiser The Youth will be making and selling their delicious apple pies, just in time for Thanksgiving! If you can lend an apple peeler speak to Lenora! Please have your order to Lenora by **Thursday, September 28**. Pies will be \$8.00.

This House/Coffee House meets the last Friday of every month. **September 29** we meet in the parlour **from 7-10 p.m.** for fellowship, food, fun and a look at Jesus' claim to be God. We continue our DVD series "Who is Jesus?" Our study will look at Jesus statements of being God. This is part two of: The "God" Claim.

Ride/Walk for Refuge ... is Saturday, September 30!! 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 support us by signing up or donating on the Ride Website: rideforrefuge.org. This event is co-sponsored by Faith Life Financial Branch #74097. If you have any questions contact Anita Syens at: rasyens@hotmail.com

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 the Footsteps of Martin Luther!—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 28** from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Other highlights include medieval displays, Reformation book/souvenir sale, kids' activities and FOOD! **Pre-registration required** - Email Roslyn at r2zehr@gmail.com to register via Google Doc (or call 519-745-4891). **Please register by October 14!!** Come dressed in medieval-style clothing and travel back 500 years in time!

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	97 & 179 & 21		
Nuer Service Attendance:	23	Total 320	('16 – 261)
Communion Attendance:	82 & 153 & 20	Total 255	('16 – 229)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 42 Staff: 18	Total 60	('16 – 43)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 64 Staff: 1	Total 65	('16 – 53)
YABS:	Pupils: 9 Staff: 3	Total 12	('16 – 5)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 10 Staff: 1	Total 11	('16 – 10)

Memorial: In memory of **CARLA HARTNELL** to the Sunday School from Arnold & Cheri Drung & Family. In memory of **CLARENCE DUQUETTE** to the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Martin.

Weekly Calendar

Monday September 25 to Sunday October 1, 2017

Monday	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Panel Room</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Evening Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Voter's Assembly , <i>Basement</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <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.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmand Candidate Class #2, <i>Church Library</i>	5:00 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>Gym</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre, Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Ride for Refuge, <i>Koinonia Christian Fellowship, Bloomingdale</i>	8:00 a.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Panel Room</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion 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>Conference Room</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.
Nuer Language Service , <i>Church</i>	2:00 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*