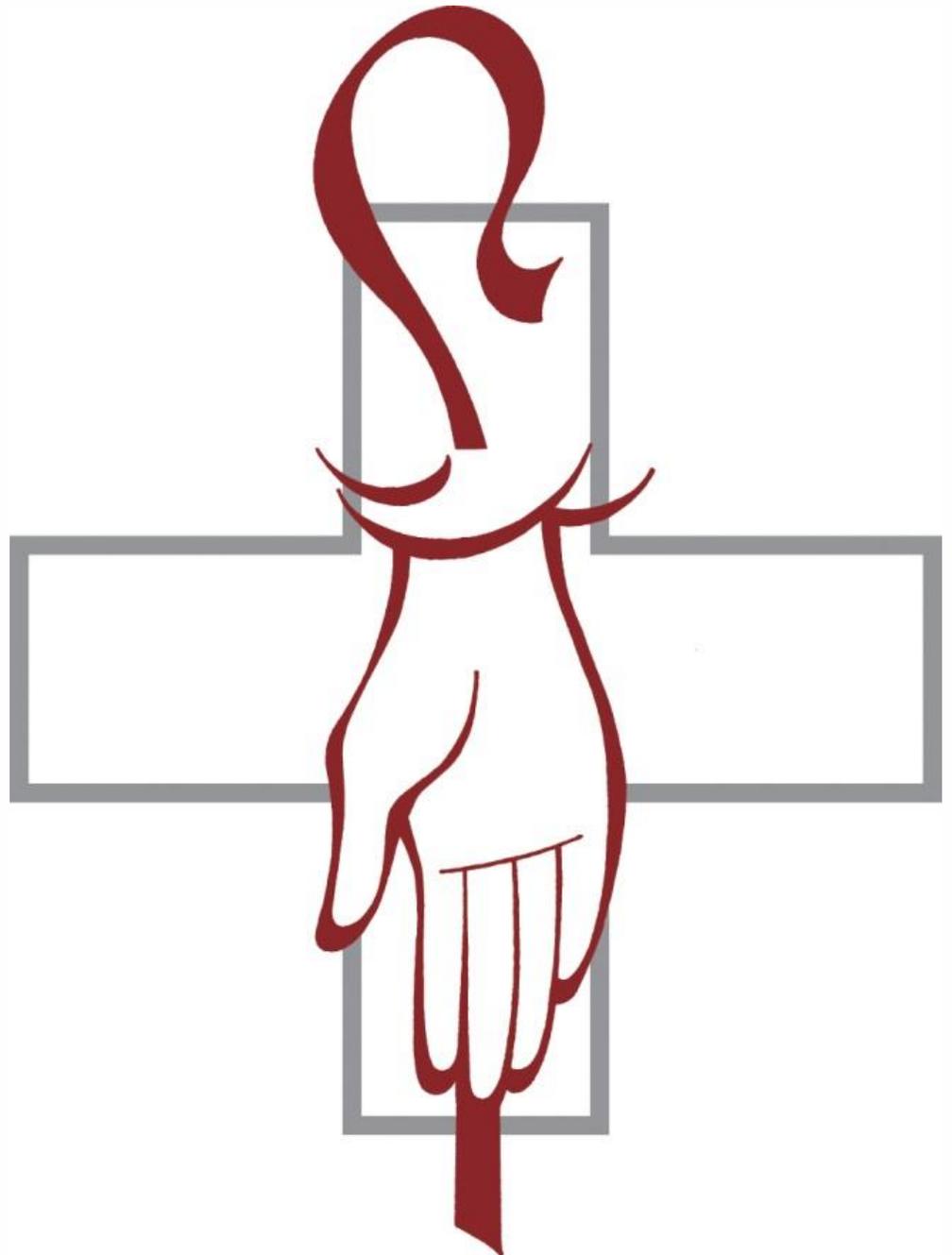


The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 am - Divine Service

10:45 am - Peach Social

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Opening Hymn

All You Works of God Bless the Lord

LSB #930 (v1, 5-6)

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

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, 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.

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.**

Entrance Psalm 34: 1, 4-8

Pastor I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People **I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

People **This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Pastor The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

People **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

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. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Hymn of Praise

From All That Dwell Below the Skies LSB #816

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-17

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (*Ken Griffin ~ soloist*)

“God and God Alone” by *Phill McHugh*

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 14:22-33

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

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

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Eternal Father Strong to Save *LSB #717*

Sermon

St. Matthew 14:22-33

"IT IS I"

Hymn

Stay With Us *LSB #879*

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 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.**

Closing Hymn

Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB #722

Lord, take my hand and lead me
 Upon life's way;
 Direct, protect, and feed me
 From day to day.
 Without Your grace and favor
 I go astray;
 So take my hand, O Savior,
 And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages,
 I need not fear,
 For You, the Rock of Ages,
 Are always near.
 Close by Your side abiding,
 I fear no foe,
 For when Your hand is guiding,
 In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen
 And night has come,
 I know that You will strengthen
 My steps toward home.
 Then nothing can impede me,
 O blessed Friend;
 So take my hand and lead me
 Unto the end.

Officiant..... Pastor Nolan Astley
 Assisting Pastor..... Pastor William Chuol
 Pianist..... Anne Forler
 Special Music..... Kristopher Griffin (*piano*)
 Sound Operator Marty Stanfel

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember those of our congregation who are *sick or shut-in* and we ask God to bring them healing, comfort and relief according to His will. We also remember **Debbie & Bill Pritchard, Kim & Ken Baxter, Carol Young, and Caitlin Astley** who are leading a VBS this coming week at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Moncton, NB. May God bless their teaching and all who attend this mission outreach! In addition we pray for **Lenora Wallden** who will arrive tomorrow to begin her year of service as a Director of Parish Services Intern here at Holy Cross. We ask God to bless her time of learning and service among us!

From the Astley and Maffett families – thanks to all who came to share in the joy of Rebekah and Micah’s wedding day and thanks to all those who remembered them in their prayers! We are deeply blessed by your love and care for us all! Thanks again!

Peach Social is *today after service*. Join us in the gym for fellowship & treats.

Staff Holidays...Pastor Roland will return to the office this Wednesday, August 16.

Debbie Pritchard continues her holidays and will return to the office Wednesday, August 23. Please keep our staff in your prayers as they are away.

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 **TODAY!**

Coming Events...

Regular Service Schedule Resumes on **Sunday, September 10** at **8:30 and 11:00 a.m.** This is Rally Sunday when Bible learning begins again for all ages. Join us from **9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

New Church Directory coming in September Please take a moment to check your information in the current directory to see if it is correct and let us know by **Sunday, September 3** of any updates that are needed to your address, phone number, etc. There are update forms in your pigeon hole and at the Welcome Centre, just take one, fill it in, and place it in the offering plate or in the office boxes on the church office door.

Walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther! Our local Reformation 500 Committee is in the process of organizing a “Reformation Walk” to be held **Saturday, October 28** at Messiah Lutheran—Waterloo. Designed for people of all ages (especially families with children), this living history event features 10 educational stations. Attendees are encouraged to dress in medieval clothing and invite their friends from the community. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to teach others that the Reformation was and still is all about Jesus! Characters and Costumes needed: At this point in our planning, we need to fill character roles for each station [please see the list posted on your church’s bulletin board]. Scripts will be provided. We are also looking for medieval-style costumes. *If you are interested in playing a role or can help us with costumes/set decorations, please email Udi and Roslyn at Historic St. Paul’s: office@historicstpauls.ca or call 519-745-4891. **Please respond by August 21.**

Youth Golf Tournament is on **Saturday, September 16** at Creekside Golf Course, Woodstock with tee off (shot gun start) at 1:00 pm. Registration forms are available at the Welcome centre. Co-Sponsored by Faith Life Financial Chapter #74097.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	191 & 33	Total 224	('16 – 216)
Sunday/Monday Communion:	157 & 29	Total 186	('16 – 191)
Nuer Service Attendance:	37		

Weekly Calendar

Monday August 14 to Sunday August 20, 2017

Monday	Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Board of Stewardship, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Worship, <i>Youth Centre</i>	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Nuer Ladies Music & Fellowship, <i>Gym</i>	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion Service, <i>Church</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service, <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.

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