

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9/10, 2018



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services with DPS Installation at 11am

9:45 am - Sunday School and Bible Classes for All Ages, LINC Registration

12:30 pm - Installation Luncheon

3:30 pm - Slovak Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Order of Service: (8:30 & Monday) Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184
(11:00) See Printed Order of Service

Hymns: 525, 861, 722

Readings: Isaiah 35:4–7a (Pew Bible, Page 696)
James 2:1–10, 14–18 (Pew Bible, Page 1173)
St. Mark 7:31–37 (Pew Bible, Page 976)

Anthem: “My Hope Is in the Lord” by Jay Stocker (by Black & Tracz families)

Special Music: (11:00) Evangeline Branje, Braden Fergin (*piano prelude*)
Brigitte Bridgemohan, Sam Schafer (*violin at offering*)

Sermon St. Mark 7:31–37

“HEARING AND SPEAKING”

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*),
Pastor Gary Weber (*Monday Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Sunday Organist*),
Anne Forler (*Monday Organist*), Mercedes Bauer (*8:30 Acolyte*), Evangeline
Branje (*11:00 Acolyte*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we ask God’s blessings upon our Sunday School, Bible Classes and other education ministries that resume today. We also remember those of our congregational family who are mourning the loss of loved ones including **Shirley Martin and Isobel Pearson** who mourn the passing of their brother Lloyd Stephen, **Helen Millen and family** as they mourn the death of her brother John Dietz, and the **family of Herman Heise** who passed away last Monday and whose funeral was held on Thursday. We also remember **Jafar, Maryam, Danial, and Benjamin** whom we seek to sponsor as refugees to Canada. May God’s blessing be upon all these we lift to the throne of grace.

Installation Lunch! Today after late service we will gather together in the gym to celebrate and welcome Lenora Wallden as our full-time Director of Parish Services! VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED so if you can help with the set up after the 8:30 service or clean up after we’re finished, please see Kim Griffin, she will appreciate the help!

Pastor Astley will be out of the office Monday – Wednesday of this coming week.

Today's Education Hour...

It's Rally Sunday! Everybody meets in the sanctuary for our church family Opening as we begin a brand new year of classes. ***Kids, sit in your Grade level pew*** for this year. Pre-school through SK need to sign in at the pew. Adults fill up the back of the sanctuary and support us with your presence, your singing and your prayers. Welcome all!

Registration forms need to be filled out today for children ***Age 2 through Grade 7***. Parents, come to ***the Confirmation Classroom between 10:00 & 11:00 am*** to complete this information. Thanks for helping with this important annual task.

Youth (Grades 8-12) meet in the ***Youth Centre at 9:45 a.m.*** We'll reconnect with each other, participate in some ice-breaker activities and share a Devotion after Opening. A special welcome to our newest Grade 8 members!

YABS If you've finished high school, ***join us in the conference room at 9:45 a.m.*** We'll spend some time getting to know each other and share a bit about our fall Bible study.

Adult Bible Class – Today we will begin a topical Bible study on The Prophets. We will look at the sometimes mysterious men and women whom God used to proclaim His word to people long ago and also focus on the enduring message their sermons and writings proclaim to us today. We will get started next Sunday at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Today's session is entitled "Thus Saith the Lord ..."

Coming Events...

Prime Time Bible Study! Starts ***Thursday, September 13***. Join us ***from 1:30-2:30*** to delve into God's word and what it means for our lives today.

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

Family Games Night – Saturday, September 22, 4:30-7:00. Join us at the church for a light meal followed by some fun and games. Children will have supervised play time, while parents are encouraged to attend Bible Study.

PIE! It's that time of year again; the youth are selling their famous Apple Pies. Order forms are in your mailbox, extras can found in the welcome center. Please have your order to Lenora by ***Thursday, September 27***. Pies will be available to pick up Sunday, September, 30. This event is Co-Sponsored by Faith Life Financial Branch #74097.

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! This event is Co-Sponsored by Faith Life Financial Branch #74097.

Thanksgiving Display—Bring Groceries! Since we mark Thanksgiving in five weeks on **Sunday, October 7** you're asked to start bringing grocery items in for the harvest display. Please begin with canned goods, boxed groceries, dried items (rice, pasta, beans, etc.). Later on we'll gather vegetables. These will be organized into a harvest display, and later distributed to needy families in the congregation and community.

Please Note...

Monday Evening Services continue through September up to and including **Monday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** which will be the last Monday evening service.

We Need You! Sunday School is looking for people willing to help one Saturday evening a month for the setup of our Sunday School classroom. If you are willing to donate 30 minutes on Saturday a month, please contact Lenora.

New Church Phone Directory coming in September! Please take a moment to check your information in the current directory to see if it is correct and let us know by **Sunday, September 16** of any updates that are needed to your address, phone number, email, etc. There are update forms in your pigeonhole and at the Welcome Centre, just take one, fill it in, and place it in the offering plate or in the office boxes on the church office door. You can also go directly to our website and update your information in the member section.

Photo Directory Update...The tentative earliest arrival of the Photo Directories is mid to late November. If you came and had your picture taken but did not purchase any photos, your free portrait will be available with the directories in November.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	142 & 21		
Nuer Attendance:	21	Total 186	('17 – 252)
Communion Attendance:	124 & 20	Total 144	('17 – 193)

Memorial: In memory of **JEAN BLACK** to the Unified Church Budget from Bruce & Norene Brubacher. In memory of **GARY LEMON** to Griefshare from Marlene Lemon. In memory of **HILDA NEEB** to the Lutheran Hour from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. In memory of **GERRY WENTZLAFF** to Missions from Lois Cybalski. To Concordia Lutheran Seminary – St. Catharines from Gladys Musselman. To the Lutheran Hour from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. To the Unified Church Budget from Earl & Pat Famme, Marlene Lemon, Mica & Jill Sadler, Marg Klages, Anne Forler, Sue Heimpel, Bruce & Norene Brubacher, Ray & Marg West, David & Wilma Reist, Don & Dora Gimpel, Shirley Martin, Marjorie E. Snyder, Harold & Norma Blake, Peter Weber.

Weekly Calendar

Monday September 10 to Sunday September 16, 2018

Monday	Evening Divine Service, Church.....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Cantata Choir, <i>Basement</i>	7:45 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Basement</i>	9:00 p.m.
Friday	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Bethel Lutheran Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Lutheran Layman's League AGM, <i>Basement</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	LINC Registration	
	Holy Communion Service, Church.....	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Conference Room</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Holy Communion Service, Church.....	11:00 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service, Church.....	2:00 p.m.

“By God’s grace, the members of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a caring, vibrant diverse community of blessed believers, lovingly reaching out with the message of Jesus Christ.” - *Vision Statement 2010*