

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29/30, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Sing with All the Saints in Glory *LSB #671*

Invocation and Opening Sentences

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor The Lord sets the prisoners free!

People **He opens the eyes of the blind!**

Pastor Do not put your trust in princes, in a son of man in whom there is no salvation.

People **Blessed is the one whose hope is in the Lord.**

Pastor Do not put your trust in earthly wealth.

People **Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob.**

Pastor The Lord watches over the sojourners.

People **The Lord upholds the widows and the fatherless!**

Pastor The Lord will reign forever.

People **Praise the Lord!**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor Jesus tells us of a rich man and a poor man, whose name was Lazarus. The rich man ignored Lazarus in life, though Lazarus was right outside his door. How often in our own lives do we ignore those who are outside our door, who are in our own community and in need? How often do we put our trust in riches rather than in our Redeemer? We turn to our heavenly Father to ask His mercy and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor Heavenly Father,

People **we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have taken comfort in the riches of this world rather than in the riches of Your kingdom. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and remove our guilt and shame.**

Pastor Almighty God has shown His love for us in this: He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for all people, for the rich and the poor, for you and for me. 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

All You Works of God Bless the Lord LSB #930 (V. 1, 5-6)

Old Testament Reading: Amos 6:1-7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!
²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (11:00 am - Praise Singers)

Build Your House on the Solid Rock by Pepper Choplin

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 16:19-31

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

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

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.

Hymn of the Day**How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

Sermon**“WHO IS WHO?”**

St Luke 16:19-31

Hymn (8:30 a.m.)**Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service** LSB #848**Anthem (11:00 am - Praise Singers)****I Trust in You** by Darcy Stanley**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.

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 favour and give you peace.

People Amen.

Closing Hymn**How Great Thou Art** LSB #801

Preacher	Pastor Roland Syens
Officiant	Pastor Nolan Astley
Organist	Jennifer Massicotte (8:30), Anne Forler (Monday)
Pianist	Heather Schein (11:00)
Acolytes	Ben Clay (8:30), Finnley Gallacher (11:00)
Sound Operators	Erik Reed (8:30), Claude Massicotte & Mike Koch (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers this morning we remember ***Mitch and Jim Kehn*** who were involved in a serious car accident this week, Jim remains in Hamilton hospital; ***Elaine Schafer*** who has been in Grand River hospital and ***Doris Hahn*** who continues her recovery at home. We also rejoice with ***Victoria Seip and Andrew Eisses*** who are to be married here at Holy Cross next Saturday afternoon. May God grant them a blessed and happy day as they begin their married life. We also remember our **2019 Confirmands** as they begin their candidate classes in preparation for Confirmation Sunday. Further afield, we remember our ***prospective refugee families and those who will take part in the Ride for Refuge*** to support their resettlement in Canada, and we ask God to bless the ongoing efforts for ***peace in South Sudan***.

A New Face in Our Office ... and a new voice on the telephone! We welcome Sylvia Das, our new office assistant, ***as of tomorrow, Monday, September 30***. Sylvia will work with Debbie Pritchard to deal with the busy work and needs of our congregation here at our church. Sylvia and her family have been members here since 2014, so when you stop in or call, welcome her warmly and encourage her as she “learns the ropes”.

2019-2020 Church Directories are available at the Welcome Centre.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School - Abraham took his wife and nephew and responded to God's “Call to Action” by leaving his idolatry and homeland to follow the one true God to the land of Canaan.

Adult Bible Class will continue to explore the Gospel According to Abraham. As we examine God's work in Abraham's life we see how He works in our lives as well. Today we will focus on the meeting between Abraham and Melchizedek a priest of God Most High and King of Salem. As we look at this mysterious meeting, we are given a better insight to how God shows his love to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us in the Sanctuary at 10 am!

Coming Events...

Ride for Refuge ... Not Too Late to Sign up! This coming ***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.**

Youth, Gr. 8-12: Thursday, October 10, 7-9pm. Come test your skills, knowledge, and team work in the Mission Impossible activity. RSVP to Lenora.

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 Old Testament book of Daniel - *God's sovereignty over evil, His protection of His people*. This Bible Study begins **October 15** and runs until **November 26**. Please sign-up at the Welcome Centre in the Parlour if you are interested or speak to Pastor Gary.

Circuit Youth: Gr. 6-12, Friday, October 18, 7-9pm. Join us at Messiah Lutheran, Waterloo for an evening of games with the circuit. Please RSVP to Lenora by October 15.

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.

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 \$98,842. Only \$1,158 to go!!

Please note that the **speed limit on East Avenue has been reduced to 40 km/hour** between Krug Street to the Aud.

An Apology to our Congregation: We have received an apology from the office of the federal election candidate whose sign was placed on the boulevard adjacent to the church last weekend. It is the policy of all candidates not to place signs near houses of worship.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	85 & 154 & 24	Total 263	('18 – 360)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 42 Staff: 15	Total 57	('18 – 46)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 54 Staff: 1	Total 55	('18 – 61)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 11 Staff: 1	Total 12	('18 – n/a)

Memorials: In memory of **MARTHA KAYS** to the Unified Church Budget from Bernie & Helga Drung, George & Ann Kittler, Ivan Hurlbut. In memory of **FERN REISER** to Missions from Joan Lautenschlager. In memory of **MILDRED LESSARD** to the Unified Church Budget from Patti Wilson.

Weekly Calendar

Monday September 30 to Sunday October 6, 2019

Monday	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:30 p.m.	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.	
Tuesday	Congregational Ministries Meeting, <i>Church Library</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.	
	Confirmand Class, <i>Church Library</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	Wedding Rehearsal, <i>Church</i> 4:00 p.m.	
Saturday	Ride for Refuge, <i>Koinonia Christian Fellowship, Bloomingdale</i> 8:00 a.m.	
	Wedding of Andrew Eisses & Victoria Seip, <i>Church</i> 2:30 p.m.	
Sunday	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion 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.	
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> 9:45 a.m.	
	Jr & Sr Confirmation Families Meeting, <i>Church Library</i> 10:00 a.m.	
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 11:00 a.m.	
	Junior Confirmation Lunch & Acolyte Training 12:15 p.m.	
	Nuer Language Service , <i>Church</i> 2:00 p.m.	