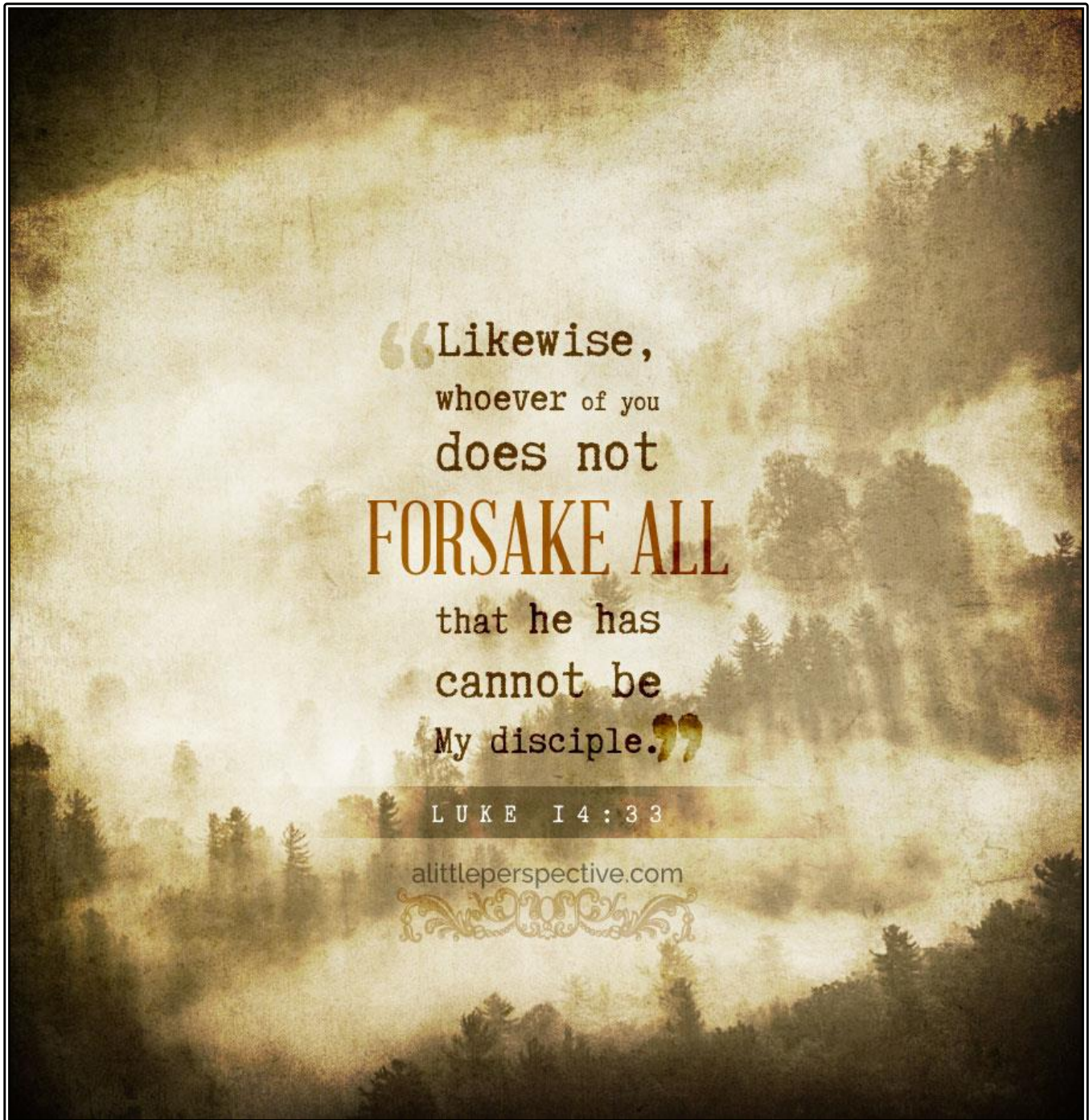


The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8/9, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am - Divine Service with Installation of Education Workers

9:45 am - Sunday School Rally and Bible Classes for All Ages

9:45 am - Junior & Senior Confirmation Classes

11 am - Divine Service with Holy Baptism & Installation of Education Workers

12:15 pm - Congregational BBQ

3:30 pm - Slovak Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Order of Service: Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB page 260

Hymns:
(8:30) 507, 709, 588, 660
(11:00) 593, 507, 709, 588, 660
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Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Pew Bible, Page 201)
Philemon 1-21 (Pew Bible, Page 1160)
St. Luke 14:25-35 (Pew Bible, Page 1012)

Sermon "THE QUEST" St. Luke 14: 25-33

*25Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and He turned and said to them,
26"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and
brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. 27Whoever does not bear his
own cross and come after me cannot be My disciple. 28For which of you, desiring to build a tower,
does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29Otherwise, when
he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30saying, 'This
man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31Or what king, going out to encounter another king
in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who
comes against him with twenty thousand? 32And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends
a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all
that he has cannot be My disciple.*

Anthem: Black & Tracz families (11:00 Sunday)

Special Music: Mackenzie Szasz (8:30 Sunday, piano), Braden Fergin, Evangeline
Branje, Justus Schafer (11:00 Sunday, piano), Brigitte Bridgemohan,
Sam Schafer (11:00 Sunday, violin)

**Serving in God's
House Today:** Pastor Nolan Astley (Sunday Preacher), Pastor Roland Syens (Sunday Officiant)
Pastor Paul Zabel (Monday Officiant), Jennifer Massicotte (Sunday Organist), Anne
Forler (Monday Organist), Hope Bindseil (8:30 Acolyte), Ben Clay (11:00 Acolyte), Ken
Griffin (8:30 Sound Operator), Ben Branje & Mike Koch (11:00 Sound Operator)

The Flowers: at the altar has been placed to the glory of God and celebration of the Baptism today of Lucy Lynch with much love from Pat & Monica Lynch + family.

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we ask **God's blessings as we resume the fall program** and our various educational ministries are back in operation. We also remember **the family of Fern Reiser** who passed away last weekend and whose funeral was Saturday at Erb and Good funeral home. We also remember **Marie Gabel, Mary Bell Poll and Bruno Fergin** who have asked for our prayers while in hospital or receiving special care. May God grant healing and peace to all who look to Him!

Rally Day will begin with Sunday School & Bible Classes opening at 9:45 a.m. in the church sanctuary and then will disperse to their classes around the building.

Holy Baptism today at the 11:00 am service, we rejoice as **Lucy Harper Lynch** is received into the family of God in the waters of Holy Baptism. Lucy is the daughter of Greg & Chelsea Lynch. Her baptismal sponsors are Brandon Drung and Meghan Lynch.

Rally Day BBQ! Join us **after late service** out on the lawn to re-connect after the summer!

2019-2020 Church Directory: TODAY is your last opportunity to update your family information! Check your information in the current directory to make sure it is correct! Update forms are available at the Welcome Centre if you need to update your address, phone, email, etc. Fill the form in and place it on the offering plate or in the box on the church office door TODAY!!

Pastor Astley will be attending a meeting in St. Catharines tomorrow. He will be back in the office on Tuesday. Thanks to Pastor Zabel for leading the Monday night service this week!

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School - It has begun! Today is the start of a new Sunday School year! We will be kicking it off by working our way through the story of creation. If you have not registered your child for Sunday School, find Lenora in the Parlour!

Sunday School & Confirmation Classes begin TODAY! We aim for a class for everyone each Sunday, **9:45 to 10:45 a.m.** Parents of children returning to Sunday School will find their registration forms in your mailbox. If your family is new this year, you can register them in the Parlour. The Junior Confirmation Class will meet in the Panel Room and the Senior Confirmation Class will meet in the Church Library.

Bible Classes all begin today at 9:45 a.m.! The Youth Bible Class will meet in the Youth Centre. YABS, Young Adult Bible Study will meet in the Conference Room.

Adult Bible Class – Where do you find real security in this world? For a man named Abraham security came not from riches, nor from accomplishments, but from the call of God. Today we begin a new Bible study called the Gospel According to Abraham and we will examine several episodes from the life of this great Biblical figure to see how God's promises to him are still His promise to you and me today. We too find security in God's call! Join us in the sanctuary right after Sunday School opening, grab a coffee and join the discussion!

Coming Events...

Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for this **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!

Church Choir Resumes this **Thursday, September 12.** The Choir meets each Thursday evening at 7:45 pm in the Confirmation Classroom. All are encouraged to come and share your gifts as we sing praises to the Lord.

Circuit Youth! – Grades 6-12, **Friday, September 13, 7-9 pm here at 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.

Prime Time! - This month's Prime Time event will be **Thursday, September 26**, from **12:30-2:30**. There is a signup sheet in the Parlor.

The Confirmation Candidates Class will begin on **Thursday, September 26** at **6:00 pm**. This class is for all confirmands who will be confirmed this October and will run for 5 weeks and each session will be 1 hour long. Contact Pastor Astley for more information. The Confirmands parents will also meet this same night at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Monday Evening Services continue thru until **Monday, October 7** at **7:00 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Display - Bring Groceries! Thanksgiving is on **Sunday, October 13** and we are asking if you would start bringing grocery items in for the harvest display. Please begin with non-perishable food items. Fresh fall vegetables can be brought the week of October 7.

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 \$82,962.

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. Pamphlets are also available on the tract rack in the office hallway.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Nuer/Monday Attendance:	184 & 26 & 21	Total 231	('18 – 186)
Sunday/Monday Communion Attd:	173 & 21	Total 194	('18 – 144)

Memorials: In memory of **MARTHA KAYS** and **EILEEN DOLSON** to the Facility Improvement Fund from Earl & Pat Famme. In memory of **EILEEN DOLSON** to Missions from Marg Klages. In memory of **MARTHA KAYS** to the Unified Church Budget from Marlene Lemon. In memory of **GARY LEMON** to Griefshare from Marlene Lemon.

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” in the magazine rack at the Welcome Centre.

Weekly Calendar

Monday September 9 to Sunday September 15, 2019

Monday	Divine Service, Church 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Board of Directors Meeting, <i>Church Library</i> 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Kitchen</i> 9:00 a.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Gym, Basement, Kitchen</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i> 9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i> 1:30 p.m. Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m. Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 7:45 p.m.
Friday	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Youth Centre</i> 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Service, Church 8:30 a.m. Sunday School, <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 Vocal Group, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service, Church 11:00 a.m. Nuer Language Service, Church 2:00 p.m.

Christian Education Workers -2019/2020

Sunday School Supervisor

Valerie Kehn

Preschool

Michelle Tracz – Teacher

Katie Santos - Teacher

Laurie Watson – Helper

Jordan Fergin – Helper

Bridgett Coleman - Helper

JK/SK,

Lauren Lang – Teacher

Jill Sadler – Teacher

Grade 1 & 2

Tania Kuhlman– Teacher

Christine Fergin –Teacher

Sandy Dolson - Helper

Gwyneth Sutherland - Helper

Grades 3/4/5

Kathy Wilson – Teacher

Erik Bohl – Teacher

Debbie Bohl – Teacher

Denise Newport – Helper

Steve Coleman - Helper

Junior Confirmation

Henrietta Schafer – Teacher

Senior Confirmation

Pastor Roland Syens - Teacher

Director of Parish Services

Lenora Wallden

Sunday School Specials

Valerie Kehn

Cheri Drung

Openings

Jennifer Massicotte – piano

Offerings/Envelopes

Diane Longstaff

Brenda Longstaff

Tania Kuhlman

Bulletin Board Displays

Denise Newport

Supply Teachers/Helpers

Diann Helliwell

Marjorie Sutherland

Rebecca Guillartes

Youth (Grades 8-12)

Kevin Cumby

Cheri Drung

Stephanie Drung

YABS (Young Adult Bible Study)

Emmanuel George

Melanie Toolsie

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Nolan Astley

Church Library

Susan Astley

Annie Lantz