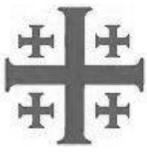


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The Festival of the Harvest
October 8, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

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Thanksgiving: The Festival of the Harvest

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

4:00 pm - Nuer Reception

Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *LSB #892*

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

Service of Holy Baptism

Today we rejoice as **Julia Claire Chernukhin** is welcomed into the family of God in the waters of Holy Baptism. Julia is the daughter of Oleg and Nicole (née Cress) Chernukhin. Her sponsors are Colin & Michelle Palmer. We welcome this dear child into the family of our heavenly Father and pray God's blessings surround her always.

As part of the baptism service we will pray the Lord's prayer and confess the Apostles' Creed as printed below.

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.

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

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart LSB #806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
 Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 19 (*selected verses*)

The heavens declare the glory of God,
 and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours out speech,
 and night to night reveals knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
 whose voice is not heard.

⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth,
 and their words to the end of the world.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
 reviving the soul;
 the testimony of the Lord is sure,
 making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
 rejoicing the heart;
 the commandment of the Lord is pure,
 enlightening the eyes; ...

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
 in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b} If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more.⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Church Choir; Jennifer Massicotte, Director)

“Joyfully Sing!”

by Cindy Berry

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 17:11-19

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

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn

For the Fruits of His Creation *LSB# 894*

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.**

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

**In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Psalm 19

"FROM THE HEAVENS TO THE HEART"

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new unto us every morning, and though we have not deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Pastor Almighty and most merciful God and Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have established Your Church to be a temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks that You continue to provide shepherds to feed and serve Your flock of which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. We humbly implore You ever to strengthen the labors of Your ministers, that through their ministry of Word and Sacrament Your people may increase in Your knowledge and service and grow up into Him who is the Head, even Jesus Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Pastor Merciful God, graciously take into Your fatherly care the sick and needy, those who are widowed and orphaned, the homeless and homebound, the lonely and forgotten, and all who are in any trouble, temptation, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that they may patiently endure their afflictions and acknowledge them as a manifestation of Your fatherly will. Preserve them from faintheartedness and despondency, and help them to seek You, the great physician of their souls. If any pass through the valley of the shadow of death, do not allow them in the last hour, for any pain or fear of death, to fall away from You, but let Your everlasting arms be underneath them, and grant them a peaceful departure and a joyful entrance into Your eternal kingdom in the resurrection of all flesh; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Pastor O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown [to *names* and . . .] to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Pastor O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Benediction

Pastor From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People **may the name of the Lord be praised.**

Pastor Without anxiety or fear, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, offer Your requests to God.

People **And may the peace of God which surpasses all our understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor The blessing of almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—remain with you now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God *LSB #895*

**Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!**

**All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

Preacher	Pastor Nolan Astley
Officiant	Pastor Roland Syens
Music Director	Jennifer Massicotte
Church Choir Pianist	Heather Schein
Church Band	Jack Kahl (<i>Director</i>)

Prayer Concerns: We give thanks for all of God's *wonderful blessings* of house, home, family, friends and life, especially the life of faith that God has given to us through Christ. We pray for families in mourning especially the *family of Kevin Lovell* who died this past week and whose funeral was on Friday and for the *family of James English*, Joyce Kehn's brother, who died this past week and whose funeral is this afternoon; for all who have been affected by the loss of life and injury in Los Vegas and Edmonton this past week; for those who continue to deal with the effects of the devastation brought about by natural disasters and famine in our world, for those fleeing from wars, civil unrest and persecution. We pray your blessing on the upcoming **LC-C Synodical Convention** here in Kitchener this coming week, give wisdom to all those voting that they seek your will to bring into positions of leadership those who You have called. Thank you for the many blessings you have given Your church through the service of **President Bugbee, Pastor Astley** and all those who have served Your church these past years. We thank you for the blessings of the South Sudanese **Nuer fellowship** as they gather here this afternoon for their thanksgiving service.

Adult Bible Class – Today we will continue our study of the 95 Theses, seeing the pastoral side of Luther and his care for people he felt were being abused and taken advantage of by the church of his day. Grab a coffee and join us in the sanctuary at 10:00 am.

Youth Bible Class will meet with Lenora in the Youth room at 9:45 for some 'Thankful' activities.

Children's Activity Bulletins...Are available for ages 3-6 or 7-12. Ask an usher for a bulletin to help your kids follow the service in an activity based way.

Coming Events...

Mission Presentations will be during Adult Bible class next **Sunday, October 15**. Join us to hear about mission work in Ehattesaht, B.C., Ukraine and the upcoming trip to Nicaragua.

Confirmation Day is set for **Sunday, October 22** when our 2017 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:

*Isaiah Bridgemohan, Samuel Clay, Madison Neustaedter, Grace Radunsky,
Nicole Relf, Emma Sommer, Emily Steinman.*

Organ Recital come and hear our new Casavant organ **Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m.** Angus Sinclair from London will serve as organist and Kim Silver will play a couple of selections on her flute accompanied by the organ. Stay for a time of refreshment following the concert.

Operation Christmas Child – If you're looking to help someone in need this Christmas pick up box from the back door. The instructions are inside and we ask you to have the boxes back in **Sunday, November 12** so they can be shipped in time for Christmas.

Bakers Needed! On **November 17, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** we are planning a one day VBS program and we need help providing snacks for the children in attendance. If you would be willing to provide cookies or snacks for this exciting event, please contact Lenora at: lenora@holycrosskitchener.org

Please Note...

Great News! Our New Church Library Is Open! We have a beautiful new church library that has adult and children's books, CDs and DVDs in one location, accessible to everyone. It is in the old Triple Bible Class room upstairs; it has been re-decorated and is bright and welcoming. The church library is open 7 days a week; so, come see it and check out something that you would like to read, see or hear. We would like to thank the Boards of Church Properties and Parish Education, Susan Astley and many volunteers who spend many hours making this happen. God's blessing to you and your families.

Wi-Fi Access for Holy Cross Members With the changes that were made to the Holy Cross network, we can now have members access Holy Cross's Wi-Fi. To request access, log in to the Holy Cross website and in the MEMBERS tab click on Constitution/Policies/Procedures. On the Constitution/Policies/Procedures page in the Policy & Guidelines column, read the document titled **3.6 Wi-Fi Usage Policy**. If you agree with the policy, you can send an email (the policy contains what is required in the email) to Office Administrator (Debbie Pritchard) and she will send you the connection details. If you have any question contact Debbie Pritchard or Reinhold Schmidt.

Ride for Refuge!! Thank you to all who participated this year; riders, volunteers, those who donated, and those who prayed! We were able to reach our goal of \$4,000, and now able to better help the refugee family that will be coming to K/W. Thank you all for reaching out with God's love!

Nursery volunteers We need more volunteers for this ministry at our Church. If you are 16 years of age or older, have APP training, or are willing to receive it, then please be part of our team! It would be on a rotational basis for the 11:00 service. Please see Anita Syens, rasyens@hotmail.com, 519-896-7574.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	116 & 174 & 25		
Nuer Service Attendance:	28	Total 343	('16 – 299)
Communion Attendance:	96 & 149 & 12 & 24	Total 281	('16 – 244)
	(Sunday) (Nuer) (Monday)		
Sunday School:	Pupils: 40 Staff: 16	Total 56	('16 – 46)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 56 Staff: 1	Total 57	('16 – 52)
YABS:	Pupils: 3 Staff: 1	Total 4	('16 – 9)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 9 Staff: 1	Total 10	('16 – 11)

Thankoffering: In honour of **CORINE HURAS'** birthday to Lutheran Bible Translators from Sherry Swartz-Hill.

Memorial: In memory of **ROBERT JOLIVET** to the Organ Fund from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **PAULINE DOERR** to the Organ Fund from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. In memory of **GARY LEMON** to Griefshare from Marlene Lemon. In memory of **FRED REAY** to the Organ Fund from Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Jack & Elaine Kahl.

Weekly Calendar

Monday October 9 to Sunday October 15, 2017

Monday	Thanksgiving Day, <i>Church office closed</i>	
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Young Adult Bible Study, <i>Youth Centre</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.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 Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmand Candidate Class #4, <i>Church Library</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Friday - Monday	- LC-C Synod Conference, <i>Crown Plaza, Kitchener</i>	
Friday	Nuer Ladies Music & Fellowship, <i>Gym</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre, Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Mission Presentation, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Conference Room</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.
	Nuer Language Service , <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.