

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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



**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church Canada

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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*

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

**Hymns:** 905, 783, (821, 563) 819

**Readings:** Daniel 12:1-3 (Pew Bible, Page 870)  
Hebrews 10:11-25 (Pew Bible, Page 1167)  
St. Mark 13:1-13 (Pew Bible, Page 984)

**Anthems:** (11:00) “Never Give Up!” by Brittany Grey  
(Sunday school children, Curtis Wentzloff ~ accompanist)  
“Soon and Very Soon” by Andrae Crouch  
(Church Choir, Heather Schein ~ accompanist, Jennifer Massicotte ~ director)

**Special Music:** (11:00) Gabrielle George (piano)

**Sermon** St. Mark 13:1-13

**“WHEN THE RUBBER HITS THE ROAD!”**

**Serving in God’s House Today:** Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Pastors Morley & Wentzloff (8:30 *Communion Assistants*), Rick Hutfloetz, Carl Kuhl, Reinhold Schmidt (11:00 *Communion Assistants*), Anne Forler (*Organist*), Jeremy Das (8:30 *Acolyte*), Jordan Fergin (11:00 *Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (8:30 *Sound Operator*), Chris Bohl (11:00 *Sound Operator*).

**Prayer Concerns:** Thanking the Lord for **those who have sacrificed their lives** for our freedom; praying for wisdom for our new **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** and his cabinet; for **peace** in areas of our world where there is unrest; for **courage to share Jesus** with others so many can come to saving faith in Christ; for those **struggling with illness**; for **those mourning** the loss of a loved one; for God’s blessing upon **evangelism seminar**. For Pastor Astley that God give him wisdom and strength as he ministers in the ABC district.

**Anniversary Blessing** with Thanksgiving and Praise, Leo ‘Red’ & Doris Hill are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 19.

**Flowers on the altar** Are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of my Mother and Father on what would have been their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary from Kim Bulpitt.

**Register TODAY!** next weekend, **November 20-22** is the 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 see Krysti **TODAY!**

## Coming Events...

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**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 offering 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.

**Caroling to Shut-ins:** Come join us as we sing carols to our shut-ins on **Sunday, December 6.** You are invited to bring a bag lunch to eat together after the late service as we meet at **1:00 p.m.** in the basement to organize into teams and set out at 1:30 for our visits. We plan to return to the church at 4:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the church parlour. For more information contact Marjorie Snyder at 519-745-4698 or [marjoriesnyder@rogers.com](mailto:marjoriesnyder@rogers.com)

## 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!

**Collecting Children's clothing and Items...** We're accepting children's sizes *Newborn to Adult Small*, as well as any toys or baby items. **\*We especially need socks and underwear\*** Place your donations by Krysti's door. (Parish Assistant office by the gym). Contact Krysti for more information.

## Today's Education Hour...

**Nursery through Grade 6/7 students** will study Exodus 13 – 15 Crossing the Red Sea.

PLEASE STAY for 11:00 service as the Sunday School Students will become a choir and sing “*Never Give Up!*” as the anthem. Please sit with your families and come to the front when Pastor Syens invites us.

**Youth** continue to look through 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians. Meet us in the Youth room.

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

**Adult Bible Class** we continue in our study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	143 & 169	Total 312	('14 – 295)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 66 Staff: 1	Total 67	('14 – 55)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 5 Staff: 0	Total 5	('14 – 5)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 9 Staff: 1	Total 10	('14 – 6)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 34 Staff: 13	Total 47	('14 – 59)

**Memorial:** In memory of **EWAN GALLACHER** to the Sunday School from David & Wilma Reist, Bob & Ruth Ann Paetz. To Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Dieter & Roz Kays. To the Unified Church Budget from Bruno & Jean Fergin. In memory of **VAL BAKER** to the Unified Church Budget from Bruno & Jean Fergin, Karin Toolsie. To Missions from Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Peter Weber, Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff, Harry Drews, David & Judy Lloyd, Bob & Ruth Ann Paetz, Larry Woolner, Bernie & Helga Drung, Jeri Lynn Catton. To Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Dieter & Roz Kays. In memory of **ANDREW BALLENTHIN** to the Sunday School from Grant & Joanne Schaefer. In memory of **MARJORIE WILES** to the Unified Church Budget from Bob & Edith Brautigam, Bruno & Jean Fergin, Virginia Schmidt, Shirley Martin, Bob & Ruth Ann Paetz, Ruth Swartz. To Missions from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. In memory of **ELFRIEDE BAKERMANN** to the Unified Church Budget from Brad Armstrong & Erlina Boterman.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 16 to Sunday, November 22, 2015

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... 10:30 a.m. Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 6:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Small Group Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 1:00 p.m. ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... 6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 7:00 p.m. Board of Stewardship, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 9:00 a.m. Junior Confirmation Class, <i>Panel Room</i> ..... 6:00 p.m. Senior Confirmation Class, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... 6:00 p.m. Small Group Study, <i>Parlour</i> ..... 6:00 p.m. Women's Renewal Weekend Committee, <i>Basement</i> ..... 7:00 p.m. Board of Young People, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 9:30 a.m. Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> ..... 7:00 p.m. Cantata Choir, <i>Church</i> ..... 8:00 p.m. Church Choir, <i>Church</i> ..... 9:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Small Group Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday - Sunday</b>	Jello on a Stick Youth Retreat, <i>Trinity Lutheran, Fisherville</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	Evangelism Seminar, <i>Church</i> ..... 9:00 a.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Last Sunday of the Church Year</b> Divine Service, <i>Church</i> ..... 8:30 a.m. Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> ..... 9:45 a.m. YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... 9:45 a.m. Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... 9:45 a.m. Divine Service, <i>Church</i> ..... 11:00 a.m. The Weibe's Concert, <i>Church</i> ..... 7:00 p.m.