

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22/23, 2018



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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9:30 am - Divine Service

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Order of Service: Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB page 260

Hymns: 644, 709, 748

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (Pew Bible, Page 757)
 Ephesians 2:11-22 (Pew Bible, Page 1134)
 St. Mark 6:30-44 (Pew Bible, Page 974)

Anthem: "Cornerstone" by Lari Goss (*Soloist - Peter Black*)

Special Music: Brigitte Bridgemohan (*violin*), Gabrielle George (*viola*)

Sermon "USE WHAT YOU HAVE" St. Mark 6:30-44

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Preacher*)
 Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we rejoice with **Jeremy and Katie Drung** who were married here at Holy Cross yesterday afternoon. We also rejoice with **Don and Mary Bell Poll** who, this past Friday, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary. Don and Mary Bell have now moved to Winston Park Nursing Home. We also remember the **families of Sandra Streit and Anita Schoch** both of whom passed away this last week. Anita's funeral will be at 11:00 am tomorrow at Walser Funeral Home Sandra's funeral will be tomorrow at 1:00 pm here at Holy Cross. May our Lord comfort all who mourn with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, we hold up in prayer all in our **congregational family who battle various illnesses and are undergoing treatments** of any kind. May the Lord bring healing according to His gracious will.

60th 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 ***this afternoon at 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*

Staff Holidays... *Pastor Nolan and Susan Astley* begin their holidays this week.

Pastor will return to the office on Wednesday, August 8. ***Henrietta Schaefer and family*** will begin their holidays this Wednesday and will return on August 4. ***Kyle Shaffer and Janet Cumby*** return to work on Monday July 23. Please keep our staff in your prayers as they enjoy some time away to relax and be refreshed.

Coming Events...

Beginnings... continues to meet through the summer months every ***Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.*** for children age 0 to 5 and their caregivers. In July and August we also welcome older siblings to join these little ones on Thursday mornings.

Prime Time! Please join us ***Thursday, July 26 from 12:30-2:30.*** We will be sharing a light meal, followed by a fellowship time. Please sign-up on the sheet in the parlour!

Holy Cross Family Games Night! Join us ***Saturday, July 28 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.*** for supper, Bible / general questions (team work /competition) for all ages, as well as video based discussion and gym time for children. Please sign up on bulletin board outside Lenora's office or email Lenora so they will have enough food!

Please Note...

Update from the July Special Voters' Meeting ... Last Sunday at a special congregational Voters' meeting it was unanimously decided that Holy Cross will serve as refugee sponsors for Jafar Shir-Karami and Maryam Davari-Farid and their 2 children, Danail, and Benyamin who are currently in a refugee detention centre in Denmark after fleeing Iran in 2009. Working together with Canadian Lutheran World Relief the application forms for refugee sponsorship will be submitted in early September and we will await a determination as to whether this family qualifies from resettlement in Canada. Please keep this in your prayers. Pray especially that this family will not be deported back to Iran from Denmark.

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

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	265 & 26	Total 291	('17 – 281)
Sunday/Monday Communion:	202 & 15	Total 217	('17 – 233)

Thank Offerings: A thank offering for **BLESSINGS RECEIVED** to Vacation Bible School from Bob & Jean Schmitt.

Weekly Calendar

Monday July 23 to Sunday July 29, 2018

Monday	Schoch Funeral Service , <i>Walser Funeral Home</i>	11:00 a.m.
	Streit Funeral Service , <i>Church</i>	1:00 p.m.
	Evening Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Young Adult Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time, <i>Basement, Kitchen</i>	12:30 p.m.
	YABS Bible Study, <i>Chernukhin's home</i>	7:15 p.m.
Saturday	Holy Cross Family Games Night, <i>Downstairs</i>	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service , <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.
	Youth Lock-In, <i>Downstairs</i>	6:30 p.m.