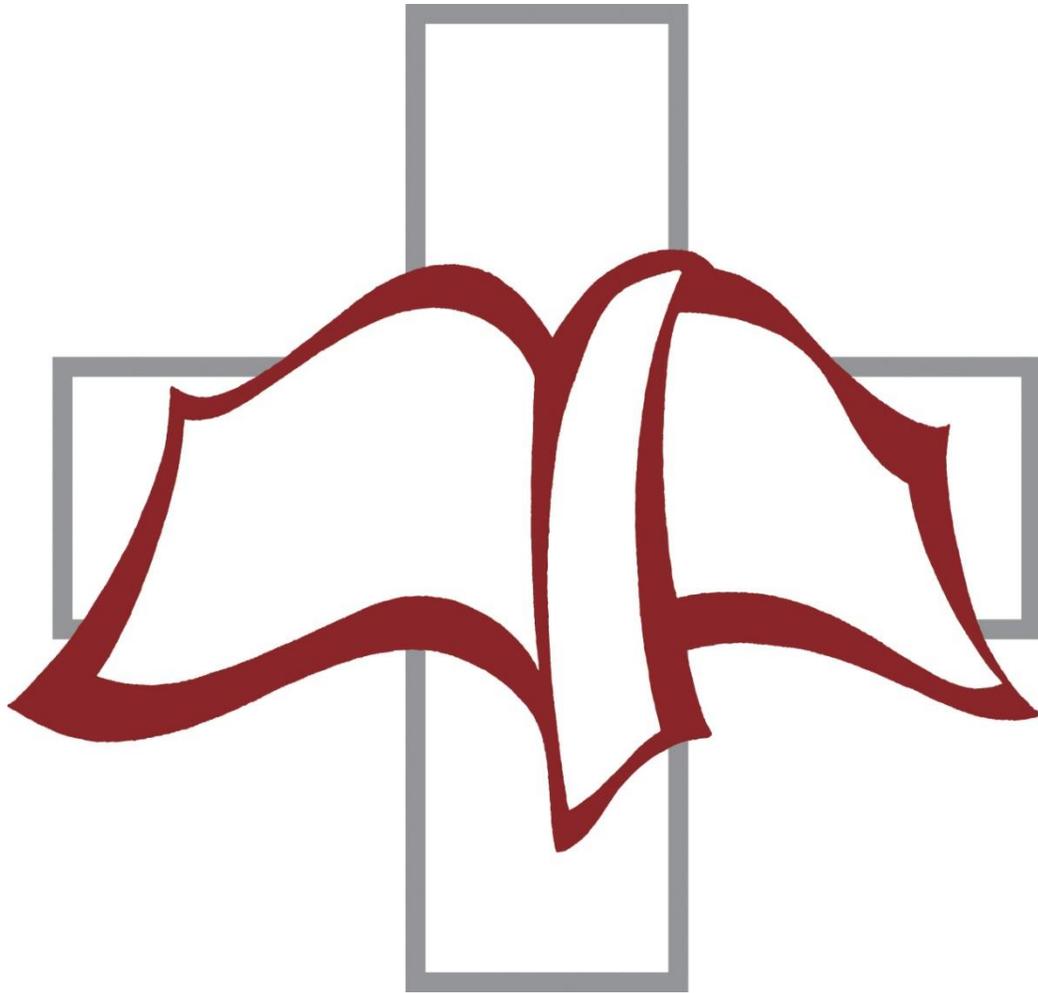


The Second Sunday after Pentecost

May 29 & 30, 2016



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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

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

9:45 am - VBS Registration & Abuse Prevention Training

Monday, 7:00 pm - Divine Service

Hymn

In God We Believe AGPS #136

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Pastor May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Earth and All Stars AGPS #90 vs 1-2, 6-7

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; ²⁴you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day.

²⁷"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place.

⁴¹"Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name's sake ⁴²(for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Galatians 1:1-12

¹Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— ²and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. ¹¹For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (11:00 ~ Praise Singers)

"Fall Like Rain" by Stan Pethel

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 7:1-10

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

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

⁷After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. ³When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue."

⁶And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. ⁷Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ⁹When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less LSB# 575

Sermon

St. Luke 7:1-11

"WORTHY"

Apostle’s Creed

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem (11:00 - Praise Singers)

“Draw Me Close” by Kelly Carpenter

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Prayer of the Church

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.

Anthem (11:00 - Praise Singers)

“A Blessing” by Dave & Jean Perry

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.**

Closing Hymn

O Sing to the Lord LSB #808

- Preacher** Pastor Nolan Astley
- Officiant** Pastor Roland Syens
- Organist** (8:30 Sunday) Anne Forler, (Monday) Paul Walrath
- Praise Singers** Brian Hallman (Director), Heather Schein (11:00 pianist)
- Acolytes** (8:30) Sam Clay, (11:00) Isaiah Bridgemohan
- Sound System Operators** (8:30) Ken Griffin, (11:00) Claude Massicotte

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers we remember those of our congregation who are *sick or shut in*, including **Paul VanderGriendt** at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and **Walter Wentzlaff** at Freeport. We also ask our Lord to bless our upcoming **summer ministries** including the National Youth Gathering, Vacation Bible School and other events currently in the planning stages. We also remember the people of **Fort McMurray AB**, who in the days ahead will be returning to their community.

Today: Register for Cave Quest VBS in the *parlour at 9:45 a.m.* Our Vacation Bible School serves kids JK (born in 2011) to Grade 7, **Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 8 from 9 a.m. to noon.** Don't wait, departments fill quickly!

Don't miss APP Training at 9:45 am today in the Triple Bible Classroom. If you might serve in Sunday School, LINC, VBS, Beginnings, Confirmation or Youth, this is for you! All are welcome to attend even if you aren't volunteering at this time!

NYG Parent and Youth Pizza Lunch Today after the 11am service. This is our last meeting before the Golf Fundraiser. Meet us in the Confirmation Room at 12:30 pm

Coming Events...

June 3 Circuit Youth 7pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Sign Up on Youth Board.

Lord of the Fries Lock in for Confirmands and Youth! Join us **Friday, June 10-Saturday, June 11** as we travel Kitchener and judge which restaurant is indeed, the Lord of the Fries. Sign Up on Youth Board \$10 and friends are welcome. Come hungry!

BC Mission Boat Society Fundraiser..Building on the success of last year we are once again providing a Green Tec bin for anyone to drop off old electronics for donation. All funds raised will be directed to the BC Mission Boat Society to help offset costs of this mission trip in August 2016. Watch for the Green Tec bin to arrive **Monday, May 30** and it will remain until **Thursday, June 30** when Green Tec will return to pick up all that is collected. Wire cage bins will be found at the back entrance to drop off your old electronic consumer products. Please refer to the e-waste insert on what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. We will be paid by the pound so the more the better! If you happen to have old cell phones / smart phones / laptops please set them aside for easy sorting as we will be paid significantly more for these devices. Please consider this support as an opportunity to safely dispose of old electronics and also to support a mission through Holy Cross

Youth Golf Tournament...Mark your calendars! **Sunday, June 26 at 12:30pm.** Join us for this last fundraiser before the NYG! Not a golfer? Tickets available for Supper. Sign Up at the Welcome Centre.

Please Note...

VBS craft items needed: The JK department is in need of empty kleenex boxes and 500ml pop bottles from ginger ale or sprite (green ones). Please place at Stirling Avenue door in the box provided.

Monday Evening Services have begun again. If can't be here on a Sunday, join us Monday at 7:00 pm instead!

Amazing ESL Update! Our ESL Community Outreach is being greatly blessed with more participants coming to the English Café on Tuesdays nights, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church. If you enjoy meeting new people and joining in friendly and informative conversations we need you to volunteer on a short term basis until June 21. You do not have to teach, just bring your warm smile and caring heart. This outreach into the community is in a relaxed and non-threatening atmosphere. If you know anyone who could benefit from our help at the English Café, please invite them. Please remember us in your prayers as we do this ESL Community Outreach. For more information, contact Peter Genzinger or Donna Sauder.

Today's Education Hour...

Nursery through Grade 7 students will meet for Opening in the Sanctuary. We will practise the tone chimes which we will play on Sunday, June 12 at late service in the anthem time. Our lesson today is "Jesus blesses the little children" from Mark 10.

Youth wrapping up our look at the book of Romans. See you in the Youth Room

YABS will meet with Curtis Schafer on the Gym stage today.

Adult Bible Class will continue to focus upon the work of the Holy Spirit. Today we will focus on Receiving the Holy Spirit. Grab a coffee and join the discussion!

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	99 & 132 & 13	Total 244	('15 – 290)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 39 Staff: 1	Total 40	('15 – 32)
YABS:	Pupils: 2 Staff: 1	Total 3	('15 – 5)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 2	Total 6	('15 – 6)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 11 Staff: 14	Total 25	('15 – 42)

Memorials: In memory of **DON FIELDING** to the Unified Church Budget from Bernie & Helga Drung. To the Organ Fund from Joy Prittie, Alison Prittie. In memory of **KARL SCHMITT** to the Unified Church Budget from Pat Schmitt. In memory of **LINCOLN BRIDGEMOHAN** to the Unified Church Budget from Andrew Bridgemohan & Melanie Toolsie. In memory of **ROBERT PLANERT** to the Organ Fund from Loraine Planert.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 30 to Sunday, June 5, 2016

Monday	Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	VBS Community Registration #1, <i>Parlour</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Missions, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Wedding Rehearsal, <i>Church</i>	3:00 p.m.
	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Redeemer Lutheran Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Melanie Lewis & Mason Maue Wedding, <i>Church</i>	3:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Third Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion 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.
	VBS Registration, <i>Parlour</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Room</i>	9:45 a.m.
Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.	