

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

12:30 pm - Junior Choir

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Brothers & Sisters in Christ *AGPS #78*

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (11:00)

(Mother/Daughter group; Kaitlyn Neustaedter, accompanist)

“Amazing Love Medley”

by Charles Gabriel, Billy James Foote

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 6:17-26

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

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

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

²¹“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²²“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²³“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²⁴Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁵“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁶“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁷“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Blest Are They

LSB #982



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, All be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in
 cause of Me. Re - joice and be glad, yours is the



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.
 thirst; They shall have their fill.
 heart; They shall see God!
 faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.
 king - dom; Shine for all to see.



Refrain
 Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you,



ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the



king - dom of God.

Nicene Creed

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

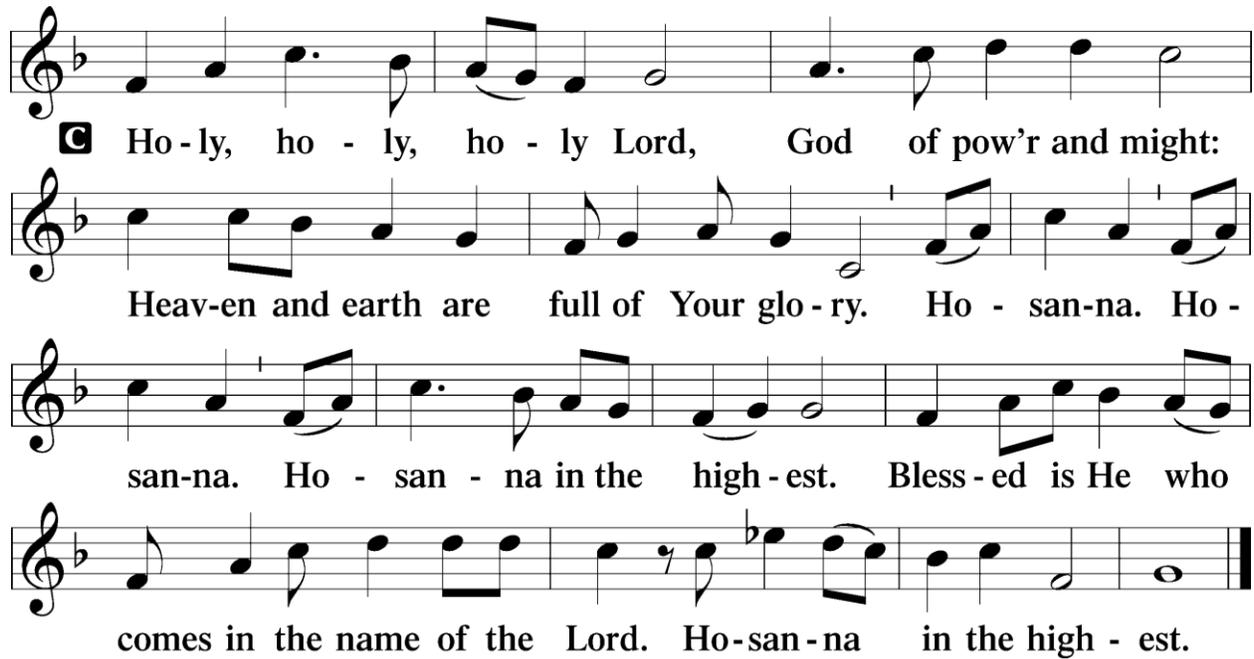
Pastor Lift up your hearts.

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.**

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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."

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 O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People Amen.

Distribution Hymns

Just As I Am AGPS #148
O God of Mercy, God of Light AGPS #182

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.
The lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.
People Amen.

Hymn to Depart

There is a Name I Love to Hear AGPS #236

- Officiant..... Pastor Nolan Astley
- PreacherPastor Roland Syens
- Communion Assistants.....Pastor Joe Das (8:30),
..... Pastors William Choul & Gary Weber (11:00)
- Organist.....Jennifer Massicotte
- Mother/Daughter GroupChristine & Jordan Fergin, Maureen & Gabrielle George,
..... Joanna & Madison Neustaedter, Marjorie & Gwyneth Sutherland
- AcolytesBridget Coleman (8:30), Madison Freiter (11:00)
- Sound System Kristopher Griffin (8:30), Mike Koch & Jonathan Das (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers this family day weekend we remember **families**, thanking God for the blessings of those near and dear to us and also praying His Holy Spirit to dwell in our homes that we may live in service and forgiveness to each other. We also remember **Don & Mary Belle Poll**. Mary Belle has returned again to Winston Park and we pray God to continue to grant her continued healing and peace. We have also been asked to remember the **family of Roslyn Meyer** (a life-long friend of Stephen Wilson) who passed away earlier this week. May God comfort this family in their time of sorrow.

Bake Sale! – Today! The youth have some of their excellent baking in the Parlour. If you haven't gotten your fill of sweet treats from Valentine's day, there are more to be had!

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School Is hearing how Jesus called Philip and Nathaniel.

Youth Bible Class – Will be in the parlour at the bake sale.

Adult Bible Class Join us as we unpack the fifth commandment "You Shall Not murder". It's probably the commandment you would never break – or is it? Join us as we look at the sanctity of life.

Coming Events...

"144 Envelopes" New Youth Fundraiser In the narthex you will see a board covered in envelopes numbered 1-144. We ask that you take an envelope as the Lord moves you, and put in the corresponding amount of money. Envelope 1 means \$1; envelope 2 would be \$2 etc. These contributions are tax eligible for a tax receipt, so please make sure to include your name and/or regular envelope number. We are hoping to have all the envelopes filled and returned **by the end of the month**.

New Bible Study – Join Pastor Gary Weber **Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** as he leads us verse by verse through Paul's letter to the Colossians. The start of this Bible Study has been rescheduled to this **Tuesday, February 19** and runs until **April 30**. Please speak to Lenora or sign-up in the Parlour if you are interested.

Calling Confirmands and Youth! Fisherville will be hosting their annual retreat from **February 22-24**. Please speak to Lenora about registration details. **Note:** Both youth and confirmands are invited!

Mission Information Meeting Board of Missions would like to invite you to a mission information meeting on **Sunday, February 24 at 12:15 p.m.** in the Library. Come out and learn about the summer mission opportunities to Ehattesaht, BC and Moncton, NB. If you are interested in participating as a leader, young adult, youth, or as a family, please come join us for more information. Members of the 2018 mission teams will also be there to answer questions you may have. Hope to see you there!

Youth Tubing Event! Tuesday, February 26 at Chicopee Tube Park. 5:00-7:30 p.m. All youth invited and are welcome to bring friends! \$15.00 for two hours of tubing. RSVP to Lenora by February 22.

Men's Retreat will be held at the **Guelph Bible Centre on March 1 and 2**. The speaker will be Rev. Charles St-Onge, Pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church in Montreal. The topic will be Science and the Bible. The cost will be \$125 for lodging, meals and snacks or \$85 if no accommodation is required. **Registration deadline is next Sunday, February 24**. Forms are on the Welcome Desk and on the Holy Cross Website.

Please Note...

Facilities Improvement Fund! As a result of our last voters' meeting, we have set up account **#17-132 Facilities Improvement** for monies to be given to, in support of this.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	84 & 225	Total 309	('18 – 277)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 24 Staff: 15	Total 39	('18 – 39)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 47 Staff: 1	Total 48	('18 – 96)
YABS:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 3	Total 7	('18 – 11)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 1	Total 8	('18 – 12)

Memorials: In memory of **KAY STAUCH** to the Unified Church Budget from Virginia Schmidt. In memory of **GRAHAM POLL** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Peter Weber. In memory of **ELLIE JACKOLA** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **ERICH EMIL BOHL** to the Facilities Improvement Fund from John & Wilma Rickert.

Weekly Calendar

Monday February 18 to Sunday February 24, 2019

Monday	Family Day, Church office closed.....	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	ESL, Historic St. Paul's	6:30 p.m.
	Small Group Bible Study, Church Library	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, Confirmation Classroom	9:00 a.m.
	Junior Confirmation, Panel Room	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, Confirmation Classroom.....	6:15 p.m.
	Board of Stewardship, Church Library.....	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, Downstairs.....	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, Church Library	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time Bible Study, Panel Room.....	1:30 p.m.
	Stephen Ministry Training, Panel Room	3:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, Church.....	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, Confirmation Classroom.....	7:30 p.m.

Friday - Sunday Confirmand & Youth Retreat, *Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisherville***Friday** Pizza & Movie Night, *Downstairs* 6:00 p.m.**Saturday** Nuer Youth & Bible Study, *Gym* 2:00 p.m.**Sunday** **The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany****Divine Service, Church**..... **8:30 a.m.**Sunday School, *Downstairs* 9:45 a.m.Adult Bible Class, *Church* 9:45 a.m.YABS, *Conference Room* 9:45 a.m.Youth Bible Class, *Church*..... 9:45 a.m.**Divine Service, Church**..... **11:00 a.m.**Junior Choir, *Confirmation Classroom* 12:30 p.m.**Nuer Language Service with Holy Communion, Church** **2:00 p.m.**

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PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT