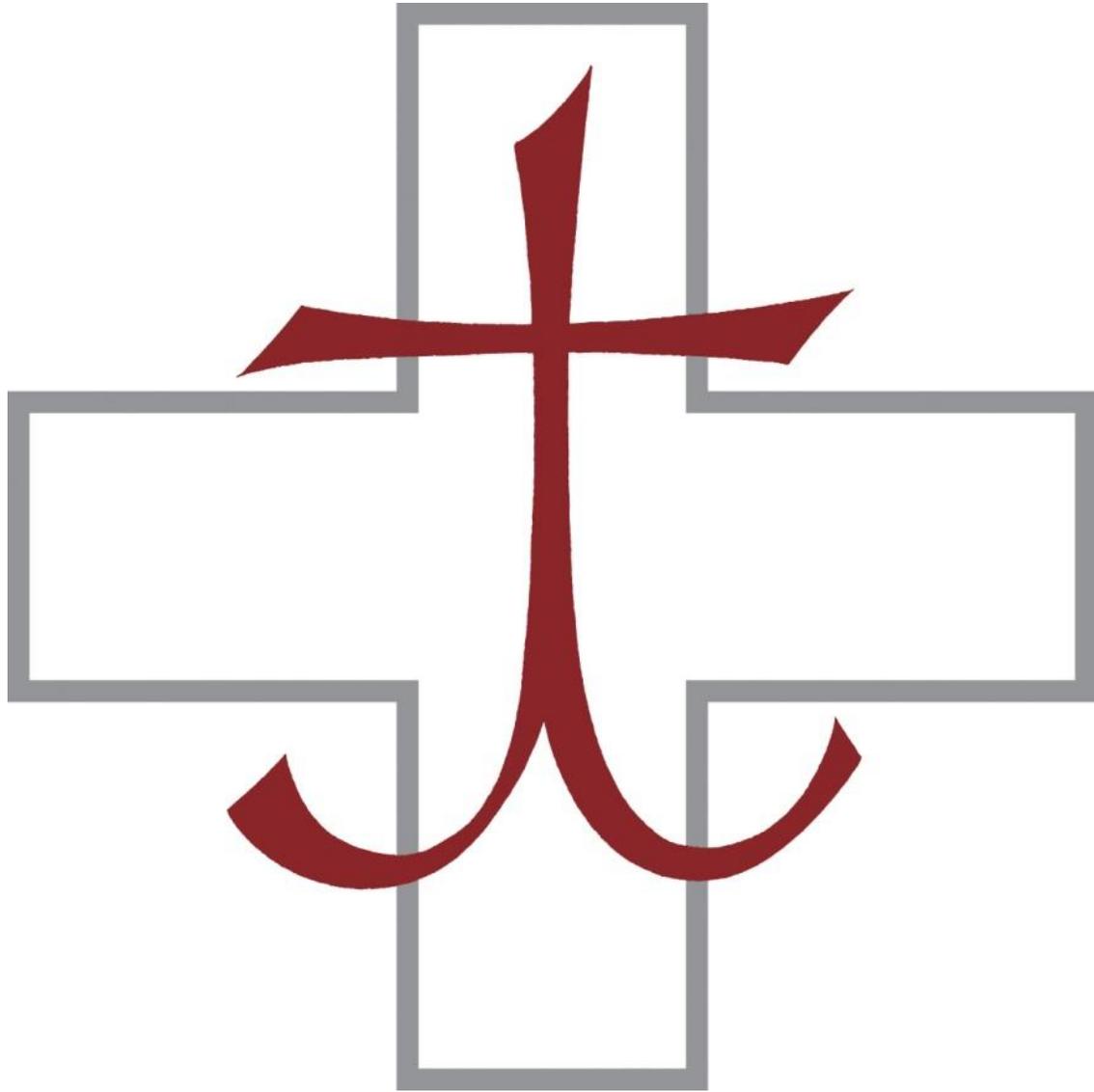


The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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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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9:30 am - Divine Service

12:30 pm - Youth Golf Tournament

Monday, 7:00 pm - Divine Service

Hymn

To Your Temple, Lord, I Come

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1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
 2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
 3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
 Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
 lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
 love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
 give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
 soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
 Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

**From Your house when I return,
 May my heart within me burn,
 And at evening let me say,
 "I have walked with God today."**

Invocation

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor For freedom Christ has set us free;

People **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

Pastor Follow Jesus, and walk by the Spirit,

People **and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor Jesus says, "Follow Me."

People **Often we are not quick to follow, or we choose to go our own way.**

Pastor Jesus looks at a lost world in need of witnesses and says, "Follow Me."

People **We look at this lost world in need of the Gospel, and we hesitate and shy away.**

Pastor Jesus knows the temptations and the decisions we face, and He says, "Follow Me."

People **We falter on the way, we follow the ways of this world, and we fail to keep God's Law and make ourselves slaves to sin.**

Pastor Let us pray and silently confess our sins to God.

(Silence for reflection.)

Pastor Lord God, You have called us to follow Your only-begotten Son, to learn from Him, to live and grow in Him, to tell others of Him, and to be faithful to Him.

People **We sin against You and one another in thought, word, and deed. We have become enslaved to those things around us and have failed to live in the freedom You have won for us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us, and grant us the clear vision of following Him through all the confusion of this world, and bring us by faith to the promise of everlasting life in Your presence. Amen.**

Pastor Jesus says, "Follow Me," and we follow Him as forgiven people with grace to do His will. "For freedom Christ has set us free; . . . those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." 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. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Anthem *(Praise Singers)*

"All the Nations" by Chris David

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:9b-21

^{9b}"What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

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

Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *(Praise Singers)***“Our Awesome God”***Daniel ben Judah Dayyan, Rich Mullins, Stan Pethel***Holy Gospel: St. Luke 9:51-62***Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.*People* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to You, O Christ.****Hymn of the Day****In Christ Alone**

**In Christ alone my hope is found
 He is my light my strength my song
 This Cornerstone this solid ground
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love what depths of peace
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease
 My comforter my all in all
 Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh
 Fullness of God in helpless Babe
 This gift of love and righteousness
 Scorned by the ones He came to save
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died
 The wrath of God was satisfied
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
 Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious day
 Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life no fear in death
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath
 Jesus commands my destiny
 No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
 'Til He returns or calls me home
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand**

Sermon

St. Luke 9:51-62

“WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?”

Apostles' 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 *(Praise Singers)*

“How Great You Are”
Dave Clark and Dan Dean

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.**

Dismissal *(Based on Galatians 5:1, 13, 16)*

Pastor For freedom, Christ has set us free! Through love, serve one another, walk by the Spirit, and as we hear and heed Jesus' call, go in peace as you follow Him.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn**Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer** *LSB# 918*

Officiant..... Pastor Nolan Astley
Preacher..... Pastor Roland Syens
Organist Jennifer Massicotte (*Monday organist*)
Praise Singers Brian Hallman (*Director*), Heather Schein (*pianist*)
Special Music Jennifer Massicotte & Heather Schein (*piano duet*)
Sound System Operator Claude Massicotte

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember **Paul VanderGriendt**, who is no longer in ICU after 101 days, and **Walter Wentzlaff** who remains at Freeport. We also ask God's blessings upon the many pastors and others of our Synod who work in intercultural ministries across the country. These workers have been meeting in Toronto this weekend. We ask God to bless our final preparations for **VBS** and also our youth who are preparing for the **National Youth Gathering** in July.

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in honour of Paul and Krysti Beckett's Wedding Anniversary.

Youth Golf Tournament is **today at 12:30 p.m.** Join us for this last fundraiser before the NYG! Not a golfer? Tickets available for Supper. Sign Up on the Welcome Centre. Prize donations can be given to Krysti Beckett or Arnold Drung.

Coming Events...

The Libraries will be partially dismantled and both spaces will be used for VBS after **June 26**. It would be helpful, if all materials you are done with from the downstairs and upstairs libraries would be returned by June 26 so that we can process them before the VBS set-up. For July and August, the downstairs library will operate without helpers present on Sunday mornings. The Books and CD's in both libraries may be signed out and returned as usual over the summer months. See you in the library!

VBS Set-up Night is this **Wednesday, June 29**. We need strong helpers at 6:30 p.m. to move tables and chairs. Others can arrive at 7:30 p.m. to "paper" tables and decorate rooms.

Please Note...

V.B.S. Cookie Call - Yes it is that time of year again and we will be needing lots of **nut free cookies** for the week of **July 4th to 8th**. Homemade or store bought cookies are appreciated. If you are purchasing from a store please read the list of ingredients to insure they are nut free. You can drop off cookies anytime and leave on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you for supporting our V.B.S. children's ministry in this way.

VBS craft items needed: The JK department is all stocked up with empty kleenex boxes. Thank you!! We still need 500 ml clear glass jars (small mason jars or similar). Please place in the box provided at the parking lot entrance.

Thanks to Heather, Roz, Sylvia, Rebecca, Krysti & Dieter who made our Strawberry Shortcake social lovely last Sunday to thank our Sunday School Staff. Claude, thanks for being our last minute photographer! We appreciate Brian, Sandy, Ross & Jennifer stepping in to host the piñata & popsicle party with our Nursery – Grade 4 children. Thanks to our Grades 5 – 7 students for serving. Gabrielle, Brigitte & Sam, thank you for your strings music playing in the background!

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	115 & 140 & 18	Total 273	('15 – 272)
Communion Attendance:	107 & 128 & 15	Total 250	('15 – 262)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 45 Staff: 1	Total 46	('15 – 40)
YABS:	Pupils: 3 Staff: 1	Total 4	('15 – 1)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 6 Staff: 3	Total 9	('15 – 6)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 19 Staff: 12	Total 31	('15 – 44)

Memorials: In memory of **DON FIELDING** to Vacation Bible School from Reinhold & Anna Schmidt. In memory of **HELEN MACKENZIE** to Missions from David & Judy Lloyd, Audrey Wicks, Keith & Sheila Hipel. In memory of **ROSS HEIMPEL** to Vacation Bible School from Sue Heimpel. In memory of **RICHARD KEHN** to the Organ Fund from Anne Forler. In memory of **MERLE GROFF** to the Organ Fund from Doreen Groff. In memory of **DAVID BEARE** to the Organ Fund from Peter & Sandra Rueffer.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, June 27 to Sunday, July 3, 2016

Monday	Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Open Play Group, <i>Gym</i>	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday	VBS Set-Up Night, <i>Everywhere</i>	6:30 p.m.
	AP Training, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Holy Cross</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 p.m.
Friday	Canada Day, <i>Church office closed</i>	
Sunday	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	9:30 a.m. with VBS Staff & NYG Team Commissioning