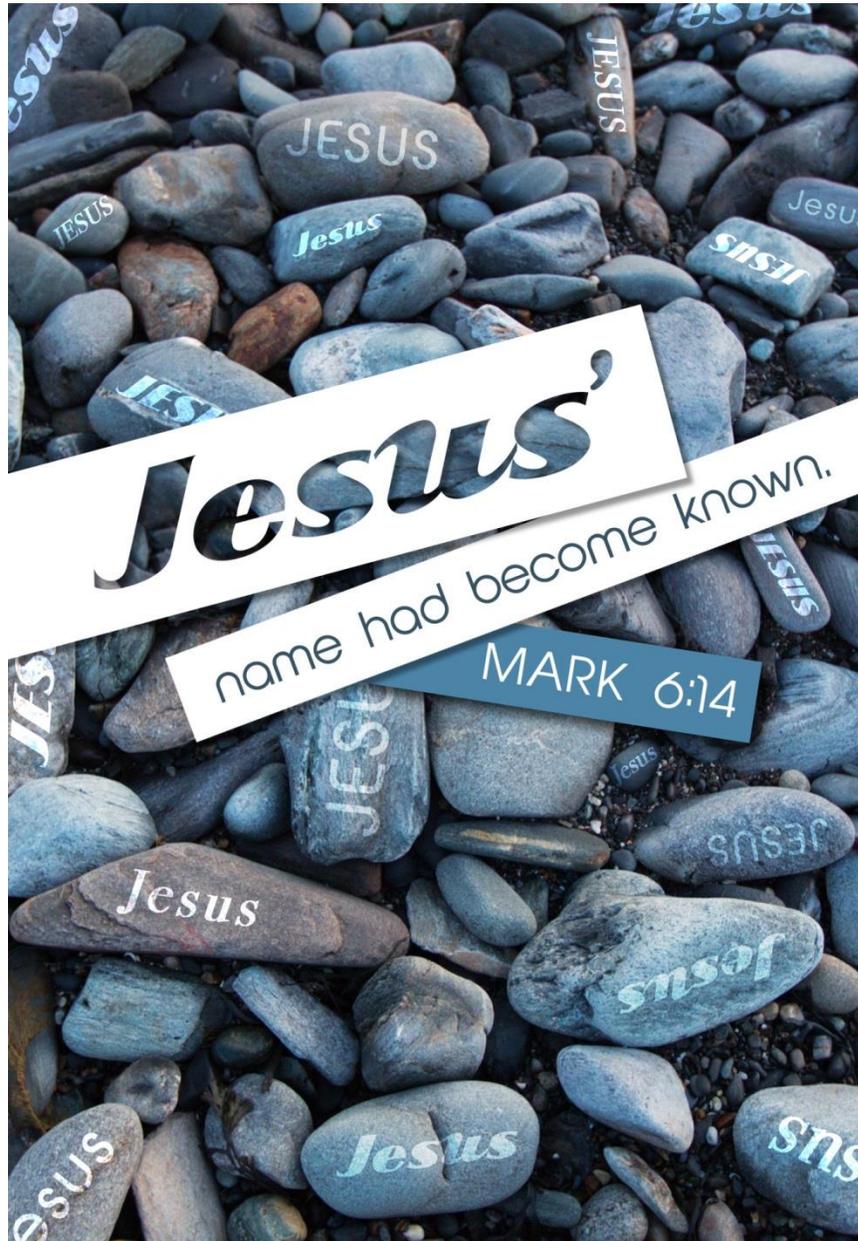


The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - Holy Communion Service

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Communion Service

Opening Hymn

Christ the Eternal Lord *LSB #829*

Christ the eternal Lord,
Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise
We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days
And make Your glory known.

Christ the redeeming Son,
Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won
For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray,
To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today
And follow Him as Lord.

Christ the ascended King
Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing,
Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past
Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last
To know as we are known.

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Give Glory to our God

(tune #677 – For all the Saints)

**Give glory to our God, exalted high
Peace to His people, with His grace supplied.
Our God we praise, adore, and glorify. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Lord God, our Father and our mighty king,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, You bring
Our sin's forgiveness; thanks and praise we sing. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our prayer,
You sit at God's right hand, in power there.
To Father, Son, and Spirit we declare: Alleluia! Alleluia !**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 6:14-29

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Loves Me LSB #588

Sermon

St. Mark 6:14-29

"BANQUET OF DEATH - FEAST OF LIFE"**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.**

Prayer of the Church

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Anthem (*Sung by the VBS Children as our offering is gathered*)

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

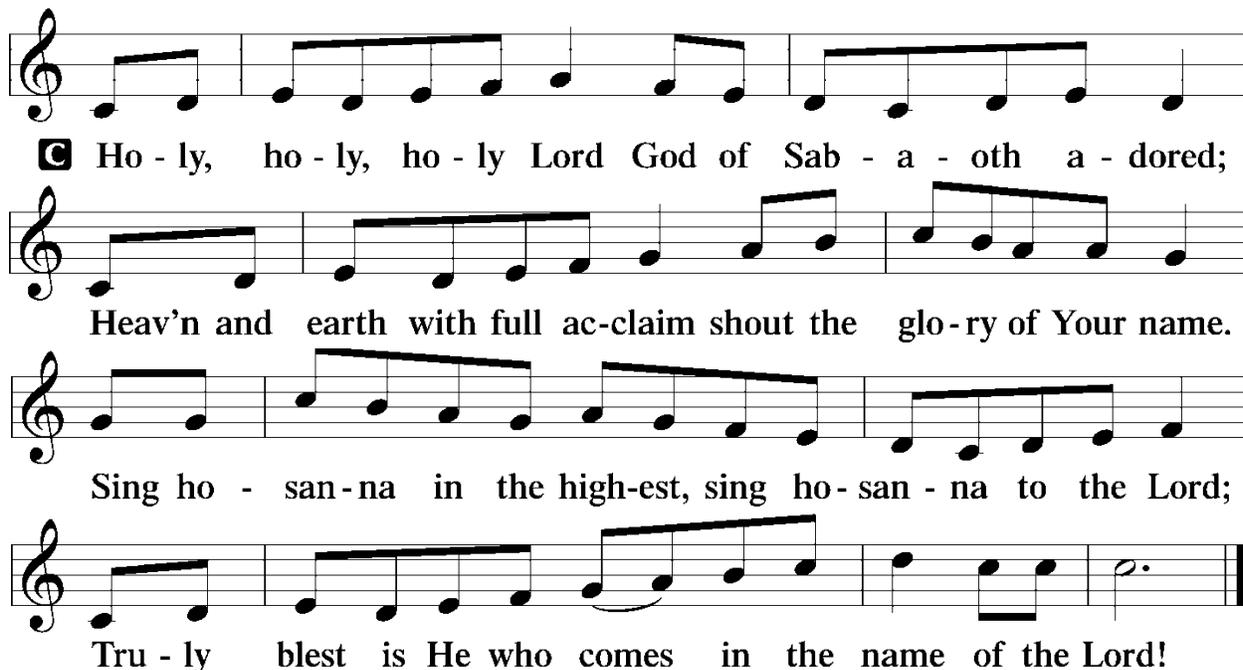
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Our Lord

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.**

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus LSB #821
The Lord's My Shepherd LSB #710

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **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 Roland Syens
Preacher.....Pastor Nolan Astley
Organist.....Jennifer Massicotte
Special Music..... Jack Kahl (*trumpet*)

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Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we rejoice in the blessings of this past week in Vacation Bible School (you will find more information on VBS on the insert), we also remember **Anita Schoch** who continues in Grand River Hospital. We ask God's comfort for **Pastor Chuol and family** as they mourn the death of his older brother who passed away suddenly in a refugee camp in Ethiopia. We also ask the Lord's direction for our **Special Voters' meeting** right after service as we consider the question of refugee sponsorship.

Special Voters' Meeting Today immediately following the church service to consider congregational refugee sponsorship. Full details of this proposal are in the docket for the meeting which is available at the Welcome Desk in the parlour. Please give this your prayerful consideration!

Coming Events...

60th Anniversary Celebration By God's grace, Rev. Dr. Roger Winger has served His Lord in active ministry for 60 years. In recognition of this milestone, a service of praise and thanksgiving honouring Rev. Winger will be held **Sunday, July 22, 4:00 pm at Historic St. Paul's**, 137 Queen Street in Kitchener. Please come and add your voice to the many giving thanks to God for this dedicated servant. A light reception will follow the service.

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'" Matt 25:21

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance: 251 & 25 Total 276 ('17 – 234)

Memorial: In memory of **NAARAH SCHMIDT** to Vacation Bible School from Kathy Hallman.

Weekly Calendar

Monday July 16 to Sunday July 22, 2018

Monday	Evening Communion Service, Church	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Young Adult Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	11:30 a.m.
	YABS Bible Study, <i>Chernukhin's home</i>	7:15 p.m.
Friday	Wedding Rehearsal, <i>Church</i>	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	Jeremy Drung & Katie Priester Wedding, <i>Church</i>	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service, Church	9:30 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service, Church	2:00 p.m.