

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6/7, 2019



THE APOSTLES SAID TO THE LORD,
"INCREASE OUR FAITH."

~ Luke 17:5



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 am - Holy Communion Service

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

10:00 am - Junior & Senior Confirmation Families Meeting

11:00 am - Holy Communion Service

12:15 pm - Junior Confirmation Lunch & Acolyte Training

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Holy Communion Service

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four, LSB page 203

Hymns: 902, 540, (575, 527) 850

Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-2 (Pew Bible page 909)
 2 Timothy 1:1-4 (Pew Bible page 1155)
 St. Luke 17:1-10 (Pew Bible page 1015)

Sermon "SEVEN TIMES" St. Luke 17:3-6

Anthem: "The Mustard Seed" by Anna Laura Page
(Junior Choir, Gabrielle George - piano, Jennifer Massicotte - keyboard)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*)
 Pastor Konny Hahn (8:30 Communion Assistant), Pastor William Chuol, Rick Hutfloetz (11:00 Communion Assistants), Anne Forler (Organist), Amy Khazaei (8:30 Acolyte), Kate Sommer (11:00 Acolyte), Carl Kuhl (8:30 Sound Operator), Ben Branje, Isaiah Bridgemohan (11:00 Sound Operators)

Flowers: remain to the glory of God and in celebration following the wedding yesterday of Andrew & Victoria Eisses.

Prayer Concerns: Today in our prayers we rejoice with those who rejoice and we weep with those who weep. We ask God's blessings upon **Andrew Eisses and Victoria Seip** who were united in Holy Marriage yesterday here at Holy Cross. We ask God to comfort **Christine Fergin and her family** as they mourn the passing of Christine's father Victor Opresnik, who passed away on Tuesday evening. We also remember those who have been in hospital, especially **Elaine Schafer at Grand River, Jim Kehn in Hamilton and Judy Hebner in Mississauga**. As we give thanks for yesterday's Ride for Refuge, we remember our **prospective refugee families** and ask God to clear a way for them to come to Canada. We also ask God to **bless our Synod and its leaders as they wrestle with difficult questions about mission and ministry** here in our land and in our mission fields and we ask God's continued blessing on **Bishop Alexander (Sasha) Yurchenko** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine (SELCU), our partner church in Ukraine as he begins another term of service as leader to that church body.

Today's service is being video recorded in its entirety. This recording will not be shared with the public, but will be used as a test for future video-based ministry opportunities.

Pastor Astley will be attending the East District Church-Workers Conference this coming Tuesday and Wednesday at Camp Pioneer in Angola, NY.

Tomorrow's Monday evening service will be the last Monday service until May 2020.

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

Canned, Boxed, Fresh! Bring It All! We need non-perishable groceries for next week's Thanksgiving displays, but now you can also bring in fruits and vegetables, too! When you come to meetings, choir practices, or are just stopping by, leave items inside the rear (parking lot) entrance.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School – After taking the blessings from his father Isaac, young Jacob flees to his uncle Laban. Along the way he stops for the night where he has “A Promising Dream” about how God will give the land of Canaan to Jacob's descendants.

Adult Bible Class will continue to study the Gospel According to Abraham. Today we move into Genesis 15 and see the confidence God gives to Abraham as he renews the promise of an heir in a strange sounding ceremony that opens shows just how far God will go to achieve His will. Grab a coffee and join the discussion at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

Coming Events...

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.

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.

Building Renovations: We give thanks and praise to God that our Facility Improvement Fund has surpassed our \$100,000 goal for donations toward improvement of our church building. In the weeks ahead you will see work beginning on new washrooms on the main floor of the church as well as other improvements to our church home. Donations to the Facility Improvement Fund are still very welcome as there are other projects we would like to do as funding permits.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Nuer/Monday Attendance: 78 & 180 / 38 / 14	Total 310	('18 – 269)
Sunday School: Pupils: 27 Staff: 10	Total 37	('18 – 39)
Adult Bible Class: Pupils: 55 Staff: 1	Total 56	('18 – 42)
Youth Bible Class: Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total 6	('18 – 10)
Young Adult Class: Pupils: 3 Staff: 1	Total 4	('18 – 5)

Memorials: In memory of **FERN REISER** to the Facility Improvement Fund from Lois Cybalski. In memory of **GARY LEMON** to the Facility Improvement Fund from Marlene Lemon. A thankoffering in celebration of GRANT SCHAEFER's birthday to the Facility Improvement Fund from Dieter & Rosalind Kays.

Weekly Calendar

Monday October 7 to Sunday October 13, 2019

Monday	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:30 p.m.	
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.	
	Refugee Resettlement Committee, <i>Church Library</i> 7:00 p.m.	
Tuesday	Trustee Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> 7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Kitchen</i> 9:00 a.m.	
	Elders Meeting, <i>Church Library</i> 7:00 p.m.	
	Church Band, <i>Balcony</i> 8:00 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> 1:30 p.m.	
	Confirmand Class, <i>Church Library</i> 6:00 p.m.	
	Youth Event, <i>Youth Centre</i> 7:00 p.m.	
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.	
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 7:45 p.m.	
Friday	Bent Brass Concert, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.	
Sunday	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Thanksgiving Festival 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.	
	Thanksgiving Festival Service , <i>Church</i> 11:00 a.m.	
	Slovak Congregation Service , <i>Church</i> 3:30 p.m.	