

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

9:45 am - Sunday School, Bible Classes, Confirmation

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

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

Hymns: 940, 668 (728, 725) 739

Readings: Genesis 32:22-30 (Pew Bible page 33)
 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 (Pew Bible page 1156)
 St. Luke 18:1-8 (Pew Bible page 1016)

Sermon: "THE FIGHT OF YOUR LIFE" Genesis 32:22-30

Special Music: Kristopher Griffin (*8:30 piano*)
 Evangeline Branje & Jennifer Massicotte (*11:00 piano duet*)

Anthem: "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris
 (Ken Griffin - *piano, vocals*)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*),
 Pastor Robert Morley (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Pastor William Chuol,
 Rick Hutfloetz (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*),
 Kristopher Griffin & Claude Massicotte (*Sound Operators*).

Flowers: have been placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ewan Gallacher from Stuart & Jane Schaefer-Gallacher, Finnley, Grant & Joanne Schaefer and Kevin Schaefer.

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember ***the family of Ruth Henderson*** who passed away in the Lord last Sunday and whose funeral was this past Wednesday in Cambridge. Ruth was the oldest member of the congregation at age 102 and regularly attended service even after turning 100. We ask God's blessings upon ***Ameer Abdulla and Jessica Roth*** who were united in Holy Marriage yesterday at Messiah. We also remember our ***2019 Confirmands*** who will be confirmed and welcomed to the Lord's Table next Sunday. We continue to uphold our ***prospective refugee families*** that they may receive interviews and approval to come to Canada in the near future. Finally, we ask ***God's blessing upon our nation*** as we vote in tomorrow's federal election.

Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Monday morning, October 21 until noon.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School – Our lesson today will deal with having "Hope in Hardship" as we look at the life of Jacob's favoured son, Joseph. Joseph sums up his life eloquently when he tells his brothers, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" Genesis 50:20.

Adult Bible Class – *Doubters Welcome!* This week we continue to look at the Gospel according to Abraham, particularly on how God gently challenges Abraham's doubt and restores his faith. Grab a coffee and join the discussion in the sanctuary beginning at 10 am.

Coming Events...

Tuesday Night Bible Study – 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 runs until **November 26.**

Confirmation Day is set for **Sunday, October 27** when our 2019 class will present their witness statements and will speak their public vows of faithfulness to Christ. Our schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Public Witness Statements

9:45 a.m. – Congregational Confirmation Reception (all are welcome)

11:00 a.m. – Festival Service with Rite of Confirmation

We encourage our members to attend as usual and support our young people in their faith journey this day. Please keep these Confirmation Candidates in your prayers:

Evangeline Branje, Brigette Bridgemohan, Bridget Coleman, Madison Freiter, Alarick Hildebrand, Kaylee Manuel, Rebecca Rempel, Molly Rogers, Serena Schmidt

Youth Gr. 8-12: Youth Night, **Wednesday, October 30, 7-9 pm.** The end of October is a time to celebrate both Hallowe'en and Reformation. Come find out how they fit together and what that means for your candy consumption.

Prime Time - October 31, 12:30-2:30 pm. Come together for a time of food and fellowship. This month we will be learning all about the season of Allhallowtide. Please put your name on the signup sheet at the Welcome Center.

Rake 'N' Run - The Youth Annual Rake and Run will be **November 9.** Please contact Lenora by November 5 if you know someone who would benefit from youth help.

Memorial Services for those who died in the Lord and received Christian burial from our church are coming in two weeks on **All Saints' Sunday, November 3 at 8:30 and 11:00 am.** Please spread the word – even to people from outside our church family – in case folks have lost a loved one and would benefit from hearing God's promises for them.

Please Note...

We learned this past week that the Christian Salvage Mission in Hamilton is no longer able to take used Bible Studies, devotions and other such material. Please do not bring these materials to the church as we will no longer be transporting them to Hamilton.

Remember the **speed limit on East Avenue has been reduced to 40km/hour** in the area of the church and is regularly enforced!

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday:	67 & 160	Total 227	('18 – 247)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 17 Staff: 7	Total 24	('18 – 28)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 53 Staff: 1	Total 54	('18 – 42)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 2 Staff: 1	Total 3	('18 – 7)
Young Adult Class:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total 6	('18 – 8)

Memorials: In memory of **VICTOR OPRESNIK** to the Facility Improvement Fund from Pat & Earl Famme. To the Refugee Resettlement Fund from Arnold & Cheri Drung and Lydia Weimer. To the Sunday School Fund from Bruno & Jean Fergin.

Weekly Calendar

Monday October 21 to Sunday October 27, 2019

Monday	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Daniel Bible Study, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Kitchen</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Congregational Ministries, <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.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	3:00 p.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>	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Bloch/Chadsey Wedding, <i>Church</i>	11:30 a.m.
	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
	Nuer Youth, <i>Gym</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Confirmand Witness Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School Movie, <i>Church Basement</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Confirmation Reception, <i>Gym</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Festival Service with Rite of Confirmation , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
	Outreach Ministries, <i>Church Library</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Nuer Language Service , <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.