

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services
with Grade 3 Bible Presentations

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

Monday, 7:00 pm - Divine Service

Hymn

Sing with all the Saints in Glory *LSB#671 (tune 803)*

Invocation & Psalm 146

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

People Amen.

Pastor Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Pastor Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

People **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

Pastor Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

People **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever**

Pastor who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

People **The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

Pastor The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

People **The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

Pastor The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor

Let us pray.

God of truth and life, through Your Word, You called people in comfort and complacency back to You and to the tasks You had prepared for the sake of Your kingdom. Continue to guide us in the direction of righteousness that we may trust in You rather than in ourselves, serving our neighbors to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People***Amen.****Hymn****All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** *LSB #549***Old Testament Reading: Amos 6:1-7**

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Pastor

This is the Word of the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God.****Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (11:00 - Praise Singers)

“Everlasting God” by Ken Bible and Tom Fettke

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 16:19-31

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

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

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers— so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

I The Lord of Sea and Sky

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain*

“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain*

Sermon

Amos 6:1-7

“HABITS OF FAITHFUL DISCIPLES: SERVING”**Apostles’ Creed****Anthem***(11:00 ~ Praise Singers)***“I Find My Peace in You”***by Don Besig and Nancy Price***Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering****Presentation of Grade 3 Bibles**

Each year Holy Cross gives young people in the 3rd grade a copy of the Holy Bible to be used for home reading and also in confirmation classes, a few years down the road. We take time in our service today to celebrate this milestone with the following young disciples and their families:

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 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**Give Thanks with a Grateful heart** *LSB #806*

Officiant..... Pastor Nolan Astley
Preacher..... Pastor Roland Syens
Organists Anne Forler (*Sunday*), Jonathan Astley (*Monday*)
Praise Singers Brian Hallman (*Director*), Heather Schein (*piano*), John Rickert (*drums*)
Acolytes Grace Radunsky (*8:30*), Nicole Relf (*11:00*)
Sound System Operators..... Ken Griffin (*8:30*), Chris Bohl (*11:00*)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers we pray for our **fall programs** that are beginning – LINC and Confirmation as well as our **8 Confirmands** who are preparing to be confirmed in October. We pray for our Nation of **Canada** that God would give wisdom to our leaders; for all those struggling with **cancer and other illnesses** including **Paul VanderGriendt** as he continues with rehab and **Bob Peters** in palliative care. We pray for **refugees** where ever they are that they find shelter, stability, food. We give thanks for all workers and volunteers who **serve and care for others**. We pray God to empower all of us to be **faithful witnesses of Christ**.

Grade 3 Bible Presentations happen in both services today. What a wonderful gift to be free to share! Grade 3 Families are reminded to join us in the gym for our workshop to personalize this Book.

New 2016 - 2017 Church Directories are now available at the Welcome Centre.

Coming Events...

Church of Hope is looking for volunteers to assist with their Friday gym nights which run from **September 23 – December 9!** Grades 1- 6 are invited to Guelph Community Christian School (195 College Ave W.) from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** The evening includes snack, devotion, music, games, crafts. For more information please contact Henri at 519-580-0081 or hschafer@bell.net. Carpooling available from Kitchener.

Fall Voters' Assembly is set to meet **Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.** Voters' reports are available at the Welcome Centre to help you prepare for the meeting.

Confirmation Classes Begin this **Wednesday, September 28 at 6:15 p.m.** Junior students gather with Henrietta Schafer in the panel room, and senior students meet with Pastor Roland Syens in the Confirmation room.

LINC begins ... this Wednesday, September 28 and runs for **10 Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.** in a casual, friendly atmosphere. 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. If you missed registration or wish to join us for a meal one evening please call the office, 519-742-5812 or email janet@holycrosskitchener.org. Those who prefer to come just for the study are most welcome!

YABS Year Kick-off BBQ Join us **Friday, September 30 at 5:30 pm** at Oleg and Nicole Chernukin's home, 104 Pinebrook Place, Waterloo. Please RSVP to olegc1@gmail.com.

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

Youth Fundraiser- Apple Pies 9" Apple Crumble Pie (unbaked) \$8.00 each Just in time for Thanksgiving, pick up **Saturday, October 1 between 12-5pm** or **Sunday, October 2 between services**. We are taking orders after both services today in the narthex. Forms are also available on the youth board. Contact Krysti for more information or to place your order. krysti@holycrosskitchener.org 226-989-4444. Last year we sold over 150 pies! Thank you for supporting the youth.

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

Time Together (Babies – Age 3 w/ a parent) will meet in the Basement @ 10:00 a.m. with Beth leading.

JK through Grade 7 students will find out about "Entering the Promised Land" from Joshua 3-5.

Youth Bible Class meets in the Youth Room right after Early Service. Bring a friend!

YABS will meet in Triple Bible Classroom immediately after Early Service.

Adult Bible Class will meet beginning after Sunday School opening to continue our discussion of Discipleship. Today we will focus on following Jesus who is the Way (John 14:6). In particular we will focus on the discipleship of Mary, the first disciple of our Lord.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	105 & 129 & 27	Total 261	('15 – 324)
Sunday/Monday Communion:	88 & 116 & 25	Total 229	('15 – 282)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 52 Staff: 1	Total 53	('15 – 57)
YABS:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 1	Total 5	('15 – 6)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 8 Staff: 2	Total 10	('15 – 15)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 31 Staff: 12	Total 43	('15 – 45)

Memorial: In memory of **JIM BROPHEY** to the Organ Fund from Jack & Elaine Kahl.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 26 to Sunday, October 2, 2016

Monday	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Voter's Assembly, <i>Basement</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Candidate Class, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	5:00 p.m.
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Board of Church Properties, <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.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Friday	'This House', <i>Chernukin's house</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Ride for Refuge, <i>Koinonia Christian Fellowship, Bloomingdale</i>	8:00 a.m.
	Youth Fundraiser Pie Baking, <i>Kitchen</i>	12:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Twentieth 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.
	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.