

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1/2, 2019

Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
a sacrifice through Jesus.

Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
a continual offering.

Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
the fruit of lips that confess Christ's name.

Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
doing good and sharing with others.

Let us offer a sacrifice of praise:
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Amen.

based on Heb:13:15-16



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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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 Four, LSB page 203

Hymns: 902, 842, (837, 850) 813

Readings: Proverbs 25:2-10 (Pew Bible, Page 639)
 Hebrews 13:1-17 (Pew Bible, Page 1171)
 St. Luke 14:1-14 (Pew Bible, Page 1012)

Anthem: *"He's Walking in My Shoes"* by Hank Martin, Archie Jordan
 Claude Massicotte (soloist); Jennifer Massicotte (accompanist)

Sermon **"MORE THAN A MEAL!"** Hebrews 13:15-16
¹⁵Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Roland Syens (Preacher), Pastor William Chuol, Reinhold Schmidt, Pastor Connie Hahn (Communion Assistants), Jennifer Massicotte (Organist) Ken Griffin, Jonathan Das (Sound Operators)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we pray for **Teachers and Students** as they begin another school year. For **those struggling with illness**, especially Mary Belle Poll and Bruno Fergin. **Also those struggling with depression, mental illness, and addictions. Healing** for those who have undergone operations. **Peace** for those struggling with issues of anxiety. We pray for God's **peace in Hong Kong, Ukraine, Central Africa, and the Middle East**. We pray God's blessings on our **world leaders** that they may be wise in their decision making and for wisdom for all to make good stewardship decisions in regards to this world that God has gifted to us. We pray for all **our church activities** as we begin a new term in studying God's Word through Bible Classes, Sunday School and Confirmation and **for God's leadership** in our new church structure with our Board of Directors and all our boards. **We give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings of love, forgiveness and eternal life.**

Coming Events...

Regular Service Schedule Resumes on Sunday, September 8 at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Confirmation Classes begin again on Rally Day, September 8:

Mark your calendars and make a renewed commitment to Sunday morning Bible learning for the whole family. We aim for a class for everyone, **9:45 to 10:45 a.m.** Parent of children returning to Sunday School find their registration forms in your mailbox. If your family is new to Sunday School this year, you can register them on Rally Day in the Parlour.

Bible Classes begin again on Rally Day beginning September 8! The Adult Bible Class will focus on "The Gospel According to Abraham." We will dig more deeply into 7 episodes of the life of Abraham from the book of Genesis. Abraham was an ancestor of Jesus and man whom God called to be the father of many nations. Yet he was every bit as human as anyone alive today. Join us as we look to see how God gave Abraham security, confidence, joy, freedom and faith. Those gifts were not just for a man who lived long ago, but are the gifts God still bestows on each of us through His holy Word. This study will run through the months of September and October. Grab a coffee and join the discussion beginning September 8 as we ponder Genesis 12:1-9 and the security that comes from the call of God!

Board of Director's Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 10** at **7:00 p.m.** for all executive, financial officers and board directors.

Knotty Ladies Resumes the knotting of comforters on **Wednesday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.** They meet each Wednesday morning in the Confirmation Classroom to work on comforters for Canadian Lutheran World Relief and other local charities. We welcome newcomers to join our work and socializing. Little skill is required – simply tying knots – and it is easy to learn. Hope to see you there!

Circuit Youth! – Grades 6-12, **Friday, September 13, 7-9 pm @ Holy Cross.** Get ready to Flee! We will be participating in the refugee simulation created by CLWR as well as hearing from a guest speaker who has firsthand experience as a refugee. Please RSVP to Lenora by Tuesday, September 10.

GriefShare will begin on **Monday, September 16** from 6:30-8:30 and runs for 13 weeks. If you, or someone you know, have had a loved one die, please consider being part of this biblically centered bereavement support group. If you would like more information, please contact Anita Syens at rasyens@hotmail.com.

PIES!!! - We're getting an early start on the Youth pie fundraiser this year to make sure we have enough pies for everyone! These pies freeze great, so you won't have to worry about what to have for dessert at Thanksgiving, Christmas, or any night of the week! Pies will be \$8.00. Order forms are available in the welcome center. **Please have orders to Lenora by September 17.** Pies will be available for pick up Sunday, September 22.

Save the date! Sign up! **Saturday October 5** is the Ride for Refuge. Ride/walk, a little or a long way, all to raise money for the refugee families we have committed to bring here. Please help us by signing up, sponsoring, and praying. Our team is 'Holy Cross Lutheran Riders', and the website is rideforrefuge.org. If you have any questions, contact Anita Syens at 519-896-7574 or rasyens@hotmail.com.

Please Note...

New Church Directory coming in September Please take a moment to check your information in the current directory to see if it is correct and let us know by **Sunday, September 8** of any updates that are needed to your address, phone number, etc. Update forms are available at the Welcome Centre. Fill it in and place it in the offering plate or in the box on the church office door.

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 \$81,872.

Lutheran Foundation Canada, a financial ministry of LCC, not only assists individuals with planned gifts, but provides a wealth of information on estate planning generally. If you have never reviewed their new website, you are encouraged to do so. Most individuals are unaware of the documents and forms freely available under their Resource page, as helpful aids in planning your estate. Take a few minutes, and have a look at www.lutheranfoundation.ca.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Nuer/Monday Attendance: 207 & 10 & 27 Total 244 ('18 – 208)

Memorials: In memory of **DOROTHY KREUTZWEISER** to the Unified Church Budget from John Kreutzweiser, Fred & Donna Berlet, Konny & Doris Hahn. In memory of **EILEEN DOLSON** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Arnold & Cheri Drung + family. To Missions from Richard & Christine Seip. In loving memory of **GERRY WENTZLAFF** to the Welfare Fund from Ila Wentzlaff + family. In memory of **MARTHA KAYS** to the Church Improvement Fund from Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Marg Klages, Lois Cybalski. To the Unified Church Budget from Mary McFarlane, Joan Lautenschlager. To Missions from David & Judy Lloyd, Richard & Christine Seip. To Refugee Family Sponsorship from Lydia Weimer. In memory of **BRUCE BECKER** to the Church Improvement Fund from Lois Cybalski.

Weekly Calendar

Monday September 2 to Sunday September 8, 2019

Monday	Labour Day, <i>Church Office Closed</i> Evening Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Elders Meeting, <i>Church Library</i> 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Gym, Basement, Kitchen</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i> 9:30 a.m. Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service , <i>Church</i> 8:30 a.m. Sunday School Rally, <i>Sanctuary, Downstairs</i> 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Classes, <i>Church Library (Senior), Panel Room (Junior)</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. Men's Group, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Baptism, Installation of Education Workers, <i>Church</i> 11:00 a.m. Rally Day BBQ Lunch, <i>Gym</i> 12:15 p.m. Slovak Service , <i>Church</i> 3:30 p.m.