

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

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

12:30 pm - Junior Choir

Opening Hymn

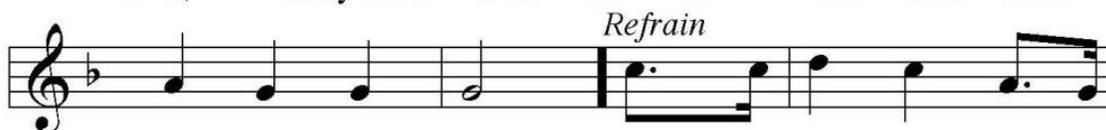
Revive Us Again



1 We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy
 2 We praise Thee, O God! for Thy Spir - it of
 3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was
 4 All glo - ry and praise to the God of all
 5 Re - vive us a - gain; fill each heart with Thy



love, For Je - sus who died, and is
 light, Who hath shown us our Sav - ior, and
 slain, Who hath borne all our sins, and hath
 grace, Who hast brought us, and sought us, and
 love; May each soul be re - kin - dled with



Refrain
 now gone a - bove. Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the
 scat - tered our night.
 cleansed ev - 'ry stain.
 guid - ed our ways.
 fire from a - bove.



glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men; Hal - le -



lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Re - vive us a - gain.

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 Today our Father invites us to enter into His presence and experience the gift of His rest. Let us come before Him in repentance and faith.

(Silence for meditation upon God's Word and our need for Christ's forgiveness.)

Pastor Holy God, merciful Father,

People **too often we pull away from the peace You promise to Your children. Forgive us for the ways in which our thoughts, our words, and our actions go against Your will for our lives. For our neglect of You and Your gift of grace, we ask for mercy. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose work on the cross has secured our place in Your kingdom, renew us and lead us that we may rest in Your presence. Amen.**

Pastor Jesus says, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Receive the rest for your souls that only Jesus' work has secured. As your pastor, I announce God's saving grace to you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Hymn (8:30)

Amazing Grace LSB #744

Anthem

(11:00 ~ Praise Singers)

"Psalm of Devotion"

by Joseph M. Martin

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:1-16

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 10:23-31

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

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

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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

There Is a Redeemer LSB #971



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Refrain
 Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

Sermon

St. Mark 10:27

“THE IMPOSSIBLE BECOMES POSSIBLE”

Jesus looked at them and said,

“With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

Anthem

(11:00 ~ Praise Singers)

“Rivers of Love and Grace”

by Patricia Mock, Faye Lopez

Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Prayer of the Church

Preface

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Into the very fabric of Your creation You have woven the gift of Your Sabbath rest. By faith in Him who was crucified for us, grant that we enter into the rest that His work has secured for us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Our Lord

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

The Peace

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Anthem

(11:00 ~ Praise Singers)

"Be Still and Know"

by Victor C. Johnson

Distribution Hymns

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing LSB #633

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me LSB #722

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in body and soul through the gift of Your Son's body and blood. Grant that we who have entered into His rest live forever in His perfect peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB #924

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.**

Serving in God's House Today

Officiant.....	Pastor Roland Syens
Communion Assistants	Pastor Konny Hahn & Curtis Schafer (8:30), Pastor Joe Das & Rick Hutfloetz (11:00)
Organist.....	Jennifer Massicotte
Pianist.....	Heather Schein
Praise Singers	Brian Hallman (Director)
Special Music.....	Anne Forler & Jennifer Massicotte (piano duet)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember **Pastor Marvin Bublitz** who was elected to be Regional Pastor for the East Region of Lutheran Church – Canada. We also remember **President Paul Zabel** who was not chosen to continue as our Synod's leader in this region. May God bless both these pastors and their families as they now move to new fields of service in our Lord's church. We ask God's blessings **upon our confirmands** as they prepare to confess their faith in our confirmation services next weekend. We remember those of our congregation who are **sick or shut-in** and ask that God's healing hand be with all who are in need; our **short term mission team** to the First Nations People of Ehattesaht, BC, as they return home; for **city elections** that God guide all voters in voting and give wisdom, strength and compassion to the new elected city leaders; for the last **ABC District convention** that God pour His blessings upon that district, give Pastor Astley wisdom as he speaks to the convention on behalf of synod and for wisdom as they elect a new regional director for their area.

Flowers on the Altar today have been placed to the glory of God and in memory of Ewan Gallacher, who passed away 3 years ago October 25, 2015, with love from Mom, Dad, Finnley and Grandma & Papa Schaefer and Uncle Kevin.

One Last Rodeo -- Pastor Astley was asked early this past week to attend the Closing Convention of the Alberta – British Columbia District of Lutheran Church – Canada which is being held in Edmonton this weekend. Pastor Astley served the church in this district for one year of the past triennium as Interim Pastoral Leader and the President and other leaders of the church felt it best he attend this meeting do help deal with ongoing issues resulting from the financial crisis in the District. Pastor Astley will be back in the office on Tuesday.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School Today we will be hearing about how God called Moses out of the desert and sent him to free the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. Next week we will be in the basement as a large group!

YABS Join us on Sunday at 10AM in the Conference room as we continue our series "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?"

Youth Bible Class join Kevin Cumby in the Youth Centre to continue "One Team, One Spirit."

Adult Bible Class Grab a coffee and join us as we look at the prophet Jonah the reluctant missionary.

Coming Events...

Prime Time this **Thursday, October 25** from **12:30-2:30**, will be meeting for lunch and touring Italy with Georgina Green! Please sign up in the Parlour.

Take Out Youth Fundraiser! Don't forget to have your Chicken Casserole Take-out orders to Lenora by **Thursday, October 25!!!** Pick up is Saturday, October 27 @4:30.

Confirmation Sunday is next **Sunday, October 28**. We encourage our members to attend as usual and support our young people in their faith journey this day. Our schedule for the day is: **Divine Worship Service with Public Witness Statements at 8:30 am; a reception time for our whole church family at 9:45 a.m.** (classes are in recess and Sunday School hosts a whole-school video on Moses); followed by **the Festival Service with Rite of Confirmation at 11 a.m.** We treasure your presence on this special day.

Rake N' Run - Saturday, November 3 the Youth will be doing their annual Rake N' Run. If you know someone who needs some help getting their leaves raked, contact Lenora.

Memorial Services for those who died in the Lord and received Christian burial from our church are coming in two weeks on **All Saints' Sunday, November 4 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.** Please spread the word – even to people from outside our church family – in case folks have lost a loved one and would benefit from hearing God's promises for them.

Please Note...

Thank you!! Thank you for the many ways that you supported the Ride for Refuge! For riding and walking, volunteering, praying, and donating! We were able to raise almost \$6,500! What a blessing, as we seek to support Jafar and his family. Looking forward to next year.

Refugee Family Sponsorship A designated fund has been set up for our church's refugee sponsorship. As you are able, please consider a special gift to this project. To contribute, indicate "**Refugee Family Sponsorship**" on your offering."

This House/Coffee House is taking a break for this term. Please join other YABS events as they are posted.

Portals of Prayer..extras are now available at the Welcome Centre if you didn't receive one for this quarter.

Urgently seeking Early Service helpers: We need a few people willing to learn how to run the microphones for our early services on a rotating basis. This is not complicated, and we'll make sure you are comfortable before you are on your own. Want to learn more? Call Claude or Jennifer Massicotte at 519-576-4949

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	65 & 182	Total 247	('17 – 355)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 25 Staff: 10	Total 35	('17 – 48)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 42 Staff: 1	Total 43	('17 – 50)
YABS:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 3	Total 8	('17 – 5)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 6 Staff: 1	Total 7	('17 – 7)

Thankoffering: In honour of **DON & DORA GIMPEL's** 66th Wedding Anniversary to Vacation Bible School from Earl & Pat Famme. In honour of **JENNIE BLOCH's** birthday to the BC Mission from Bernie & Helga Drung.

Memorial: In memory of **DOROTHY KREUTZWIESER** to Refugee Family Sponsorship from Peter Weber.

Weekly Calendar

Monday October 22 to Sunday October 28, 2018

Monday	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Panel Room</i>6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St.Paul's</i>6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>9:00 a.m. LINC, <i>Everywhere</i>5:30 p.m. Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i>6:15 p.m. Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>6:15 p.m. Board of Church Properties, <i>Church Library</i>7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>9:30 a.m. Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>9:30 a.m. Prime Time, <i>Downstairs</i>12:30 p.m. Confirmand Class #5, <i>Conference room</i>6:00 p.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	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre</i>7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>2:00 p.m. Youth Take-Out Fundraiser, <i>Kitchen</i>4:30 p.m.
Sunday	Reformation Sunday Confirmand Witness Service, Church 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Reception, <i>Gym</i>9:45 a.m. Sunday School, <i>Basement</i>9:45 a.m. Festival Service with Rite of Confirmation, Church 11:00 a.m. Junior Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>12:30 p.m. Nuer Language Service, <i>Church</i> 2:00 p.m.

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