

# The Fourteenth 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 - Holy Communion Service  
Monday, 7:00 pm - Holy Communion Service

Hymn

O Worship the King *LSB 804 1,2,5*

**O worship the King, all-glorious above.  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!**

## 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 reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

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

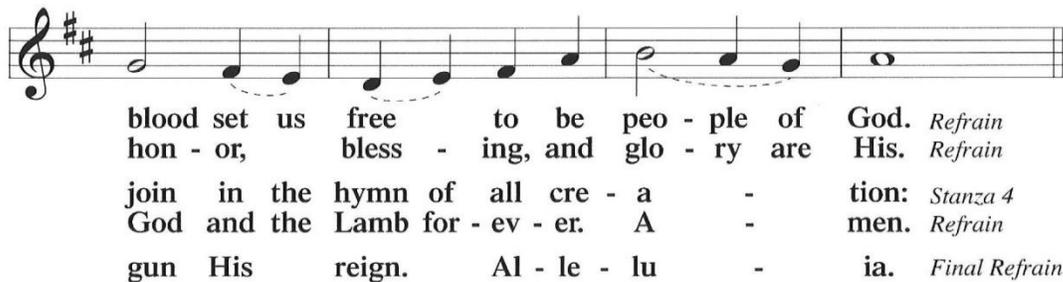
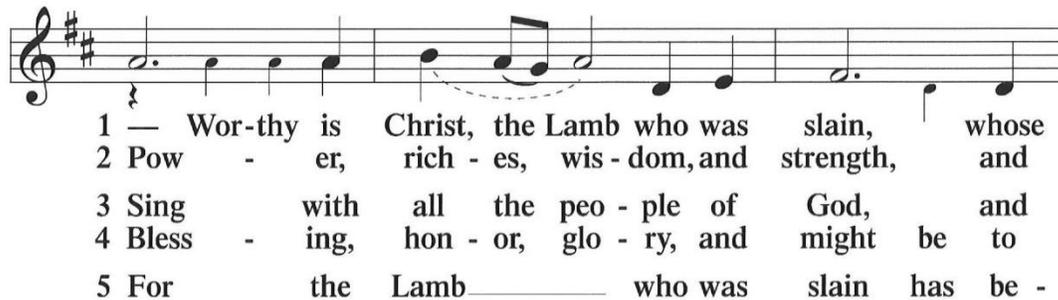
*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your 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.**

## Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast



## Epistle Reading: Hebrews 12:4-29

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” <sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

<sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire.

*Pastor* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel: St. Luke 13:22-30

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

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

<sup>22</sup>He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

<sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.'

<sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup>But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn of the Day

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good *LSB #819*

## Sermon

Hebrews 12:4-24

### **“DELIVER US FROM EVIL”**

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

## Parish Announcements and Gathering of our Offerings

## Service of Holy Communion

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

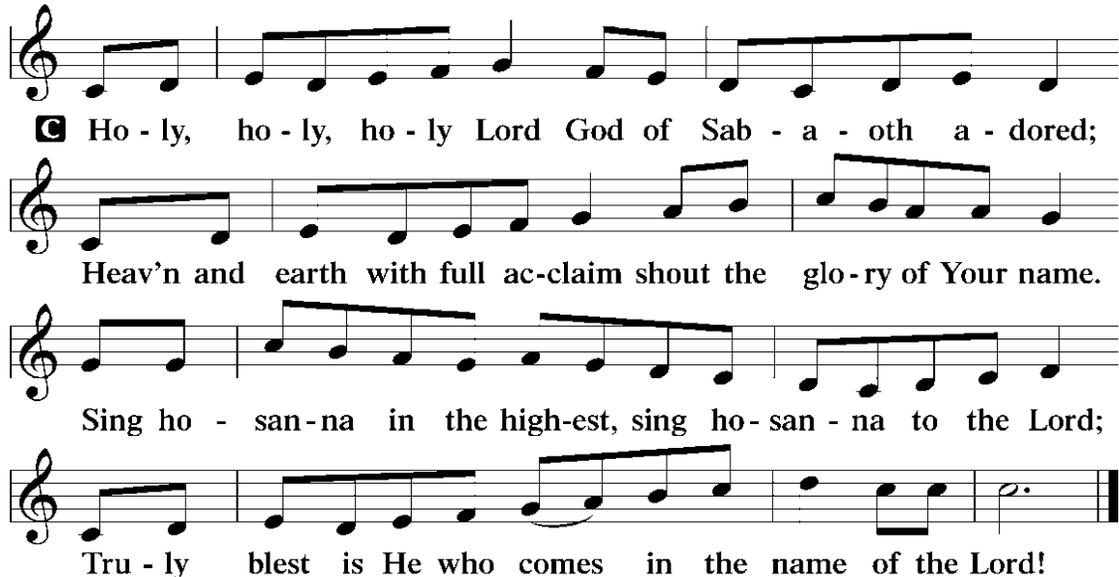
*Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Pastor*

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Our Lord

*Pastor*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## 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.**

## Pax Domini

*Pastor*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People*

**Amen.**

# Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution Hymns

- Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us** LSB #851
- I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table** LSB #618
- All People that on Earth Do Dwell** LSB #790

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Pastor* Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Benedicamus

*Pastor* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.**

## Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise *LSB #680*

- Officiant**..... Pastor Nolan Astley
- Communion Assistants** ..... Pastors Robert Morley & Lloyd Wentzlaff
- Organist** ..... Jonathan Astley
- Sound System Operator** ..... Mike Koch

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers we remember **Pastor and Anita Syens** as they return from their mission leave in Ukraine. May God grant them travelling mercies and joy on their return home. We also remember **Paul VanderGriendt** who has made significant progress in his recovery from being stuck by a car earlier this year as well as those who continue to receive treatments for cancer, including **Kim Bulpitt, Mary Coleman** and **Bob Peters**.

**Pastor Astley's service as LCC Pastoral Leader for Alberta and British Columbia will come to an end on September 1, 2016!** The Court of Queen's Bench in Alberta has approved the plans put forward by the ABC District to remedy the insolvency of its church extension fund. This clears the way for the elected District President to assume oversight for the ecclesiastical affairs of the church. Pastor Astley will make one more short trip to the District in late August to complete the transition of responsibility to President Schaeffer. Thanks be to God for this huge step forward in providing a way through this difficult situation!!

**Staff Summer Holidays... Pastor Roland & Anita** continue on holidays and will return Thursday, August 25. **Debbie Pritchard** continues on holidays and will return September 6. May God grant them all a time of rest and peace

**An invitation from the Pritchard and Astley families:** Next **Saturday August 27 at 2:00 pm** Caitlin Pritchard and Jonathan Astley will be united in Holy Marriage here at Holy Cross. Everyone is invited to attend the service as well as a short reception that will follow the service! Above all else keep Jonathan and Caitlin in your prayers.

## Coming Events...

**Intergenerational Sunday School** is next **Sunday, August 28** and everyone is invited!! Meet immediately after worship in the basement for activities and popsicles for all ages. Bring your Bible Trivia skills – prizes will be awarded! End time = Noon.

**2016-2017 Board Program Plan** information is in the Executive/Directors boxes outside the church office. An electronic copy of your board plan from last year is available by contacting the church office. Each board needs to return their completed program plan to the church office by **Sunday, September 4**.

**Regular Service Schedule and Bible Classes Resume on Rally Sunday September 11** with services at **8:30 and 11:00 a.m.** and Bible Classes for all ages from **9:45 to 10:45 a.m.** Make a renewed commitment to Sunday morning Bible learning for the whole family!

**GriefShare.** A new group will be starting on **Monday September 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm** and will continue for 13 weeks. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome to attend. Please contact Anita Syens at [rasyens@hotmail.com](mailto:rasyens@hotmail.com), or the office for more information.

**Ride for Refuge**...We have our team registered as Holy Cross Lutheran Riders and now we need riders/walkers! Please join with us, as we help to bring a Christian Iranian refugee here. You can sign up on the website [rideforereluge.org](http://rideforereluge.org)..and you can also support us by donating. Any questions, contact Anita Syens at [rasyens@hotmail.com](mailto:rasyens@hotmail.com)

## Please Note...

“**Joining Jesus on His Mission!**” DVD’s are now available along with the study guide at the Welcome Centre. The DVD is of the Evangelism sessions held here at Holy Cross by Greg & Susan Finke back in November 2015. Copies available while they last.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

**Sunday/Monday Attendance:** 171 & 30 Total 201 ('15 – 180)

**Memorial:** In memory of **EDWARD KREUTZKAMP** to the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Martin.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 22 to Sunday, August 27, 2016

<b>Monday</b>	Holy Communion Service, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Children’s Choir Rehearsal, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Wedding Rehearsal, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Children’s Choir Rehearsal, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
	Jonathan Astley & Caitlin Pritchard Wedding, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	Intergenerational Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>