

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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9:30 am - Divine Service

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service with Holy Communion

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Invocation

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

People **Amen.**

Kyrie/Opening Hymn

O Worship the King *LSB # 804*

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

**O worship the King, all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

**This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!**

Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People **Amen.**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Andrew Dolson - soloist)

“Oh, My Soul”

by Mark Hall, Bernie Herms

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 6:45-56

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

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

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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**God of Grace and God of Glory**

LSB #850

**God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow'r;
 Crown Your ancient Church's story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.**

**Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.**

Sermon**Psalm 136:23-26****“THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY!”**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever; he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Offertory

Create in Me LSB #956



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

LSB #809

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love....Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!...Refrain

Officiant.....Pastor Roland Syens
Organist.....Jennifer Massicotte
Special Music..... Katie Reed & Jennifer Massicotte (*piano duet*)

Prayer Concerns: We remember **Pastor Astley and Susan** as they take some time for holidays and for all on holidays that they might find refreshment and renewal; for **Jafar and family** as they seek refugee status in Canada while they continue in detention camp in Denmark; for peace to the unrest in Nicaragua and that God would bring His wisdom and comfort to the leaders there and our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran Church of Nicaragua; for persecuted Christians around the world that God would bring them peace and freedom. Thanksgiving for the many blessings that God has so richly blessed us with especially His love which endures forever.

Staff Holidays...Pastor Astley & Susan continue their holidays and Pastor will return to the office on Wednesday, August 8.

Coming Events...

48th Annual Youth Retreat is being held **Wednesday, August 15 thru Friday, August 17**. Sign up at the Youth bulletin board and take a registration form to fill out.

Peach Social is being held **Sunday, August 26 after the service**. The Board of Fellowship will have tasty peach treats for us to enjoy while we spend time together. All are welcome to come!

GriefShare will begin on **Monday, September 17** for 13 weeks. If you, or someone you know, have had a loved one die, please consider being part of this biblically centered bereavement support group. If you would like more information, please contact Anita Syens at rasyens@hotmail.com

Sign up/Gear up! The Ride for Refuge is on **Saturday, September 29**. Please register to ride or walk, and raise funds, so we can help a family find refuge. Our team name is Holy Cross Lutheran Riders and the website is rideforrefuge.org. Let's get the wheels in motion!

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance: 174 & 31
Nuer Attendance: 31 Total 236 ('17 – 344)

Memorial: In memory of **NAARAH SCHMIDT** to the Lutheran Hour from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **BETTY FISCHER** to the Unified Church Budget from Peter Weber. In memory of **SANDRA STREIT** to Missions from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. To the Unified Church Budget from Lois Cybalski. In memory of **ANITA SCHOCH** to Missions from Ray & Marg West, Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. To the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Martin. In memory of **PASTOR CHUOL'S BROTHER** to the Lutheran Hour from Bob & Jean Schmitt.

Weekly Calendar

Monday July 30 to Sunday August 5, 2018

Monday	Evening Divine Service, Church	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Board of Elders, <i>Conference Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Young Adult Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	YABS Bible Study, <i>Chernukhin's home</i>	7:15 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Gym</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion Service, Church	9:30 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service, Church	2:00 p.m.