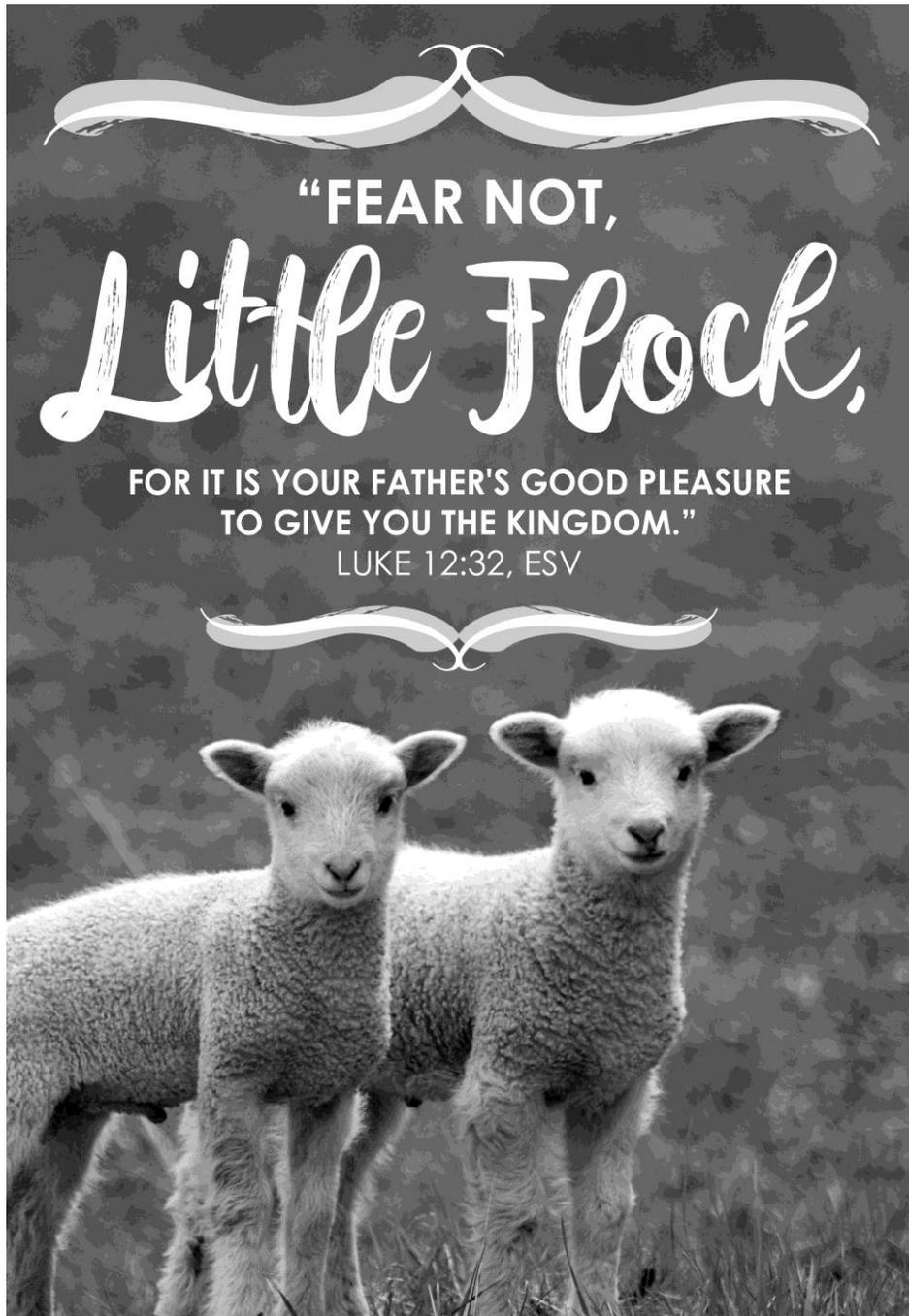


The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

August 11/12, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - Divine Service

with Installation of Moncton VBS Team

3:30 pm - Slovak Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

How Firm a Foundation *LSB #728*

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

Invocation and Psalm 33:20-22

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Our soul waits for the Lord;

People **He is our help and our shield.**

Pastor For our heart is glad in Him,

People **because we trust in His holy name.**

Pastor Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

People **even as we hope in You.**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor Loving God,
People **we confess our alienation from You both by nature and by choice. Help us to know and believe how much You love us. Let us abide in Your love even as You abide in us always. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor Our dear Holy Trinity in mercy has given the Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Kyrie

Pastor O Lord, who by Your promise of a child was Abraham's shield and great reward,
People **have mercy on us.**

Pastor O Christ, who inspired the faith of Your saints of old,
People **have mercy on us.**

Pastor O Lord, who richly cares and provides for all Your children,
People **have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness LSB #809

Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Let us pray.
 Almighty and merciful God, by Your grace we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 12:22-34

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

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

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?"

²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

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

Hymn of the Day

Have No Fear, Little Flock LSB #735

Sermon

St. Luke 12:22-34

“TAKING YOUR PULSE”

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 Moncton VBS Mission Team

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.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less *LSB #575*

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil....Refrain**

**His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay....Refrain**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain**

Officiant..... Pastor Roland Syens

Organist.....Anne Forler

Sound Operator Kristopher Griffin, Jonathan Das

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember our **Lutheran Church-Canada mission work** in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Ukraine, Thailand and Canada. We also pray for **Pastor Astley, Pastor Chuol**, Mary and Jack as they continue in their mission to Ethiopia and especially the orphans and those in the refugee camps in Gambella; for continued blessings on all **Vacation Bible ministries** throughout our world as they reach out to children with the Gospel this summer, especially for our **Moncton VBS Mission team** as they leave this Friday and return Sunday, August 25; for God's safety for all who travel. We remember all those of our congregation who are sick or shut in, especially **Bruno Fergin** who is at Freeport for Rehab.

Staff Vacation: Jennifer Massicotte continues on holidays and will return on Monday, August 18.

Mission Trips: Pastors Astley & Chuol continue in Ethiopia for their Pastoral Mission. Pastor Chuol & family will return to Kitchener on Monday, August 19 and Pastor Astley will return Friday, August 23.
The Moncton Mission Team will leave this Friday, August 16, begin their VBS Mission on Monday and return on Sunday, August 25. May God bless all these opportunities to share his word around the world.



Office Hours - Starting Friday August 16 to Friday August 23 while Debbie is on vacation, leading the Moncton Mission Team, the office hours are from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Monday, August 26 the office hours return to 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Coming Events...

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 **TODAY!**

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

Prime Time Signup in the Parlour and join us **August 29** for a time of fun and fellowship.

Please Note...

Office Assistant (Part Time) - If you are interested in serving as Office Assistant (part time), submit your resume outlining work and education background along with three work references to Debbie Pritchard (debbie@holycrosskitchener.org) or the church office by 4:00 pm on Friday August 30, 2019. We are looking for someone with in depth knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook. Knowledge of the internet browsers, websites and phone systems would also be beneficial. Email Janet (janet@holycrosskitchener.org) for a draft copy of the job description.

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 \$80,332.

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.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Nuer/Monday Attendance:	154 & 28 & 28	Total 210	(*18 – 217)
Sunday/Monday Communion:	112 & 28 26	Total 138	(*18 – 151)

Memorials: In memory of **CLAYTON MUSSELMAN** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Pastor Konny & Doris Hahn. In memory of **MARIA KRAUSCHAAR** to the Facility Improvement Fund from John & Wilma Rickert.

Weekly Calendar

Monday August 12 to Sunday August 18, 2019

Monday	Evening Divine Service, Church	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Youth Swim Night, <i>Drung's, West Montrose</i>	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
Friday	Moncton Mission Team Leaves, <i>meet at Holy Cross</i>	6:00 a.m.
Sunday	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion Service, Church	9:30 a.m.
	Peach Social, <i>Downstairs</i>	10:45 a.m.