

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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

9:45 am - Sunday School and Mission Presentations

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

**Order of Service:** Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB page 260

**Hymns:** 728, 787, 789, 738

**Readings:** 1 Kings 17:8-16 (Pew Bible, Page 345)  
Hebrews 9:24-28 (Pew Bible, Page 1167)  
St. Mark 12:38-44 (Pew Bible, Page 983)

**Anthem:** “There Is a Balm in Gilead” by Mark Hayes (Ken Griffin, soloist)

**Special Music:** Kristopher Griffin (*piano*)

**Sermon** St. Luke 12:38-44

“WHEN THE SMALL IS GREAT AND THE GREAT IS SMALL”

**Serving in God’s House Today:** Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Justus Schafer & Nicole Relf (*8:30 Acolytes*), Emma Sommer & Emily Steinman (*11:00 Acolytes*), Marty Stanfel (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Claude Massicotte (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers we remember those of our congregational family who are mourning the loss of loved ones including the **Gallacher, Baker, Wiles and Tomesch families**; we also remember those who are in hospital, **Linda Elgie and Esther Buschert**. In these last weeks of the church year we ask God, by His Holy Spirit to make us always ready for that day when our Lord returns and to build in us a faith active in service to the world.

**Children’s Activity Bulletins...**Are available for ages 3-6 or 7-12. Ask an usher for a bulletin to help your kids follow the service in an activity based way.

## Coming Events...

**Fall Supper...**The Board of Fellowship is hosting a Fall Supper on **Saturday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m.** It’s a Fall Feast theme this year with butternut squash soup, prime rib roast and mashed potatoes. Sign-Up at the Welcome Centre! A freewill offering will be gathered.

**Evangelism Seminar “Joining Jesus on His Mission”** is being held here at Holy Cross, **Saturday, November 21 from 9am to 3pm.** This will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life *for* Jesus to living life *with* Jesus. Simple, powerful and applicable insights show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhoods, workplaces and schools. Please sign-up in the Narthex; a freewill gathering will be collected for the lunch and seminar.

**The Wiebes Live in Concert at Holy Cross! Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

Shortly after they return from their tour of Israel, with Back to the Bible Canada, award-winning Canadian group 'The Wiebes' will be here at Holy Cross! “It’s a church family that is very dear to our hearts; our connections there run deep” says Shane Wiebe. Shane and Angela will be performing songs from their new album, as well as some of their favourites from years gone by. In the words of Shane and Angela, “We do what we do because we love each other, we love music, and we love Jesus Christ: it’s such a privilege”. Admission is free, though a love offering will be taken at the event. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Visit [www.thewiebesmusic.com](http://www.thewiebesmusic.com) for more information.

**Junior Choir** is starting soon! If you love to sing and are 6 years old or older come and join the Junior Choir with Christine Fergin. Christine will be teaching the children Christmas songs to be sung at the cantata on Sunday, December 13. Rehearsals will be **Wednesday November 25, December 2 and 9 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** The dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, December 10 at 7:15 p.m. Come and sing with us as we celebrate Jesus’ birth.

**‘This House’**..An evening of Worship and Fellowship is **Friday, November 27 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.** here at Holy Cross. We spend time in Bible study, music, coffee and snacks, games and activities. Everyone is Welcome!

**SNL (Saturday Night Lutherans)** gathers together for the first time this fall on **Saturday, November 28 from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.** for further information and to get on the potluck menu list, please contact Jennifer Leppek [jllepek@gmail.com](mailto:jllepek@gmail.com). Please join us!

**Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays Sunday, November 29 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. here at Holy Cross.** Those who are grieving can find the holidays even more difficult. This will be an evening of learning how to survive the holiday season. Even if you are not part of Griefshare, but have lost someone close to you in death, please come.

**Board of Missions would like to challenge** the members of Holy Cross to match their donation of \$2,000 to help CLMS raise funds for their Children’s Feeding Program. This program provides a substantial meal for children once a week in Nicaragua. To make a donation simply mark your envelope with “CLMS 1507” and make any cheques out to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Let’s see if as a congregation we can raise \$2,000 by **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Will you accept the challenge?

## Youth Coming Up...

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**Rake N Run** servant event is **Saturday, November 14 at 2pm.** Come out and spend some time together helping our church and those in our church area to clean up the beautiful fall leaves. Plan to stay for the Fall Supper right after!

**Coming Up** the weekend of **November 20-22:** Annual ‘Jello on a Stick’ Youth Retreat hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisherville This is for grades 8-12 and all youth are welcome! The cost is \$35 Registration must be in to Krysti no later than Sunday, November 15.

## Please Note...

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**Poinsettias for Christmas!** This year we are asking our members to do something different when it comes to donating Christmas poinsettias. We have purchased artificial plants that can be used for many years to come instead of our usual live poinsettias. The thought behind this step is that we can pay for the flowers once and then in Christmases to come we would encourage our members instead to donate to Mission work here at Holy Cross. So, we are asking for a one time donation for an artificial plant. The cost is \$8.00 per plant (no need to specify colour). We will then use the plants to decorate our sanctuary at Christmas and then tuck them away until next year. Any monies raised over and above the plant costs will be put towards Missions. If you wish to donate please sign up on the posters throughout the church.

**Our ESL (English as a Second Language) Program** is starting our third year. Praise the Lord! Do you enjoy meeting new people and participating in friendly conversation? We can use your help at our **English Conversation Circle, on Monday mornings from 10:30 to 12 noon, or at the English Café on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at Historic St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. Also, if you know someone who could benefit from our help, please tell them to join us. If you are interested, please contact Georgina Green, Donna Sauder or Suzanne Cherry. We would appreciate your prayers as we do this ESL Community Outreach.

**Clean Out Your Junk Drawer!** Beginnings is looking for the following items to make crafts:

Pringles containers (or other long cylinders with lids)	Old puzzles (missing pieces is ok)
Buttons, any shape, size or colour	Toilet paper/Paper towel rolls
Cookie Cutters, any shape, can be rusty	Ribbon (fabric or gift)
Old door/lock keys, any size!	Fabric scraps, any size!

## Today's Education Hour...

Nursery through Grade 6/7 students please meet in the basement. We will practice our "choir song" for next Sunday's late service, then learn about The Passover or go upstairs for the Mission Presentations; follow your teacher please!

Adult, YABS & Youth Bible Classes will join in the Sanctuary for the Mission Presentations.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	137 & 249	Total 386	('14 – 360)
<b>Communion Attendance:</b>	110 & 166	Total 276	('14 – 275)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 47 Staff: 1	Total 48	('14 – 60)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 0 Staff: 0	Total 0	('14 – 4)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 9 Staff: 2	Total 11	('14 – 5)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 27 Staff: 11	Total 38	('14 – 59)

**Thankoffering:** In honour of **PASTOR LLOYD WENTZLAFF's** birthday to the Concordia Lutheran Mission Society & Haiti Lutheran Mission Society from The Family.

**Memorial:** In memory of **EWAN GALLACHER** to the Sunday School from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff, Alma Golschesky, Rick & Liz Jolivet, Bob & Jean Schmitt, Richard & Christine Seip, Jack & Elaine Kahl, Mary Coleman, Earl & Pat Famme, Arnold & Cheri Drung & Family. To Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Pamela Martin-Giuliani. To the Unified Church Budget from Bruno & Jean Fergin. In memory of **VAL BAKER** to the Missions from Marg Klages, Arnold & Cheri Drung & Family, Rick & Liz Jolivet, Bob & Jean Schmitt, Bruce & Norene Brubacher, Gerry & Ila Wentzlaff. To the Ukraine Mission from Lydia Weimer. To the Unified Church Budget from Earl & Pat Famme, Marlene Lemon. In memory of **BRIAN ORTH** to the Sunday School from Grant & Joanne Schaefer. In memory of **MAUREEN WEBER** to the Unified Church Budget from Peter Weber.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 9 to Sunday, November 15, 2015

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... <b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>1:00 p.m.</b> ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... <b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Junior Confirmation Class, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Senior Confirmation Class, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Small Group Bible Study, <i>Parlour</i> ..... <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Parish Planning Council Budget Meeting, <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> Cantata Choir, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>8:00 p.m.</b> Church Choir, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Youth Activities, <i>Basement</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Fall Cleanup, <i>Outside</i> ..... <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Rake N Run, <i>Outside</i> ..... <b>2:00 p.m.</b> Fall Supper, <i>Gym</i> ..... <b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <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</b> , <i>Church</i> ..... <b>11:00 a.m.</b>