

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21/22, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - Holy Communion Services

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Communion Service

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184

Hymns: 790, 538, (623, 842) 729

Readings: Genesis 18:1-14 (Pew Bible, Page 15)
 Colossians 1:21-29 (Pew Bible, Page 1142)
 St. Luke 10:38-42 (Pew Bible, Page 1006)

Sermon Genesis 18:1-14

“THE GREAT QUESTION”

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor William Chuol, Rick Hutfloetz, Pastor Connie Hahn (*Communion Assistants*), Anne Forler (*Organist*)
 Ken Griffin, Mike Koch (*Sound Operators*)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember **Bruno Fergin and Helen Millen** who have been in hospital and ask that God grant healing and strength according to His will. We also remember **those undergoing treatments** for cancer and other ongoing medical issues. We give thanks for the **safe return of our mission team** to Grimsby and pray for our upcoming **mission to Moncton, NB**. We also remember **our two prospective refugee families**, the Shir-Karami family in Denmark and the Freij family in Palestine.

Staff Vacation: Continuing on vacation this week are: Pastor Roland & Anita Syens returning on Wednesday, August 6; Janet Cumby returning on Tuesday, July 30. Lenora Wallden will begin her one week vacation on Thursday, July 25 returning on Thursday August 1.

Coming Events...

Prime Time August Events: Signup sheets are in the Parlour. Please join us **August 1st** and **August 29th** for a time of fun and fellowship.

Youth Swim Night!! August 13 from **6 pm - 9:30 pm**. Swimming and pizza dinner at Arnold and Cheri Drung's house. Please RSVP to Lenora by August 11.

Please Note...

Building Renovations: Please prayerfully consider a gift to the facility improvement fund as we strive to raise \$100,000 to upgrade the church building. To date we have raised \$74,372.

Welfare Fund: As an integral part of the ministry of Holy Cross, the Welfare Fund provides financial assistance to individuals or families who are experiencing financial or material needs. As a result of a high volume of requests for support, the fund is almost empty. Any contributions to build the fund back up would be greatly appreciated.

Pre-Authorized Offering Changes: Reminder to those participating in the pre-authorized offering program - the LAST WITHDRAWAL BY FAITHLIFE WILL OCCUR on AUGUST 20, 2019. The new provider will begin September 1, 2019. Please complete the sign-up sheet & return to Lorraine Cress by July 28, 2019.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy Proverbs 3:9 – “Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops” Have you ever considered how you might leave a lasting legacy to the honour and glory of our Lord. God has blessed many in our church body and in response we are looking for ways to glorify God by giving back to him what he has provided us in abundance. For ideas on how you can leave a lasting legacy you can pick up the brochure entitled “LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY” at the magazine rack by the pigeon holes.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance: 185 & 33 Total 218 ('18 – 291)

Weekly Calendar

Monday July 22 to Sunday July 28, 2019

Monday	Evening Communion Service, Church.....	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Youth Leaders, <i>Downstairs</i>	12 noon
Sunday	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service, Church	9:30 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service, Church	2:00 p.m.

God is faithful to provide
Even when we can't imagine it



Genesis 18