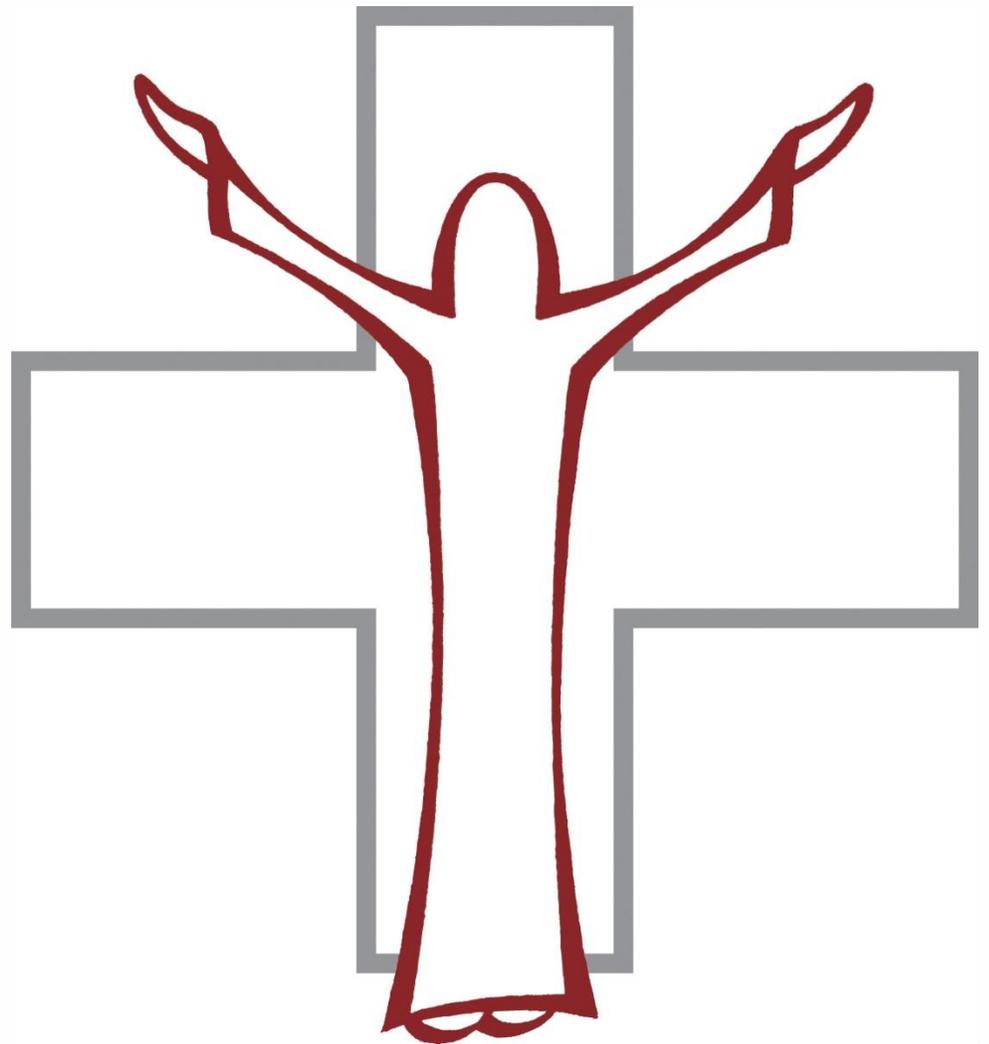


The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 am - Divine Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Chorus Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Chorus)

Great things He hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Chorus)

Invocation and Psalm 105:2-6

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

People **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!**

Pastor Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

People **Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!**

Pastor Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,

People **O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
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.**

Pastor Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor Mighty and merciful Lord, with repentant hearts we confess our sin to You.

A time of silence is observed.

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 Thus says the Lord God, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" 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.**

Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Let us pray.

You treasure us, O Lord, and You steadfastly love Your chosen people. In the midst of even the worst things that can happen to us, we are more than conquerors through the love of Jesus. Help us to know the peace that Your presence brings in the midst of our troubles, and guide us toward the kingdom You promised; 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

We Praise You O God LSB #785

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 125

Pastor Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

People **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

Pastor For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

People **Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

Pastor But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

People **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.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (*Krysti Beckett - soloist*)

*“You are so Good to Me”
by Robin Chaffer, Don & Ben Pasley*

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 13:44-52

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

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

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Hymn of the Day

On Eagles' Wings *LSB #727*

Sermon

Romans 8:28-39

“DANCING IN THE CHAOS”

Hymn

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way *LSB #857*

Parish Announcements and Gathering of 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 You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession. Nothing in all creation will be able to separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

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

When Peace Like a River *LSB #763*

Officiant..... Pastor Nolan Astley
 Pianist..... Anne Forler
 Sound Operator Ken Griffin

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember **Anthony Lavender** and family as he recovers from a series of strokes suffered over the past week and as medical professionals look for the cause of this suffering. We also remember **John Robert Nesbitt and Winnie Reitzel** as they mourn the passing of Winnie's mother after a battle with cancer.

Staff Holidays...Pastor Roland and Anita Syens continue their holidays and Pastor will return to the office on Wednesday, August 16. **Jennifer Massicotte** continues holidays and will return Monday, August 14. Please keep our staff in your prayers as they enjoy some time away to relax and be refreshed.

Coming Events...

Wedding Invitation – The Holy Cross family is invited to join **Micah Maffet and Rebekah Astley** as they promise their lives to each other in Holy Marriage. The service will take place on **Monday, August 7 at 1:00 pm** here at the church with an informal reception to follow. Please join us as we celebrate together, *Pastor David and Carla Maffet, Pastor Nolan and Susan Astley.*

47th Annual Youth Retreat is being held **Tuesday, August 22 thru Thursday, August 24**. Sign up at the Youth bulletin board and take a registration form to fill out. Christine and Jordan Fergin are running this awesome event this year so check in with them if you have any questions. Deadline to register is **Sunday, August 13**.

Youth Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for **Saturday, September 16** at Creekside Golf Course, Woodstock. Registration forms are available at the Welcome centre. Co-Sponsored by Faith Life Financial Chapter #74097.

Please Note...

Renovation Update work on mezzanine renovations will be completed early this coming week as new flooring is installed. New carpet will also be installed in the Triple Bible Class room as it is transformed into a resource center for children and families. Installation of the new Casavant Organ will begin on August 8.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance: 193 & 40 Total 233 ('16 – 214)

Thankoffering: In honour of **DAN & EDE MARSHALL's** 50th Wedding Anniversary to the Organ Fund from Ray & Marg West. In honour of **DAVID & WILMA REIST's** 50th Wedding Anniversary to the Organ Fund from Donna Grant. In honour of **BLESSINGS RECEIVED** to Vacation Bible School from Bruce & Norene Brubacher.

Memorials: In memory of **MURRAY SCHMIDT** to the Organ Fund from Tim & Pat Leyes & Family, Bob & Jean Schmitt, Gerry & Ila Wentzlaff. To Missions from Martha Schaus. To the Unified Church Budget from Marlene Lemon, Sandra Brunk, Dan & Ede Marshall, Murray & Norma Herz, Karin Toolsie.

Weekly Calendar

Monday July 31 to Sunday August 6, 2017

Monday	Evening Divine Service, Church	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Board of Missions, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion Service, Church	9:30 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service, Church	2:00 p.m.
	Wedding Rehearsal, <i>Church</i>	5:00 p.m.

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