

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26/27, 2019

ACTS 16:14, NIV

LYDIA, A DEALER IN PURPLE CLOTH ...

WAS A WORSHIPER OF GOD.

THE LORD OPENED HER HEART TO

RESPOND TO PAUL'S MESSAGE.



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

12:15 pm - Moncton Mission Team Meeting

1:30 pm - Golf Tournament

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Sing with All the Saints in Glory *LSB #671*

Invocation

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Let the peoples praise You, O God!

People **Let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Let the peoples praise You, O God!

People **Let all the peoples praise You!**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

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 neighbors 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.**

Hymn

The Lord, My God, Be Praised *LSB #794*

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 55

Pastor Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;
People **He will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

Pastor My heart is in anguish within me;
People **the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

Pastor But I call to God,
People **and the LORD will save me.**

Pastor Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,
People **and He hears my voice.**

Pastor He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
People **for many are arrayed against me.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;
People **He will never permit the righteous to be moved**

Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying LSB #826

Holy Gospel: St. John 16:23-33

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

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

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Saviour LSB #842

Sermon

Acts 16:9-15

“DIVINE INTERVENTION”

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.

Installation of Congregational Officers and Board Members

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

When Peace, like a River LSB #763

Preacher Pastor Roland Syens
Officiant Pastor Nolan Astley
Organist Jennifer Massicotte (8:30), Anne Forler (Monday)
Pianist Heather Schein (11:00)
Special Music Braden Fergin (recorder), Christine & Jordan Fergin (piano duet)
Acolytes Molly Rogers (8:30), Kaylee Manuel (11:00)
Sound Operators Erik Reed (8:30), Claude Massicotte & Jonathan Das (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: We pray for those who are **persecuted for their faith** in Christ that God give them strength, courage and freedom; for those struggling with **mental illness, depression, dementia, Alzheimer's and other illnesses**; for God's strength and blessings upon all **marriages and families**; for wisdom and courage to share the Gospel where God opens up opportunities to do so. We give thanks for all the blessings of life, salvation and the freedoms we have here in Canada to share the Gospel.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School will be in the basement for opening as well as a **VBS Sunday School Special!** Join us to get a preview of this summer's Miraculous Mission VBS!

Adult Bible Class Love goes through all kinds of stages, both in our interpersonal relationships and also in our relationship with the Lord. One of the churches to whom the Book of Revelation is addressed is the church at Ephesus where a complacency had set in and they lost their "first love." Join the discussion as we give thought to their situation and to how we prevent this from happening in the church today.

Adult information class This week we continue to look at who is Jesus and who is the Holy Spirit. Anyone is welcome to join us as we look at what God's Word says about the second and third persons of the Trinity.

Coming Events...

Monday Night services continue **Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.** We offer these services for those who are not able to attend Sunday service in the summer months.. Over the past few years attendance at Monday services has declined and should this trend continue we may determine not to offer this option in the future. If you are away on Sunday, please prayerfully consider attending on Monday!

Prime Time Event! Join us this **Thursday at 12:30** for lunch and some fun! Please sign up in the Parlour.

Care and Protect Everyone *must* take a refresher training each year. The dates available for those sessions are **Sunday, June 9** or **Sunday, June 23 at 9:45 am** or **Tuesday, June 4 at 7 pm.** If you haven't taken training before you will need the *full training session* that we're now offering again on **Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 pm.** If you have any questions please contact Janet Cumby, Jennifer Leppek or Lenora Wallden.

Please Note...

VBS volunteers needed! We are looking for those who would help us this year, as we share the love of Jesus to the children of our congregation and our community, some who don't normally ever attend church. Even if you have never volunteered, consider it this year! You will have to take the Care and Protect training, and register your desire to volunteer on our VBS website. If you have any questions or thoughts, please speak to Anita Syens, Carol Young or Lenora Wallden.

VBS Craft Supplies Needed - The JK department is in need of these items for crafts: paper towel rolls, and empty kleenex boxes in earth tones (brown, yellow, stones, gray). If you are able to help us out with these items, please place them in the box provided by the pew at the parking lot door.

Building Renovations: We rejoice to announce that we have, as a congregation, raised just over \$65,000 toward goal of \$100,000.00 for renovations of our church building which will begin shortly. We continue to work to raise the remaining \$45,000.00 for this project with a total this week of \$168,317.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	88 & 153 & 23			
Nuer Attendance:	20	Total	284	('18 – 257)
Communion Attendance:	77 & 117 & 21	Total	215	('18 – 196)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 24 Staff: 9	Total	33	('18 – 26)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 48 Staff: 1	Total	49	('18 – 35)
Adult Instruction Class:	Pupils: 11 Staff: 2	Total	13	
YABS:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total	6	('18 – 8)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 1	Total	5	('18 – 7)

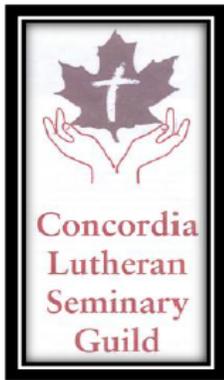
Thankoffering: In honour of and with blessings to all **MAY BIRTHDAY LADIES** to the Unified Church Budget from Tim & Linda Zimmerman-Rempel.

Memorial: In memory of **ROD & RUTH SWARTZ's** Wedding Anniversary to the Church Improvement Fund from Cliff & Sherry Swartz-Hill.

Weekly Calendar

Monday May 27 to Sunday June 2, 2019

Monday	Evening Divine Service, Church	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	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>Basement</i>	12:30 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Gym, Panel Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Seventh Sunday after Easter	
	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.
	Adult Information Class, <i>Church Library</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.



Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild

St. Catharines, Ontario

Devoted to Service through the use of Talents and Resources to
Support the Seminary and its Students, our Future Pastors

Annual Membership Drive

Members are devoted to service through the use of Talents & Resources to support the Seminary and its future Pastors.

Who are the Members?

All members of the Ontario District Lutheran Church can become members.

How can we join?



You become a member by placing \$5.00 (or more) in an envelope marked "Seminary Guild" sign your name and place it on the offering place for the next two weeks.

Cheques can be **made payable to:**
'Concordia Lutheran Seminary, St. Catharines, ON' and
Mark it "for Seminary Guild"

What is the money used for?

The Guild provides for the needs of the seminarians and his family by encouragement and prayers. It provides food for the seminarians with a gift at Christmas and Graduation. The Guild is there to help in time of need for the whole family.

Often special projects are undertaken. Such as purchasing new cassocks, communion visitation sets or upgrades to student areas at the seminary.

With the combined memberships of all the churches in the District they hope to make these types of projects a reality.

Thank you to all who have so faithfully and generously given their support to the Seminary Guild in the past. We welcome many new members to join us as we help our future Pastors.