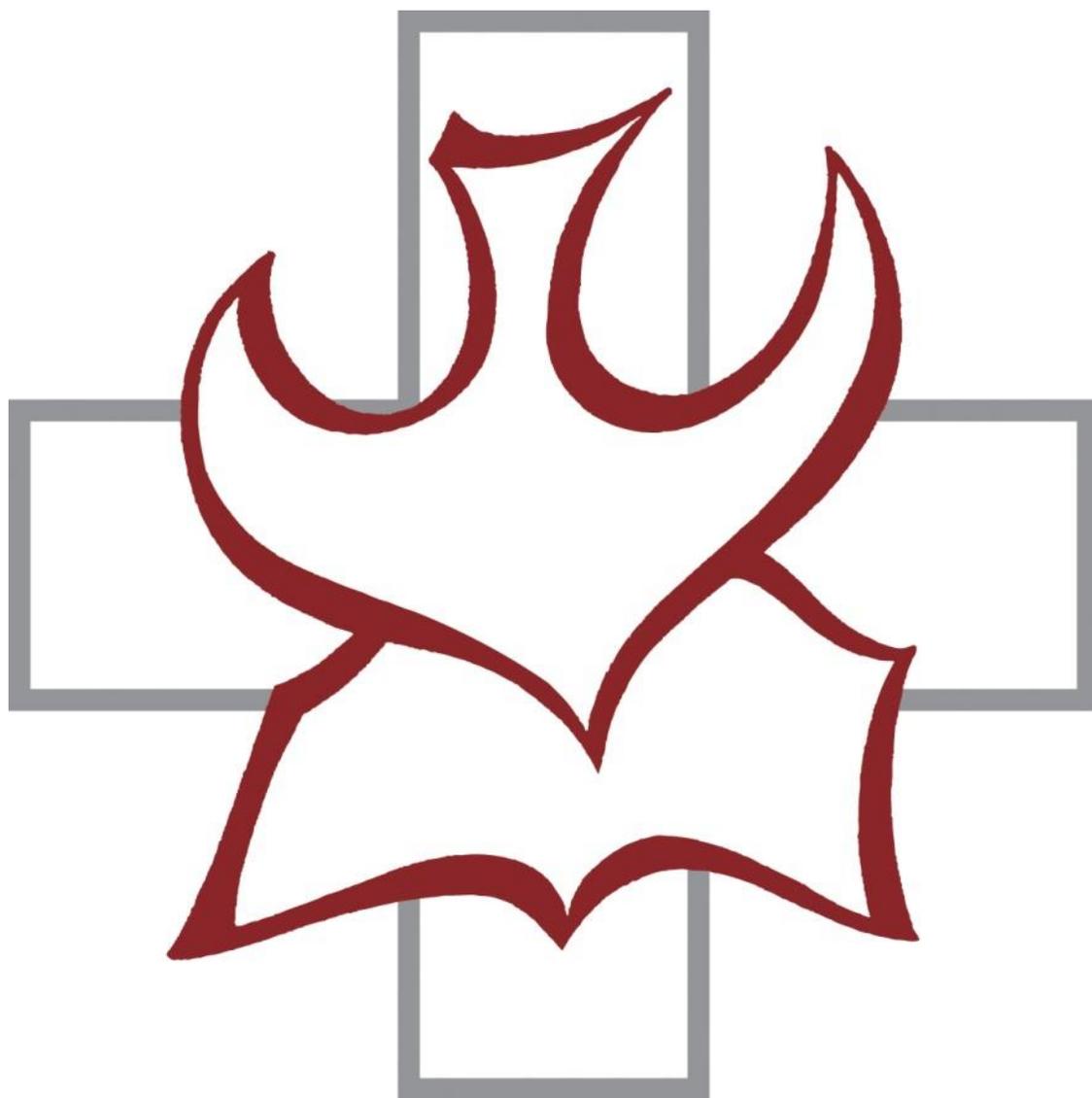


# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 am - Divine Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Hymn

**All You works of God Bless the Lord** *LSB # 930 v 1-2, 5-6*

**All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
All you angels, now bless the Lord;  
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be,  
Praise the Lord and His majesty:**

Refrain

**Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!**

**Sing, you sun and you moon above,  
Stars of heaven, now sing His love;  
Dew and showers, you winds that blow,  
Heat and fire, you ice and snow: Refrain**

**Come, humanity, sing along,  
Sing, you people of God, a song;  
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,  
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain**

**Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;  
All you humble, His praise impart;  
God the Father and Son adore,  
Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain**

### Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Pastor* Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*People* **who made heaven and earth.**

*Pastor* I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
*People* **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

*Pastor* O almighty God, merciful Father,  
*People* **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*Pastor* Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

**Christ is our Cornerstone** LSB #912

**Christ is our cornerstone,  
 On Him alone we build;  
 With His true saints alone  
 The courts of heav'n are filled.  
 On His great love  
 Our hopes we place  
 Of present grace  
 And joys above.**

**Here may we gain from heav'n  
 The grace which we implore,  
 And may that grace, once giv'n,  
 Be with us evermore  
 Until that day  
 When all the blest  
 To endless rest  
 Are called away.**

**Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
 These hallowed courts shall ring;  
 Our voices we will raise  
 The Three in One to sing  
 And thus proclaim  
 In joyful song,  
 Both loud and long,  
 That glorious name.**

## Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me.

They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

### **Holy Gospel: St. Mark 6:1-13**

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

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

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed 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.**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**I The Lord of Sea and Sky**

**“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”**

*Refrain* **Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain***

**“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain***

**Sermon**

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

**“STRONG IN THE BROKEN PLACES”**

**Hymn****Lamb of God** *LSB #550*

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
 But You have sent Him from Your side  
 To walk upon this guilty sod,  
 And to become the Lamb of God.

**Refrain**

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
 I love the holy Lamb of God!  
 O wash me in His precious blood,  
 My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified,  
 They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
 The humble King they named a fraud,  
 And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

I was so lost, I should have died,  
 But You have brought me to Your side  
 To be led by Your staff and rod,  
 And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

**Installation of VBS Workers****Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering****Prayer of the Church****Anthem** *(Caitlin Astley, soloist)**"Lord's Prayer" by Albert Malotte***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****What a Friend we have in Jesus***LSB #770*

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
 All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 What a privilege to carry  
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
 Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
 All because we do not carry  
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Special Music.....Jonathan Astley (*French horn*), Mitch Kehn (*trombone*)

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**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers we rejoice with **Anne (Heine) and Hans Jung** who were married here at Holy Cross yesterday, we ask God to bless our **VBS** which begins tomorrow, and we remember those of our congregation who have been in hospital in recent days, including **Bruno Fergin, Annaliese Davison, and Anita Schoch**.

## Coming Events...

**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 next **Sunday, July 15**, immediately following the church service to consider congregational refugee sponsorship. Full details of this proposal are in the docket for the meeting which is available at the Welcome Desk in the parlour. Please give this your prayerful consideration!

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** By God's grace, Rev. Dr. Roger Winger has served His Lord in active ministry for 60 years. In recognition of this milestone, a service of praise and thanksgiving honouring Rev. Winger will be held **Sunday, July 22, 4:00 pm at Historic St. Paul's**, 137 Queen Street in Kitchener. Please come and add your voice to the many giving thanks to God for this dedicated servant. A light reception will follow the service.

*"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'" Matt 25:21*

## Please Note...

### 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.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday/Monday Attendance:</b>	136 & 26	Total 162	('17 – 328)
<b>Sunday/Monday Communion:</b>	120 & 25	Total 145	('17 – 180)

**Memorial:** In memory of **GORDON WEBER** to Vacation Bible School from Peter Weber. In memory of **HOPE EMMA REMPEL** to the Library and Sunday School from Tim & Linda, Rebecca Rempel.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday July 9 to Sunday July 15, 2018

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School, <i>Everywhere</i> .....</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i>.....</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Young Adult Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>.....</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>YABS Bible Study, <i>Chernukhin's home</i> .....</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nuer Youth Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>.....</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>YABS Rib Cook-off, <i>Church</i> .....</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Holy Communion Service, <i>Church</i>.....</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Special Voter's meeting, <i>Basement</i>.....</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
	<b>Nuer Language Service, <i>Church</i>.....</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>