

The Seventeenth 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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

with Installation of Education Workers

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

9:45 am - LINC Registration

12:15 pm - Congregational BBQ

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Divine Service

Opening Hymn

All You Works of God Bless the Lord *LSB #930*

All you works of God, bless the Lord!
All you angels, now bless the Lord;
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be,
Praise the Lord and His majesty:

Refrain

Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!
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All you works of God, bless the Lord!

Sing, you sun and you moon above,
Stars of heaven, now sing His love;
Dew and showers, you winds that blow,
Heat and fire, you ice and snow: *Refrain*

Come, humanity, sing along,
Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain*

Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
Bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

Invocation & Opening Sentences

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Thus says the Lord GOD:
I will seek the lost.

People **We thank You, O Lord!**

Pastor I will bring back the strayed.

People **We adore You, O Lord!**

Pastor I will bind up the injured.

People **We praise You, O Lord!**

Pastor I will strengthen the weak.

People **We worship You, O Lord!**

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

I am Jesus' Little Lamb *LSB #740*

**I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Sunday - solo by Lauren Gray)

“Bright & Beautiful”

by Mark Hayes

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 15:1-10

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

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

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day *(Sunday)*

Shepherd, Do You Tramp the Hills

**"Shepherd, do you tramp the hills, Tracking down one straying sheep,
Leaving ninety-nine behind With no guard the watch to keep?"**

**"But that one I call by name; She will hear and know my voice.
Night and day I'll search the land Till I find her and rejoice!"**

**"Woman, do you scour the house Just to find one coin that's lost?
Since you have the other nine, Is it really worth the cost?"**

**"But that coin you count so small Has for me a special worth.
When it's found the sight will fill All my house and heart with mirth!"**

**"Father, does your heart still bleed For a child who chose to roam—
Rebel, rowdy, far away, Spurning love and scorning home?"**

**"But that restless, reckless boy Never can my love outrun!
When his footsteps lead him back, I'll rejoice to call him 'Son!' "**

**Shepherd, searcher, parent's care—By what image can we name
Spendthrift love, impassioned grace, Incandescent as a flame?
Christ, beyond all words You spoke, Stories that with wonder glow,
You have shown us on a cross Love that will not let us go!**

Hymn of the Day *(Monday)*

The Church's One Foundation *LSB#644*

Sermon

St. Luke 15:1-10

"THE HABITS OF FAITHFUL DISCIPLES - RELATING"

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.

Installation of Education Workers

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Prayers 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 The blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you today and forever.

People Amen

Closing Hymn

Lamb of God *LSB #550*

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

Officiant.....Pastor Roland Syens

Preacher Pastor Nolan Astley

Special Music (8:30) Hope Bindseil, Mackenzie Szasz, Justus Schafer (*piano*),

.....Isaiah Bridgemohan (*piano*), Brigitte Bridgemohan (*violin*)

(11:00) Evangeline Branje, Braden Fergin, Madison Neustaedter (*piano*), Sam Schafer (*violin*)

Pianist.....Jennifer Massicotte (*Sunday*), Jonathan Astley (*Monday*)

Acolytes Isaiah Bridgemohan (8:30), Samuel Clay (11:00)

Sound System Operators..... Marty Stanfel (8:30), Claude Massicotte (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we ask God's blessings on our **Sunday School and Bible Class ministries** which begin a new term this morning. We also rejoice with **Paul VanderGriendt** and his family as he moves to a rehab hospital and continues his healing after being struck by a car back in March of this year. We ask God to comfort **Helga Drung and Heidi Welker and their families** as they mourn the passing of their father Stefan Welker. We also remember **Bob Peters** who is at Innisfree house and other members of our congregation who are undergoing treatments for cancer and other ailments.

Rally Day BBQ! *after late service* we will meet out on the lawn to re-connect after our summer holidays! Join us!.

New Church Directories are now available at the Welcome Centre.

Coming Events...

LINC Registration is Today...and next **Sunday, September 18** in the parlour Join us for *10 Wednesdays, beginning September 28, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.* in a casual, friendly atmosphere. LINC means Living In the Nurture of Christ. Our Wednesdays include Family Mealtime (*freewill offering*), Bible Learning for ages kindergarten through adult and a wide variety of Response Activities. The adult learning time will focus on the Gospel of John using the movie of the same name to lead us in to discussion of the fourth Gospel. This study will begin Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 pm. Those who prefer to come just for the study are most welcome!

GriefShare Begins tomorrow, **Monday, September 12.** GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. GriefShare groups will meet on **Monday's from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** for thirteen weeks. For more information contact Anita Syens at 519-896-7574 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Church Choir Resumes...this **Thursday, September 15.** The Choir meets each Thursday evening **at 8:00 pm** in the sanctuary. All are encouraged to come and share your gifts as we sing praises to the Lord. Please see Jennifer Massicotte for more details.

Ride for Refuge...is Saturday, October 1!! We have our team registered as Holy Cross Lutheran Riders and now we need riders/walkers! This year's donations will go to help families of Grace Lutheran Church as they sponsor an Iranian Christian refugee family. You can sign up on the website rideforrefuge.org. You can also support us by donating. Contact Anita Syens at rasyens@hotmail.com. Co-Sponsored by Faith Life Financial Chapter #74097

Thanksgiving Display—Bring Groceries! Thanksgiving is on **Sunday, October 9** and you're asked to start bringing grocery items in for the harvest display. Please begin with non-perishable food items. Fresh fall vegetables can be brought the week of October 3.

Today's Education Hour

Welcome to Rally Sunday! JK – Young Adults are invited to our Opening in the Sanctuary at 9:45. Look for the pew with your {child's} current grade label & introduce yourself to the Teachers & Helpers!

Ages 1 - 3 (with a Parent) will sign in downstairs at 10:00 a.m. Look for Krysti she is hosting our first "TIME TOGETHER".

Sunday School Registration in Gym from 10:00 – 10:50 - Parents/guardians please update/sign a form for each of your children in Sunday School.

Adult Bible Class will focus for the next 6 weeks on the theme, "From Members to Disciples." Today we will ask, "What is a disciple?" Grab a coffee and join us for the discussion which will begin right after Sunday School opening.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	189 & 37	Total 226	('15 – 219)
Sunday/Monday Communion:	167 & 36	Total 203	('15 – 188)

Memorial: In memory of **GARY LEMON** to Griefshare from Marlene Lemon.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 12 to Sunday, September 18, 2016

Monday	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Women's Renewal Committee, <i>Panel Room</i>	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Organ Committee, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:30 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.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	LINC Registration, <i>Parlour</i>	9:45 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.
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.