

# The Second Sunday of Pentecost

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**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 am - Divine Service

9:45 am - Sunday School and Bible Classes for All Ages, Adult Instruction Class

11:00 am - Divine Service with Reception of New Members

12:15 pm - Care and Protect Refresher Training

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

**Just As I Am**

*LSB #570 (Verses 1-4)*

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## Invocation & Opening Sentences

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* In this world we are surrounded by enemies,

*People* **but Christ sets us free.**

*Pastor* Sin has enslaved us all,

*People* **but Christ forgives us.**

*Pastor* We deserve death for our sinful lives,

*People* **but Christ is risen and will raise us as well.**

*Pastor* We are vulnerable to the attacks of Satan,  
*People* **but Christ is present and protects us.**

## 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 of Praise

## In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found  
 He is my light my strength my song  
 This Cornerstone this solid ground  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
 What heights of love what depths of peace  
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
 My comforter my all in all  
 Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh  
 Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
 This gift of love and righteousness  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save  
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
 The wrath of God was satisfied  
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
 Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay  
 Light of the world by darkness slain  
 Then bursting forth in glorious day  
 Up from the grave He rose again  
 And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 For I am His and He is mine  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life no fear in death  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny  
 No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand  
 'Til He returns or calls me home  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand**

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. <sup>2</sup>I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

<sup>6</sup>Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom <sup>7</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds." <sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading: Galatians 3:23–4:7

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

<sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

(11:00 - Kaylia Hachman & Sarah Kehn)

*"Redeemer"*

by Nicole C. Mullen

## Holy Gospel: St. Luke 8:26-39

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

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

<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

<sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)

<sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear.

So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

*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

### In Christ There Is No East or West *LSB #653*



1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;  
 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name  
 4 Join hands, disciplines of the faith,  
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His  
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,  
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.  
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!  
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

## Sermon

St. Luke 8:39

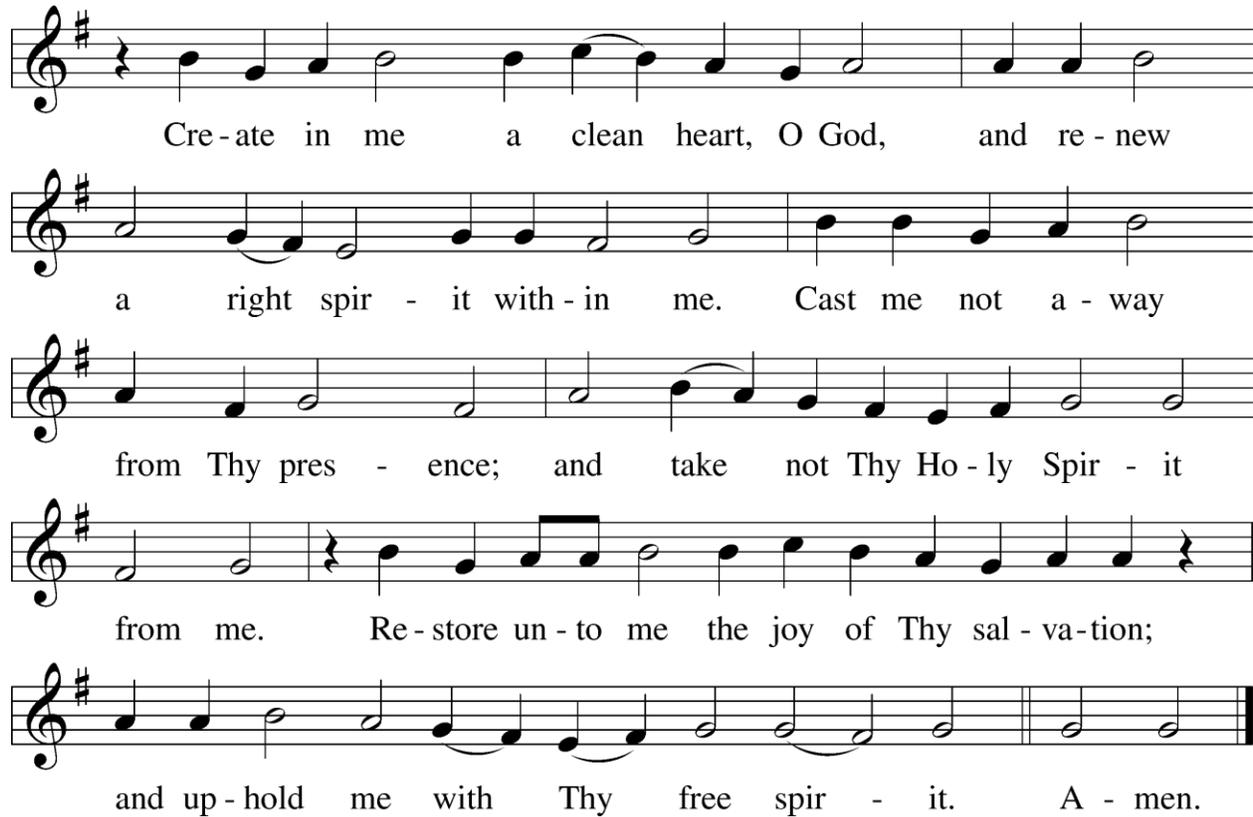
### “THE OTHER SIDE”

“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.”  
 So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.”

## Offertory

## Create in Me

LSB #956



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Reception of New Members (11:00)

*Nyalam Alawiya, Chol Lam, Truman Lam, Benan Peter, Serana Peter  
Tor Both, Kuingu Tor Puok  
Hans & Anne Jung  
Erik & Laura, Jack Knudsen  
Gordon Lam, Lam Lam, Rik Lam  
Cameron & Chantal, Evelyn, Emilia McDougall  
Dodu, Ezekiel, Elijah, Isaiah Niel  
Yves Perrault  
Rev. Paul & Judy Zabel  
Timothy & Alanna, Ellen Zabel*

## Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

## Prayer of the Church

*Pastor* Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Dear heavenly Father, place Your wise hand upon all the nations of the earth, give them leaders who seek after justice and peace, and lead all people to the freedom of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Lord, lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage and point them to forgiveness as the feet of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death, *especially* . . . Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Lord, strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments. Empower them to resist Satan's lies with the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially* . . . Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Dear heavenly Father, send Your people to every corner of the earth with Your Gospel message, that all who do not know the saving power of Your Son's death and resurrection hear the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor* Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

## 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.**



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**Staff away** Debbie Pritchard continues on holidays until **Tuesday, July 2.**

**Care and Protect** Everyone **must** take a refresher training each year. The last two dates are **Today at 12:15 pm or Wednesday, July 3 at 9:30 am.** If you haven't taken training before you will need the full training session this **Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 pm.** If you have any questions please contact Janet Cumby, Jennifer Leppek or Lenora Wallden.

## Today's Education Hour...

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**Sunday School** Today we celebrate the last day of Sunday School. Thank you to all our teachers and helpers who have helped shape young minds and hearts for the Lord. To show you our appreciation, we hope you will join us in the basement for a special treat. The Sunday School children will be having a yearend party as well. After opening, we will be going down to the gym for a time of celebration.

**Adult Bible Class** will conclude its study of the letters to the Seven Churches in the opening chapters of the Book of Revelation. Today we will focus on the "Sleeping Church" at Sardis and as time permits the "Lukewarm Christians" at Laodicea. Grab a coffee and join the conversation at 10 am in the Sanctuary. This will be the last Sunday morning Adult Bible Class until September 8.

**Adult information class** this is our last Adult Information Class. Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist are all different terms for this wonderful gift that God has given His Church. Join us as we look at what God's Word says about Communion.

## Coming Events...

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**Attention Congregational Executive and Board Chairs** the Board of Directors of Holy Cross will meet this **Tuesday, June 25 at 7 pm** in the Library. This will be the initial meeting for our Board of Directors and will focus on orientation to our new structure.

**Prime Time June Event** this **Thursday, June 27 at 12:30pm**, Ron and Joyce Stuckhardt will be telling tales of some of their wonderful adventures. Join us for a chance to tour spectacular parts of the world! Please sign up in the Parlour by June 25.

**Saturday Family Fun Social** This is a family friendly time for all ages to join in on **Saturday, July 20 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm** in the green basement. There will be food, socializing, and lots of fun for everyone. Please bring \$10 for your family as a donation towards the meal. For more information call Michelle Palmer at 519-588-9869, or email at: mapalmer1208@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Please Note...

**VBS Supplies needed...**empty cereal boxes are needed for crafts. If you can help please bring them to the box at the back door.

**VBS Cookie Call** – We'll be needing lots of **nut free cookies** the week of **July 8-12**. Homemade or store bought cookies are appreciated. If you are purchasing from a store please read the list of ingredients to make sure they are nut free. Cookies can be dropped off anytime on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you for supporting our VBS children's ministry in this way.

**Building Renovations:** The air conditioning is up and running! We give thanks to God for the generous hearts that have made this facility improvement a reality. The A/C system is programed to only come on very early Sunday morning to cool the church (if needed) for services and it also comes on during the afternoon on Monday's to cool the air before the evening service. In the case of services at other times such as weddings and funerals, the system will be turned on as needed. There may be some adjustments of the temperature as we go, but be assured we will be careful not to make the church too cold. With this project complete attention now turns to improvement of the washroom facilities on the main floor. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the facility improvement fund as we strive to raise \$100,000.00 to upgrade the church building. To date we have raised \$71,632.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	75 & 164 & 32			
<b>Nuer Attendance:</b>	26	Total	297	('18 – 265)
<b>Communion Attendance:</b>	70 & 139 & 30	Total	239	('18 – n/a)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 22	Staff: 9	Total 31	('18 – 37)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 37	Staff: 1	Total 38	('18 – 30)
<b>Adult Instruction Class:</b>	Pupils: 12	Staff: 1	Total 13	
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 4	Staff: 1	Total 5	('18 – 9)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 5	Staff: 2	Total 7	('18 – 8)

**Thankoffering:** In honour of **RUTH HENDERSON's** 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to the Refugee Family Sponsorship. In honour of **CHERI DRUNG's** retirement to the Church Choir from Richard & Christine Seip. To the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Victoria Seip.

**Memorial:** In memory of **SHANNON BLOCH** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Erv & Jennie Bloch. In memory of **LOVED ONES** to the Vacation Bible School from Shirley Martin. In memory of **JIM KELLER** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Diann Helliwell.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday June 24 to Sunday June 30, 2019

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Evening Divine Service, Church</b> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Care & Protect Full Training, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Directors, <i>Church Library</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Board of Church Properties, <i>Neustaedter's home</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Church Library</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	12:30 p.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i> .....	3:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Gym</i> .....	4:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Divine Service, Church</b> .....	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>with Installation of NYG members</b>	
	<b>Nuer Language Service, Church</b> .....	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>