

# The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church Canada

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## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - Holy Communion Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Communion Service

Hymn

Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB #966

Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day, For this fair land—  
Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.

Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.  
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore,  
And bow before The Crucified.

And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng, With joy to sing  
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

### Invocation Confession and Absolution

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

*People* Amen.

*Pastor* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

*People* But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

*Pastor* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*People* Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*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.**

## **Psalm 118:1-9**

*People* **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!**

*Pastor* Let Israel say,

*People* **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

*Pastor* Let the house of Aaron say,

*People* **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

*Pastor* Let those who fear the LORD say,

*People* **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

*Pastor* Out of my distress I called on the LORD;

*People* **the LORD answered me and set me free.**

*Pastor* The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.

*People* **What can man do to me?**

*Pastor* The LORD is on my side as my helper;

*People* **I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.**

*Pastor* It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

*People* **It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.**

*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.**

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!**

## **Hymn of Praise**

**To God be the Glory**

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.**

**Chorus** Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Chorus

Great things He hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Chorus

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15**

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

*Pastor*  
*People*

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

**Holy Gospel: St. Mark 5:21-43**

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

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

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*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.

## Hymn of the Day

## Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

*LSB #782*

**Gracious God, You send great blessings  
 New each morning all our days.  
 For Your mercies never ending,  
 For Your love we offer praise.**

## Refrain

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
 Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
 Through the sharing of Your blessings  
 May bring glory to Your name.**

**By Your Word You formed creation  
 Filled with creatures large and small;  
 As we tend that endless treasure  
 May our care encircle all... Refrain**

**In His earthly life, our Savior  
 Knew the care of faithful friends;  
 May our deeds of dedication  
 Offer love that never ends... Refrain**

**Heav'nly Father, may our caring  
 Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
 With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
 Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain**

## Sermon

**2 Corinthians 8:7**

**“Canadian Generosity and Then Some...”**

**Anthem****O Canada**

O Canada!  
 Our home and native land!  
 True patriot love in all of us command.  
 With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
 The True North strong and free!  
 From far and wide,  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
 God keep our land glorious and free!  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Ruler supreme,  
 who hearest humble prayer,  
 Hold Thou our land within thy loving care;  
 Help us to find, O God, in thee  
 A lasting, rich reward,  
 As waiting for the better Day, We ever stand on guard.  
 God keep our land glorious and free!  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee

**Prayer of the Church****Parish Announcements and Gathering of 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.**

*Pastor* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, who through Jesus has set us free from the slavery and prisons of our sin and has granted to us life in You now and eternal life to come through His perfect life, His sacrificial death, and His glorious victorious resurrection, that we join with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus****Holy, Holy, Holy** LSB #507

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Pastor* Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior.

Gathered in our Savior's name, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we hold fast to Your Word. Create in us hearts made ready by Your grace to receive the sacrifice of Christ that sets us free from sin and death. Freely You have saved us. Freely we give You thanks and praise, O Father, in the company of the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

**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.**

## 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.**

*Pastor* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## Lamb of God

## Lamb of God *LSB #550*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



*Refrain*  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## Distribution Hymns

## Great is Thy Faithfulness *LSB #809*

## We Praise You O God, Our Redeemer, Creator *LSB #785*

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

*Pastor* Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, that with the blood-bought freedom that is ours, we freely give to others the grace we have now received; 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 Nolan Astley  
**Communion Assistants**..... Pastors William Chuol & Robert Morley, Rick Hutfloetz  
**Organist**..... Heather Schein (*Sunday*), Paul Walrath (*Monday*)  
**Sound Operator** ..... Ben Branje (*Sunday*)

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today we rejoice with **Scott Van Raes and Kathryn Kahle** who were joined in Holy Marriage yesterday. We continue to uphold **Reinhold and Anna Schmidt and their family** as they mourn the passing of their daughter-in-law Naarah whose funeral was this past Tuesday in Vancouver, BC. We also remember **Pastor and Anita Syens** as they complete the Days of Faith outreach in Ukraine. Over 150 people have been attending this ministry! We pray God's blessings on our VBS and upon our home and native land!

**VBS Set-up Night** is this **Wednesday, July 4**. We need strong helpers at 6:30 p.m. to move tables and chairs. Others can arrive at 7:30 p.m. to "paper" tables and decorate rooms.

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## Coming Events...

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**Young Adult Bible Study** - Starting **Thursday, July 5 or Wednesday, July 11**. Two opportunities for those 18-35 to learn about God's word. See Vision for more details.

**Special Voters' Meeting** – A special Voters' meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 15**, immediately following the church service to consider congregational refugee sponsorship. Full details of this proposal are in the Vision which is in pigeon holes today and the docket for the meeting will be available next Sunday at the Welcome Desk in the parlour. Please give this your prayerful consideration!

**Lutheran Bible Translators Canada** office in Kitchener, at Historic St. Paul's on Queen & Church St., is looking for 12 -15 volunteers to assist their upcoming mailing. **Tuesday July 24 from 9am – 1pm**. If you can help, please contact their office manager Tara at 519-742-3361 or tara@lbtc.ca or Glenn Kahle at 519-616-3536 or Kahle123@rogers.com

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## Please Note...

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**VBS Cookie Call** – We'll be needing lots of **nut free cookies** the week of **July 9-13**.

Homemade or store bought cookies are appreciated. If you are purchasing from a store please read the list of ingredients to make sure they are nut free. Cookies can be dropped off anytime on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you for supporting our VBS children's ministry in this way.

**Knotty Ladies...** Since 1992, ladies have met in the church basement to make, knot and tie quilts to be sent to Canadian Lutheran World Relief where they distribute them to countries around the world. This spring 91 more quilts were sent making the total donation of quilts sent since the beginning of the program approximately 3079 with 357 sold or donated to different organizations locally. We would encourage anyone to join the group when the program starts up in the fall. No sewing experience needed, enjoy the fun and fellowship while providing the gift of beautiful blankets to people all over the world.

**Lend us a Fichus!** Do you have fake plants at home we could borrow to decorate for VBS? This year's theme is *SonQuest Rainforest* and we could use some extra greenery. If you are lending it, please put your name on the bottom of the pot. If it is a donation, thank you! It will be used and either kept for the future or donated. Please leave any items under the coat racks in either entrance. Contact [krysti@holycrosskitchener.org](mailto:krysti@holycrosskitchener.org) for more info.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday/Monday Attendance:</b>	97 & 130 & 41			
<b>Nuer Attendance:</b>	20	Total	288	('17 – 314)
<b>Nuer Attendance:</b>	7	Total	7	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 26 Staff: 15	Total	39	('17 – 32)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 31 Staff: 1	Total	32	('17 – 39)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 3 Staff: 1	Total	4	('17 – 9)

**Thankoffering:** In honour their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to the Seminary from **JACK & ELAINE KAHL**. In honour of **RON & DORIS JOHNSTON's** 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to the Unified Church Budget from Cliff & Sherry Swartz-Hill. In honour of **LORRAINE PLANERT's** 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Unified Church Budget from Jerry & Lois Cybalski.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday July 2 to Sunday June 7, 2018

<b>Monday</b>	Church office closed <b>Evening Communion Service, Church</b> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Refugee Resettlement Committee, <i>Conference Room</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	VBS Set-up Night, <i>Everywhere</i> ..... 6:30 p.m. Board of Missions, <i>Conference Room</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Wedding Rehearsal, <i>Church</i> ..... 6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Anne Heine & Hans Jung Wedding, <i>Church</i> ..... 1:00 p.m. Nuer Youth Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 2:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Divine Service with VBS Staff Commissioning, Church</b> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Memorial Service, Church</b> ..... <b>11:00 a.m.</b>