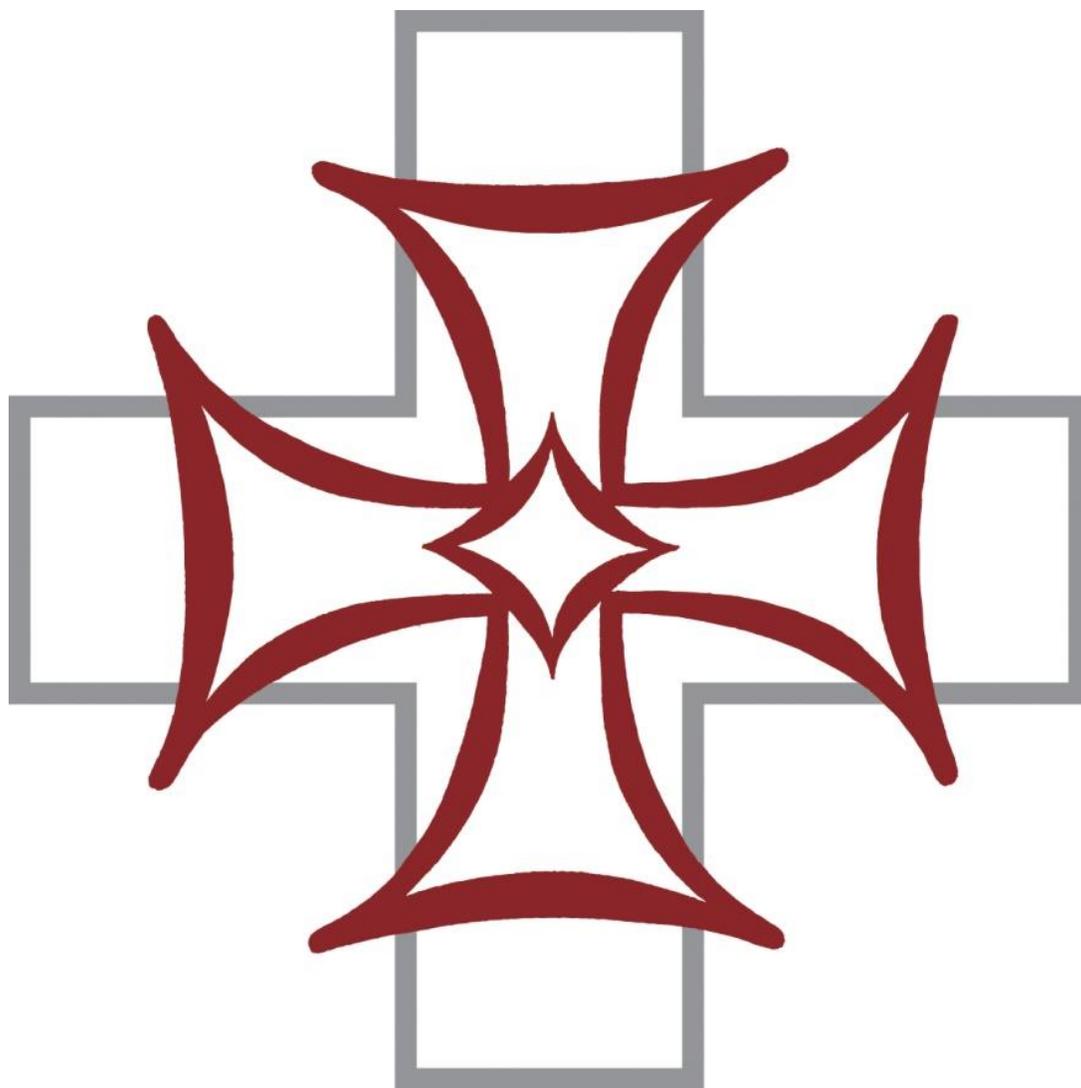


The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

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Lutheran Church Canada

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - Holy Communion Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Communion Service

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

To God be the glory, great mercy He's shown:
He saved us and cleansed us and made us His own;
Renewed by the Spirit, reborn from above,
That we might be justified by His rich love!...Refrain

To God be the glory, His Word is great truth,
Instructing and guiding since days of our youth:
The Law to reprove, to correct, and to train;
The Gospel to comfort, to heal and sustain...Refrain

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 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**To God Be the Glory**

**To God be the glory, His greatness divine
 Now offers forgiveness with bread and with wine,
 And fed by His body and blood in this place,
 We taste and we see the Lord's wonderful grace!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
 And give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

**To God be the glory, great things He has done,
 Our lives have been touched by the light of His Son—
 Called out of the darkness of death and despair;
 Made priests in His kingdom, His deeds to declare.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
 Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
 Sing praise to the Spirit—our God, Three in One!**

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (*Judy Lumsden*)

"Trust His Heart" by Babbi Mason

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 12:13-21

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Praise and Thanksgiving *LSB #789*

Sermon (*Sunday*)
(*Monday*)

"SIMPLE GIFTS"
"ARE YOU SELF-DESTRUCTIVE?"
LET JESUS REBUILD YOU!"

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

Colossians 3:1-11

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

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Service of Holy Communion

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

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.**

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.**

Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymns

I Come O Saviour to Thy Table LSB #618

Rock of Ages LSB #761

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.**

Closing Hymn

Christ be My Leader *LSB #861*

Officiant Pastor William Chuol (*Sunday*), Pastor Gary Weber (*Monday*)
Preacher Pastor Nolan Astley (*Sunday*),
Communion Assistants Pastors William Chuol, Konny Hahn & Rick Hutfloetz
Pianist Judy Lumsden
Sound Operator Ben Branje

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember those of our congregation who are sick or shut in, especially **Bruno Fergin** who has been transferred to Freeport for rehab. We also ask God's blessing on the Pastoral Mission scheduled to begin this Tuesday as Pastor Astley and Pastor Chuol travel to Ethiopia. We also remember Pastor Choul's wife, Mary, and their son Jack who are already in Ethiopia and will be joining the mission this week.

Some sad news ... For the past 11 years Janet Cumby has served in our church office. She has recently given notice that she will be accepting a new position with another employer, beginning on September 1, 2019. We pray God to bless Janet as she embraces this new challenge and we rejoice that Janet and her family will continue to be active members of the congregation. In due course we will take time to say our thanks to Janet and commence the search for a person to join our ministry team in the church office.

Pastoral Mission Details – This coming Tuesday morning Pastors Astley and Chuol will fly to Ethiopia to begin a 2 week pastoral mission trip. Most of their time will be spent in the Gambella region in the west of the country near the border with South Sudan. Among other things they will be leading a seminar for pastors to encourage them in their ministry, meeting with leaders of the Lutheran Church in the region, visiting refugee camps and seeing the orphanage run by Kitchener-based charity, Children of Promise International (COPI). Pastor Chuol's wife Mary and their son Jack are already in Ethiopia and will join the mission team. The Chuol family will also be tending to some family matters, particularly a memorial service for Pastor Chuol's mother that will be held on Tuesday, August 13. Please keep this mission in your prayers that God would grant safety the team and open doors for ministry and service. The Chuol's will return to Kitchener on August 19. Pastor Astley will be home again August 23.

Staff Vacation: Pastor Roland & Anita Syens will return this Wednesday, August 6; Jennifer Massicotte began holidays yesterday and will return on Monday, August 18.

Coming Events...

Prime Time Signup in the Parlour and join us **August 29** 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.

A Peach Social is being held on **Sunday, August 18** after service. Join us!

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 \$80,157.

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.

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/Nuer/Monday Attendance: 163 & 16 & 43 Total 222 ('18 – 232)

Memorials: In memory of **CLAYTON MUSSELMAN** to the Welfare Fund from Gladys Musselman. In memory of **MARIA KRAUSCHAAR** to the Welfare Fund from Bruce & Norene Brubacher.

Weekly Calendar

Monday August 5 to Sunday August 11, 2019

Monday	Evening Communion Service, Church	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service, Church	9:30 a.m.
	Slovak Service, Church	3:30 p.m.