

The Twentieth 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 - Holy Communion Services

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

Monday, 7:00 pm - Holy Communion Service

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four, LSB page 203

Hymns: 940, 584, (589, 588, 537) 575

Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (Pew Bible, Page 909)
2 Timothy 1:1-14 (Pew Bible, Page 1155)
St. Luke 17:1-10 (Pew Bible, Page 1015)

Sermon: 2 Timothy 1:1-14
“HABITS OF FAITHFUL DISCIPLES: IN GOD’S WORD”

Anthem: “Testify to Love” (*Paul Field, Henk Pool, Ralph van Manen, Robert Riekerk*) by Ken Griffin

Special Music: Kristopher Griffin (*piano*)

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Syens (*officiant*), Pastor Astley (*preacher*), Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Joe Das & Carl Kuhl (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Anne Forler (*Sunday organist*), Jonathan Astley (*Monday pianist*), Emma Sommer (*8:30 Acolyte*), Emily Steinman (*11:00 Acolyte*), Marty Stanfel (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Mike Koch (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: We give thanks for all those celebrating wedding anniversaries and especially for **Don and Dora Gimpel** as they celebrate their 64 years of marriage today. We also pray God’s blessings upon **Joshua & Michelle (née Kahlmeier) West** who were married yesterday in Stratford. We pray for **world leaders** and the upcoming elections in the United States that You would give wisdom and direction to all those who vote; for **Paul VanderGriendt** as he continues in rehab in Toronto, for **Bob Peters** in palliative care at Innisfree House and for all others that struggling with cancer or other illness; we give thanks for healing for **Lydia Weimar**. Give wisdom to parents as they care for their children. Thank you for your great love for us in Christ Jesus.

Youth Fundraiser- **Apple Pies** Pick up is **TODAY!** Come see us in the Narthex to pick up your pies after services. Didn’t place an order? Don’t worry, we made extras, \$8.00 each! But come soon- they go fast!

Last Monday evening service of the fall is tomorrow night, Monday, October 3.

Coming Events...

Small Group Bible Study will begin meeting **Friday, October 14 at 7:00 pm** here at Holy Cross. This group is studying the book of John with Rev. Gary Weber. All are welcome! Any questions contact Gary at (519-747-1741).

Confirmation Day is set for **Sunday, October 23** when our 2016 class will present their witness statements and will speak their public vows of faithfulness to Christ. Our schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30 a.m – Divine Service with Public Witness Statements
9:45 a.m. – Congregational Confirmation Reception (all are welcome)
11:00 a.m. – Festival Service with Rite of Confirmation.

We encourage our members to attend as usual and support our young people in their faith journey this day. Please keep these Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to be confirmed:

Jeremy Das, Jordan Fergin, Katja Kubasta, Brianna Manuel, Sarah Newport, Justus Schafer, Max Tiegs, Max Wentzlaff.

Please Note...

Canned, Boxed, Fresh! Bring It All! Yes, we need non-perishable groceries for next week's Thanksgiving displays, but now you can also bring in fruits and vegetables, too. When you come to meetings, choir practices, or are just stopping by, leave items inside the rear (parking lot) entrance.

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.

An update from The Board of Missions... God so graciously continues to bless the members of Holy Cross with hearts that want to give financially to others all across the world. Through the guidance of God, The Board of Missions has been able to use your generous gifts to send \$7,000 to support the National Youth Gathering in Nicaragua this coming October 29-30th. Not only are your financial gifts needed in places far from home but, they are needed right here in our community. The Board of Missions gladly sends \$1,000 to support Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard in caring for some of the basic needs of those living in our local area. As God continues to pour an abundance of blessings upon us let's continue to think of ways we as a church can help our brothers and sisters in Christ both near and far!

Today's Education Hour

Parents, please make sure you have completed registration forms for each of your children. *Especially* the *allergies/medical needs* part. Teachers have the forms, or find Henri who will get one for you.

Reformation Quiz & mini-Party coming October 30 at 9:45 a.m. #499!

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 be learning about one of the major Old Testament Judges: Deborah.

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

YABS will meet with Melanie for "Why Hardship & Difficulty are Good for Us".

Adult Bible Class will meet 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...

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| Sunday/Monday Attendance: | 106 & 145 & 32 | Total 283 | ('15 – 299) |
| Adult Bible Class: | Pupils: 53 Staff: 1 | Total 54 | ('15 – 58) |
| YABS: | Pupils: 5 Staff: 1 | Total 6 | ('15 – 7) |
| Youth Bible Class: | Pupils: 7 Staff: 2 | Total 9 | ('15 – 4) |
| Sunday School: | Pupils: 40 Staff: 14 | Total 54 | ('15 – 52) |

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 3 to Sunday, October 9, 2016

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| 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. |
| 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 Missions, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i> | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Church Band, <i>Church Balcony</i> | 8:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Board of Evangelism, <i>Parlour</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Church Choir, <i>Church</i> | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | Thanksgiving: The Festival of the Harvest | |
| | Divine 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. |
| | Divine Service , <i>Church</i> | 11:00 a.m. |
| Slovak Congregation Service , <i>Church</i> | 3:30 p.m. | |