

# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

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8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Divine Services

with Installation of Education Workers

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

Monday, 7:00 pm - Divine Service

### Opening Hymn

**Father Welcomes** AGPS #95

### Invocation, Confession & Forgiveness of Sins

*Pastor* Children of God, our good and gracious God first brings us to faith, makes us His own, and continues to wash our sins away. Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

*People* **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . .**

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Pastor* There is one body and one Spirit.

*People* **There is one hope in God’s call to us.**

*Pastor* One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Pastor* Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,

*People* **and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

*Pastor* For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off,

*People* **everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.**

*Pastor* Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

*People* **we too might walk in newness of life.**

*Pastor* God’s Law is good, but we have failed to obey it. God calls us to confess our sins against Him and His commandments and receive His forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*(A time of silence for self-examination and personal confession)*

*Pastor* Let us then sincerely confess our sins and ask God to forgive us.

*People* **As a poor and miserable sinner from birth, I plead guilty before You, O God, of all my sins. I have broken Your commandments. I have not kept Your Law. I have been disobedient to You in thought, word, and deed, and I have done harm to others. I am sorry that I have sinned, and I ask You, O God, to accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as payment for all my sins. Forgive me, I pray, and clear me of all guilt and shame.**

*Pastor* Let it be done for you as you believe. I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. God’s peace be with you.

*People* **Amen.**

**Song of Praise****To God be the Glory**

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.**

**Chorus Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Chorus**

**Great things He hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Chorus**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

*Pastor* This the Word of the Lord.

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

**Epistle Reading: James 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

<sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

*Pastor* This the Word of the Lord.

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

**Anthem****Holy Gospel - St. Mark 9:14-29**

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

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

<sup>14</sup>And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn of the Day**

**I Love to Tell the Story** AGPS #128 (vs 1-4)

**Sermon**

St. Mark 9:23

**“ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE”**

**Hymn of the Day**

**I am Jesus' Little Lamb** AGPS #125

**Installation of Education Workers**

**Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering**

**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, who has shined the light of His salvation into your hearts by His mighty Word and Spirit and made you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, so bless you to grow in faith and knowledge of Him who saves you, even to life everlasting in heaven.

*People* **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**Closing Hymn**

**There is a Name I Love to Hear** AGPS #236

**Officiant**..... Pastor Roland Syens

**Organist** ..... Jennifer Massicotte (*Sunday*), Heidi Gallas (*Monday*)

**Special Music**..... (8:30) Hope Bindseil, Evangeline Branje (*piano*),

..... Justus & Samuel Schafer (*violin*)

..... (11:00) Brigitte Bridgemohan (*violin*), Isaiah Bridgemohan, Braden & Jordan Fergin,

..... Gabrielle George, Eden Keller, Ella Kuhlman, Madison Neustaedter (*piano*)

**Acolytes** ..... Justus Schafer (8:30), Ewan Gallacher (11:00)

**Sound Operator** ..... Jerry Golschesky (8:30), Chris Bohl (11:00)

**Prayer Concerns:** Thank the Lord for His Love and blessings; for our **Sunday School teachers, helpers & volunteers** caring for the needs of others; for the **freedoms** we have here in Canada: to travel, worship, go to school, from war; for **teachers & schools**, praying for God's wisdom as they begin a new school year; for the many years of leadership, wisdom and faith He has given to **Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II**. Praying that God would grant wisdom to all **leaders** in our world; that He would give guidance as solutions are sought in dealing with the **refugee crisis** in Syria, Africa, and other parts of the world; for **healing** for all those struggling with cancer, depression and other illness. Give strength and courage to all who deal with age related issues.

**Abuse Prevention Training** is being offered **today 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.

**Coming Events...**

**GriefShare Begins** tomorrow, **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.

**A Christmas Cantata** -Join our Church Choir as they prepare a cantata to be presented on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. If you can carry a tune and love to sing come on **Thursday, September 24 at 8 p.m.** for our first rehearsal. We will practice the cantata for an hour every Thursday. You **do not** need to be able to read music to join us, because we can give you a rehearsal CD that will help you learn your part.

**Youth Group Kick off** is being held **Friday, September 18 from 7pm-9pm** in the Green Basement. Bring a friend and a potato. (Spares 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.

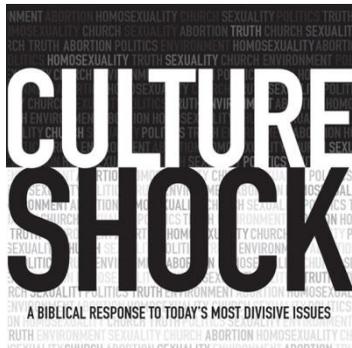


**Ride/Walk for Refuge!** It's time to get moving! With our legs that is, riding your bike, or walking. This year, Ride for Refuge has included those who would rather walk, to also participate to raise money for those in need. So whether you like riding or walking, you can join us on the Ride for Refuge 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.



### Today's Education Hour...

**Parents of our Sunday School Children** are asked to sign in / sign out your **Nursery, JK & SK** students and complete their registration form when you pick them up in their classes (basement) at 10:45. If your children are in grades 1 – 7, please take time to meet your child's teachers/helpers, pick up a freezie at the kitchen window and then come to the gym where we will have everyone's family papers alphabetized by last name to register efficiently!

**Nursery through Grade 6/7 students** study the true story of the life of Joseph. It begins today with the account of "Joseph and His Brothers." Though the brothers didn't know it, God would use their treachery to bring about His plan to deliver His people and ultimately to deliver us from sin and death through Jesus. *A family discussion might include, "How can hatred and unkind thoughts lead to hateful words and actions?"* On the cross, Jesus saved us from the hurt and harm of our own sins and the sins of others.

**Youth Bible Class** will gather in the Youth Room (with Parents – today only!) to meet and greet Krysti Beckett and new Grade 8 friends who will be confirmed in October.

**YABS** will meet in the Triple Bible Classroom.

**Adult Bible Class** will begin our study on Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday/Monday Attendance:</b>	180 & 39	Total 219	('14 – 332)
<b>Sunday/Monday Communion:</b>	153 & 35	Total 188	('14 – 255)

**Thankoffering:** In honour of and with thanks to God for **BETH GIBNEY** to the Sunday School from Diann Helliwell.

**Memorial:** In memory of **JIM MARSHALL** to the Ukraine Mission from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **NORMAN DOTZENROTH** to the Ukraine Mission from Marg Klages. In memory of **MARINA FRITZ** to VBS from Diann Helliwell. In memory of **GLENN ZIEROTH** to the Unified Church Budget from Pat Butler, Joanne Miller, Marjorie Snyder.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 14 to Sunday, September 20, 2015

<b>Monday</b>	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Divine Service, Church</b> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Jr. & Sr. Confirmation Orientation, <i>Parlour</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Women's Renewal Weekend Committee, <i>Panel room</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Board of Worship, <i>Youth Room</i> .....	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
	Board of Young Peoples, <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>
	Board of Evangelism, <i>Parlour</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Youth Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Youth Group Kick-Off, <i>Youth Room</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Arjune/Ramsammy Wedding, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Holy Communion Service, Church</b> .....	<b>8:30 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>Holy Communion Service, Church</b> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>