

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 am - Holy Communion Service

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### Invocation, Opening Sentences

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

*People* **my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; You save me from violence.**

*Pastor* For You are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness.

*People* **This God—His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true;**

*Pastor* He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

*People* **For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Pastor* Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

*People* **Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have daily done things we should not have done, and have not done that which we are to do as Your faithful servants. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins, and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

*Pastor* God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 vs1-2, 5-6*



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**“By God’s grace, the members of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a caring, vibrant diverse community of blessed believers, lovingly reaching out with the message of Jesus Christ.” - Vision Statement 2010**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

*Pastor* This the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

*Pastor* This the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** (*Claude Massicotte - soloist*)

**Holy Gospel - St. Mark 7:31-37**

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn of the Day**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** *LSB #802*

**Sermon****Nicene Creed**

*All* **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

## Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

## Service of Holy Communion

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

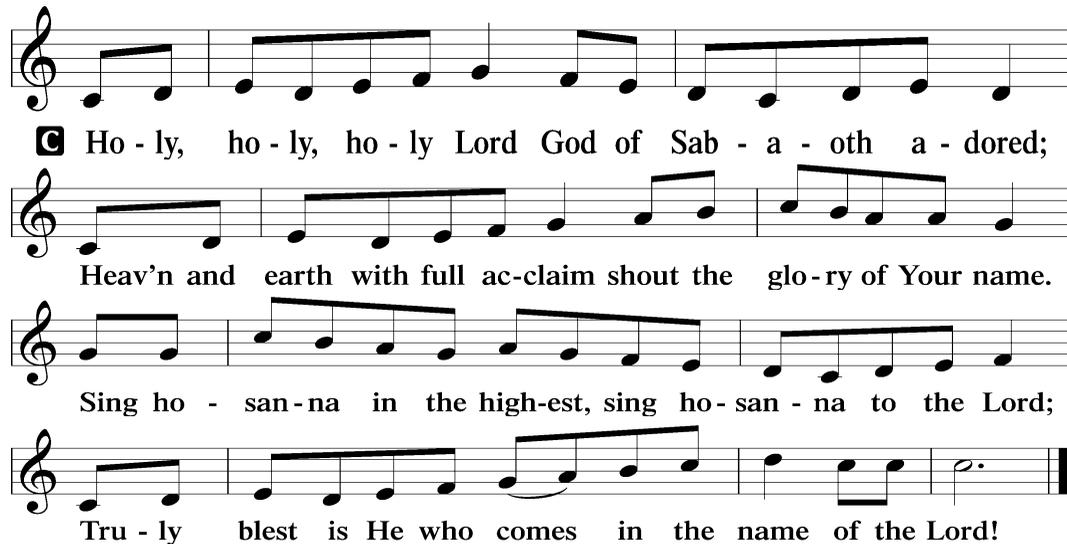
*Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

*Pastor* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

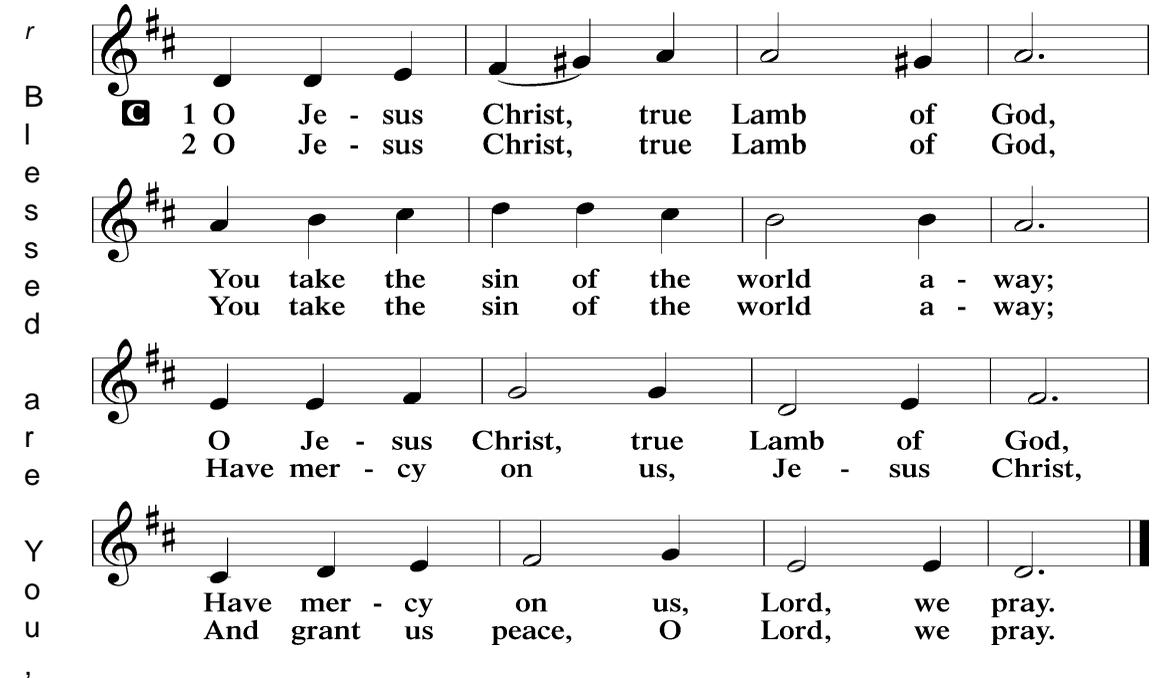
## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Pasto*



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to give us assurance of Your fatherly care that we may live without fear. With joy, we anticipate eternal life in Your heavenly kingdom, where saints and angels gather around Your throne expressing their gratitude in endless praise.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*Pastor* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

*Pastor* As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor* O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**Peace of the Lord**

*Pastor* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People Amen.**

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**Agnus Dei**

**Distribution Hymns**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior* LSB #842  
*Jesus Shall Reign* LSB #832

**Communion Thanksgiving Prayer**

*Pastor* We thank You, O Lord, that this Sacrament we have now received strengthens us in faith. As we have shared in the hospitality of Your Table, give us strength to live each day as Your people who are given to hospitality, charity, and service in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People 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 favor and give you peace.

**People Amen.**

**Hymn**

**O Christ, Who Called the Twelve** LSB #856

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**Preacher** .....Pastor Nolan Astley  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Pastors Konny Hahn, Robert Morley, Lloyd Wentzlaff  
**Organist** ..... Jennifer Massicotte  
**Special Music** ..... Jack Kahl (*trumpet*), Claude Massicotte (*saxophone*)  
**Sound Operator** .....Claude Massicotte

**Flowers:** are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of a loving husband, Dad and Papa, Gary Lemon, who passed on September 6, 2012 by Marlene, Craig, Rachael and Aaron.

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers we remember those of our congregational family who look to the Lord for healing including **Ross Heimpel** and **Ewan Gallagher**; we also remember those of our congregation who struggle with Alzheimer’s disease and other such illnesses and their families. May God grant healing according to His will and grace to bear these huge burdens. We also ask God’s blessing on our various ministry programs as preparations are made for the fall.

**Pastor Astley** begins his second trip to the ABC District this Tuesday morning.

**2015-2016 Board Program Plans** are due **today Sunday, September 6.**

**Coming Events...**

**Abuse Prevention Training** will be offered this **Tuesday, September 8 at 8:00 pm** and also **Sunday, September 13 after the late service.** Please plan to attend if you know you need the training. All are welcome to see how we’re taking steps to provide a safe environment for our congregational family.

**Knotty Ladies Resumes** the knotting of comforters on **Wednesday, September 9 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!

**Parish Planning Council Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m.** for all executive, financial officers and board directors. Two reminders: Your program plans are due in the church office ASAP; financial and board reports for the upcoming Voters’ Assembly are due in the office by **Sunday, September 13.**

**Rally Sunday is coming** next **Sunday, September 13** with **Divine Services at 8:30 & 11:00 am** (with Installation of Education Workers); **Sunday School at 9:45 am** (with Opening in the Sanctuary); **Adult, Youth & Young Adult Bible Classes at 9:45 am** and a **Youth Info Event** after both services in the Youth Room

**GriefShare Begins** next **Monday, September 14**. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. GriefShare groups will meet on **Monday's from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** for thirteen weeks. For more information contact Anita Syens at 519-896-7574 or visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**Women's Renewal Weekend Committee Needs You!!** Our 2015 Renewal Weekend was so blessed by our Lord and it was inspiring to everyone that attended. We have booked the next weekend for April 22-23, 2016 and we will be meeting on **September 16** to begin to plan. We need your help! If you would like to help plan this weekend for the ladies of our congregation, please contact Donna Sauder at (519) 585-0506 or [donna77744@sympatico.ca](mailto:donna77744@sympatico.ca). God's blessings to you and your family.

**Youth Group Kick off** is being held **Friday, September 18 from 7pm-9pm** in the Green Basement. Bring a friend and a potato. (Spare available). Youth will be running every Friday thereafter!

**46<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Retreat** will take place **Friday, September 25** to **Sunday, September 27** at Marshall's Cottage. All youth (Grade 8 to Grade 12) are encouraged to join us to study God's Word while having lots of fun! Youth pay \$40, newly confirmed are free. Registration forms are available on the youth bulletin board.

**Ride/Walk for Refuge!** It's time to get moving! With our legs that is, riding your bike, or walking. This year, Ride for Refuge has included those who would rather walk, to also participate to raise money for those in need. So whether you like riding or walking, you can join us on the Ride for Refuge on **Saturday, October 3**. The money we will be raising will help to support the working poor and homeless of our community, through Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard. For more information contact Anita Syens at [rasyens@hotmail.com](mailto:rasyens@hotmail.com). To sign up or donate financially go to [rideforrefuge.org](http://rideforrefuge.org)

**Thanksgiving Display—Bring Groceries!** Thanksgiving is on **Sunday, October 11** and you're asked to 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 5.

## Please Note...

**Small Group Bible Studies** begin again this fall and we invite you to become part of a 10 week small group Bible Study. The theme of our study for this term is based on the book "**Culture Shock**" by Chip Ingram. In our ten week study we will look at the Biblical response to today's most divisive issues. It is important for each of us as we live in this world where there is so much confusion on issues to look at God Word and examine what God's Word has to say and how Christ would say it. Followers of Jesus must develop convictions based on research, reason, and Biblical truth – and be able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with a love and respect that reflects God's own heart. Join a small group this fall as we look at some difficult issues with the heart and mind of Christ. They plan to begin the week of October 4 and run 10 weeks till the week of December 6.

**Free piano** – The piano in the "green" basement needs a new home. Please contact the Jennifer Massicotte (519-576-4949) if you are interested in the piano. You would have to arrange to have it moved and cover the cost of moving it.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

**Sunday/Monday Attendance:** 175 & 41 Total 216 ('14 – 247)

**Thankoffering:** In honour of and with thanks to God for **RUTH SWARTZ's** Birthday to the Unified Church Budget from Cliff & Sherry Swartz Hill. In honour of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to the Unified Church Budget from **DAVID & JUDY LLOYD**. With thanks to God for **GEORGE, JASON & SUE TOMESCH** to the Unified Church Budget from Dave & Sue Tomesch. In honour of and with thanks to God for **BETH GIBNEY** to the Sunday School from Bob & Jean Schmitt. To the Unified Church Budget from Elaine Schaefer.

**Memorial:** In memory of **JIM MARSHALL** to Unified Church Budget from Virginia Schmidt. In memory of **ROBERT PLANERT** to the Unified Church Budget from Loraine Planert. In memory of **MARINA FRITZ** to the Sunday School from Rick & Liz Jolivet, Grant & Joanne Schaefer.

# Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 7 to Sunday, September 13, 2015

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<b>Monday</b>	Labour Day, <i>Church office closed</i> <b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sunday School Teachers, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Abuse Prevention Training, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Parish Planning Council, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> with Installation of Education workers <b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Youth Info Event, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... <b>9:45 a.m.</b> Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>9:45 a.m.</b> YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>9:45 a.m.</b> Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Youth Info Event, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... <b>12:15 p.m.</b> <b>Slovak Congregation Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>3:30 p.m.</b>