

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22/23, 2019



Luke 16:10

He that is faithful in that which
is least is faithful also in much:



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

9:45 am - Junior & Senior Confirmation Classes

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

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

Hymns: 852, 720, 894

Readings: Amos 8:4-7 (Pew Bible, Page 892)
 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 1151)
 St. Luke 16:1-15 (Pew Bible, Page 1014)

Sermon "FOCUSSED" St. Luke 16:1-15

Special Music: Brigitte Bridgemohan, Jordan Fergin, Gabrielle George, Sam Schafer, Justus Schafer (*string group*)

Anthem: "Our God Saves Medley" by Thomas Kent, Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown
 (*Youth & Mom's Choir, John Rickert - drums, Jennifer Massicotte - piano*)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*)
 Jennifer Massicotte (*Sunday Organist*), Anne Forler (*Monday Organist*)
 Kate Sommer (*8:30 Acolyte*), Hope Bindseil (*11:00 Acolyte*)
 Kris Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Isaiah Bridgemohan, Jack Chuol (*11:00 Sound Operators*)

Prayer Concerns: For ***our country Canada*** as we prepare to vote for her leaders that God gives His guidance and wisdom to her people and guide and direct all those running for office to be individuals of courage, integrity, wisdom and truth. ***For peace in our world*** especially in the Middle East as tensions arise between Saudi Arabia and Iran, for peace in Sudan and central Africa. ***For all peace keepers, disaster relief workers and care givers*** that God give them wisdom, courage and strength as they care for others. ***For all those who have lost homes, possessions and loved ones*** in natural disasters that God bring them help and comfort in their losses. ***For all marriages*** that God give wisdom, strength and love in keeping marriages faithful and strong. ***For family and friends who do not know God's love*** for them in Christ Jesus that they may hear God's word of forgiveness and love and come to faith.

Pie Pick Up! - Today is the day! Pick up your pie in the Parlour. If you didn't order a pie and would still like one, we did make a few extra. Pies are \$8.00.

2019-2020 Church Directories are available at the Welcome Centre today. Please pick up a copy to take home with you.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School - Today's lesson, "A New Beginning", is all about how Noah and his family followed God's instructions and built the ark. Noah and his family listened to God, and he kept them safe.

Adult Bible Class – Last week we began to look at the security that comes from the call of God and today we will continue that focus and then look at the riches God gives to Abraham in Genesis 13:2-17. Grab a coffee and join the discussion at 10 in the sanctuary right after Sunday School opening.

Coming Events...

Prime Time! will be this **Thursday, September 26**, from **12:30-2:30 pm**. We will be having spaghetti and playing games! The sign-up sheet is in the Parlour.

The Confirmation Candidates Class begins this week on **Thursday, September 26** from **6 to 7 pm**. This class is for all confirmands who will be confirmed this October and will run for 5 weeks. Contact Pastor Astley for more information. The Confirmand parents will also meet this same night at 6:00 p.m.

Youth! Grades 8-12 will get together on **Friday, September 27 from 7-9 pm** for our Summer Sum Up, a great chance to talk about the NYG, Mission Trips, and all the other crazy, exciting, and adventurous things that you did over your summer.

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.

Tuesday Night Bible Study – begins again! Join Pastor Gary Weber **Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** as he leads us verse by verse through the book of Daniel. This Bible Study begins **October 15** and runs until **November 25**. Please sign-up at the Welcome Centre in the Parlour if you are interested or speak to Pastor Gary.

Family Fun Night is scheduled for **Saturday, October 19 from 4:30 -7:00 p.m.** here at Holy Cross. This is an event for the whole family, for singles, for everyone. We will have a parent study time after dinner where we can enrich our faith together, while the kids are playing in the gym. In order to make this happen we are looking for **2 VOLUNTEERS** to help supervise the kids in the gym/nursery while the adults spend some time in study. Please RSVP if you plan to attend or volunteer with the kids by contacting Michelle Palmer at mapalmer1208@gmail.com. You need to have your APP training in order to volunteer, thanks again!

2020 Retreat Dates! The 2020 **Men's Retreat will be held on February 28-29, 2020**. Dr. Steve Chambers of our Edmonton Seminary has agreed to be the speaker, focussing on archeology and the Bible. The **Women's Renewal Weekend will be held April 17-18, 2020**. Both of these retreats will be held at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre.

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 \$96,192. Only \$3,808 to go!!

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Nuer/Monday Attendance:	89 & 166 & 34 & 26	Total 315	('18 – 302)
Sunday/Monday Communion:	81 & 126 & 26	Total 233	('18 – 218)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 30 Staff: 13	Total 43	('18 – 45)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 49 Staff: 1	Total 50	('18 – 47)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 12 Staff: 1	Total 13	('18 – 9)
YABS Bible Class:	Pupils: 3 Staff: 1	Total 4	('18 – 5)

Memorials: In memory of **EILEEN DOLSON** and **FERN REISER** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **BOB SMITH** to the Facility Improvement Fund from Ilse Smith. In memory of **FERN REISER** to the Concordia Lutheran Seminary from Mary Coleman. In memory of brother-in-law **ROY CHAPPEL** to the Concordia Lutheran Seminary from Verica Ketko.

Weekly Calendar

Monday September 23 to Sunday September 29, 2019

Monday	Griefshare, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Divine Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Kitchen</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Church Properties 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.
	Prime Time, <i>Basement, Kitchen</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Stephen Ministry Training, <i>Panel Room</i>	3:00 p.m.
	Confirmand Class, <i>Conference Room</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Confirmand Parent Meeting, <i>Parlour</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:45 p.m.
Friday	Youth Event, <i>Youth Centre</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	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> Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
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