

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - Divine Service

3:30 pm - Slovak Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Opening Hymn

Drawn to the Cross

LSB #560

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

Invocation & Opening Sentences

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor I sought the LORD, and He answered me

People **and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor Those who look to Him are radiant,

People **and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

Pastor Let us then go to God, confessing our sins, confident of His grace and mercy.

Silence for reflection on our sinful condition and the promises of God.

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

People **I confess to Almighty God that I have relied on my own weak wisdom and works and have neglected Your mercy, love, and deliverance. My sins have made me frustrated at myself and the world around me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and feed me with the food of faith and eternal life. Amen.**

Pastor Though the journey is too great for you on your own, firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His command and authority, 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise LSB #802

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-8

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Krysti Beckett, soloist)

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

by Stuart Townend

Holy Gospel: St. John 6:35-51

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

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

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn **Renew Me O Eternal Light** LSB #704

Sermon **1 Kings 19:1-8**

IT IS ENOUGH

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.

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

Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious

LSB #548

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
 Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife.
 Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened paradise!
 None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid;
 Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid.
 From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies.
 Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;
 For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board;
 For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,
 Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

Officiant.....Pastor Nolan Astley
 Organist.....Anne Forler
 Sound Operators.....Carl Kuhl & Ben Branje

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember our **Moncton Mission Team** (Debbie Pritchard, Abbey Young, Jennifer Leppek and Evangeline Branje) as they prepare for Vacation Bible School beginning tomorrow at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Moncton, NB. We also remember **Roz Kays and her family** as they mourn the death of Roz's mother AdaMae Eichbauer who passed away on August 5 in Monrow, MI and whose funeral was this past Thursday; as well as **LCC East District President, Rev. Paul Zabel & family** as they mourn the death of Pastor Zabel's mother Florence Zabel who passed away August 9 in Greenwood, Indiana. We ask God to bless our upcoming **Youth Retreat** and other summer ministry programs.

Youth and YABS Pool Party! TODAY! from 2-5pm at **The Drung's** in West Montrose. Join us for some food, play in the pool or sit by the side & chat. Friends are welcome!

Staff Holidays...Pastor Roland & Anita Syens are on holidays and Pastor will return to the office Wednesday, September 5. **Jennifer Massicotte** continues on holidays and will return Monday, August 20. **Debbie Pritchard** continues her holidays and will return to the office Monday, August 27. May God grant travelling mercies and a peaceful time off to all our staff.

Pastor Astley, Lenora Wallden & Krysti Beckett will be out of the office, at the Youth Retreat, this Wednesday to Friday.

Coming Events...

YABS Fellowship by the Fire Join us at the Beckett's home on **Saturday, August 18 at 8 pm** for some snacks, pray together and enjoy the warmth of the fire. Contact Krysti for directions 226-989-4444

NYG Meetings For Youth And Parents Please join us after service **either** on **Sunday August 19** or **Monday August 20** for a short presentation regarding our plans for fundraising and travelling to the NYG in July, 2019. Can't make it to a meeting? Contact Krysti or Lenora to get the information if you are interested in going. Commitment and registration for the NYG are due January, 2019.

Peach Social the Board of Fellowship is again hosting a gathering time with tasty peach treats **Sunday, August 26 after the service**. Join us!

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!

Please Note...

Christian Salvage Mission Holy Cross has concluded our collecting of books for this ministry. Thank you for all your donations over the years.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	157 & 20		
Nuer Attendance:	40	Total 217	('17 – 213)
Sunday/Monday Communion:	131 & 20	Total 151	('17 – 186)

Thankoffering: In honour of **GERRY & ILA WENTZLAFF's** 60th Wedding Anniversary to Missions from Ray & Marg West. In honour of **SANDY DOLSON's** birthday to the BC Mission from Ben Drung, Arnold & Cheri Drung & Family. To Missions from Marg Klages.

Memorial: In memory of **ANITA SCHOCH** to the Moncton VBS Mission from Grant & Joanne Schaefer. In memory of **SANDRA STREIT** to the Sunday School from Grant & Joanne Schaefer. To the Unified Church Budget from Lila Ramseyer, Marg Klages. In memory of **NAARAH SCHMIDT** to the Unified Church Budget from Marg Klages. In memory of **FLORENCE RINGWALD** to the Unified Church Budget from Jack & Elaine Kahl, Lydia Weimer, Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Shirley Martin, David & Wilma Reist. To the Moncton VBS Mission from Elroy & Mavis Mann. To the Concordia Lutheran Seminary – St. Catharines from Gladys Musselman. To Missions from Ron & Doris Johnston, Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff

Weekly Calendar

Monday August 13 to Sunday August 19, 2018

Monday - Friday

Moncton VBS Mission, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Monday

Board of Parish Education, *BBQ @ Schein's*6:00 p.m.
Evening Divine Service, Church.....7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday

Youth Retreat, Marshall's Cottage

Wednesday

Board of Fellowship, *Kitchen*.....7:00 p.m.
 Board of Stewardship, *Church Library*.....7:00 p.m.
 Young Adult Bible Study, *Panel Room*.....7:00 p.m.

Thursday

YABS Bible Study, *Chernukhin's home*7:15 p.m.

Saturday

YABS Event, *at the Beckett's*.....6:00 p.m.

Sunday

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service, Church.....9:30 a.m.
 NYG Meeting, *Church Library*.....11:00 a.m.
Nuer Language Service, Church.....2:00 p.m.

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