

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10 & 11, 2016



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*

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - Divine Service

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Divine Service

Hymn

We Come to Praise You AGPS #254

Invocation

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Blessed be the LORD,

People **the God of Israel,**

Pastor from everlasting to everlasting!

People **Amen and Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people,

People **but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.**

Pastor We have not always loved the Lord or loved our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful, we are too often eager to hate, take vengeance, or bear a grudge. In repentance, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

People **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of 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.**

Hymn of Praise

Brothers and Sisters in Christ AGPS #78

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Anthem (*Sunday*)
(*VBS Children, Michelle Tracz ~ director*)

“Light of the World”
by Jay Stocker

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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 (V1-3)

Sermon

St. Luke 10:25-37

“THE VIEW FROM THE DITCH”

Hymn

In God we Believe AGPS #136

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.**

Benediction

Pastor Blessed be the LORD,
People **the God of Israel,**

Pastor from everlasting to everlasting!
People **Amen and Amen.**

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.**

Hymn

There is a Name O Love to Hear APGS #236

Preacher	Pastor Nolan Astley (<i>Sunday</i>)
Officiant	Pastor Roland Syens (<i>Sunday</i>)
Officiant	Pastor Robert Morley (<i>Monday</i>)
Organist	Jennifer Massicotte (<i>Sunday</i>), Jonathan Astley (<i>Monday</i>)
Church Band (<i>Sunday</i>).....	Jonathan Astley, Jack Kahl, Claude Massicotte Bob Paetz, Michelle Palmer, Bruce Reuel
Sound System Operator	Claude Massicotte

Prayer Concerns: – In our prayers today we rejoice at the many blessings God gave to our ***Vacation Bible School*** through students, teachers, helpers and all who took part in our “Cave Quest” We also ask God to bless our ***Youth and Chaperones*** who are attending the Lutheran Church – Canada ***National Youth Gathering*** this weekend in St. Catharines. We rejoice with ***Thomas & Lauren Lang & family*** at the birth of their son, Andreas Jesse who was born July 5. We remember those who look to God for healing and strength, including ***Darci Moher & Paul VanderGriendt*** and those who are undergoing cancer treatments; and also those who mourn, including ***Shirley Martin*** whose sister-in-law Eleanor Walker who passed away June 30 and whose service was held July 6.

Coming Events...

Beginnings Field Trip This Week! Join us ***Thursday, July 14 at 9:30 am*** as we visit the Ottawa Street, Fire Hall and learn about how the Fire Department keeps us safe. God bless them in their work.

Youth Pool Party on ***Sunday, July 24 at 2:00 pm*** at Arnold & Cheri Drung’s place. Sign up details are coming so check your bulletin and/or Youth bulletin board.

Canada’s Wonderland Trip ***Wednesday, August 17.*** Cost is \$47.75 per adult/youth includes admission and lunch buffet. Registration deadline is July 29. Sign Up on the Youth Board. ***This is a youth event, but anyone that wants to join us and take advantage of the discount is welcome!***

Please Note...

VBS craft items thank you: The JK department received plenty of Kleenex boxes and mason jars for their crafts at VBS this past week. Thank you from our department for your support.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	204 & 33	Total 237	('15 – 256)
Communion Attendance:	190 & 28	Total 218	('15 – 233)

Thankoffering: In honour of their 50th Wedding Anniversary to the Organ Fund from **PETER & SANDRA RUEFFER.**

Memorials: In memory of **GORDON WEBER** to the Organ Fund from Peter Weber. In memory of **ELEANOR WALKER** to the Organ Fund from Shirley Martin. In memory of **MARION BAIER** to the Organ Fund from Virginia Schmidt. In memory of **WALTER WENTZLAFF** to the Sunday School from Gerry & Ila Wentzlaff. To the Lung Association from Don & Dora Gimpel. To Vacation Bible School from Arnold & Cheri Drung, Reinhold & Anna Schmidt. To Missions from Dave & Judy Lloyd, Marg Klages. To the Unified Church Budget from Harry Drews, Doreen Groff, Harold & Norma Blake, Earl & Pat Famme. To the Organ Fund from Judy Hebner, Peter & Sandra Rueffer, Ron & Doris Johnston, Betty Hebner, Pastor Konny & Doris Hahn, Kurt & Minnie Boese, Bruno & Jean Fergin, Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Virginia Schmidt, Bob & Jean Schmitt.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 11 to Sunday, July 17, 2016

Monday & Tuesday	National Youth Gathering, <i>St. Catharines</i>	
Monday	Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i>	7:00 p.m.
	VBS Supervisors Wrap-up, <i>Carol Young's house</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Ottawa St. Fire Station</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Service, <i>Church</i>	9:30 a.m.

