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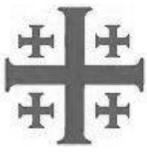
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Thanksgiving Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

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

12:30 pm - Junior Choir

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

LSB #892 vs 1-2

**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.

Invocation & Opening Sentences

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People **let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor The earth has yielded its increase;
People **God, our God, shall bless us.**

Pastor God shall bless us;
People **let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor We recognize today that we have broken the Lord's commandments. Rather than be thankful, we have been greedy and unsatisfied with the many blessings we have received from our heavenly Father. As people who are by nature sinful and unclean, we are covetous and envious of others. We confess today our lack of contentment and all our sins of thought, word and deed.

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

People **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.
 Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning, and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

LSB #892 vs 3-4

**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.**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (8:30)

Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB #789

Anthem (11:00)

(Church Choir)

“A Celtic Thanksgiving”

by J. Paul Williams, Joseph Martin

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 12:13-21

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

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

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’”

²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

We Praise You, O God

LSB #785

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Sermon

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

“THE LAND THE LORD HAS GIVEN TO YOU”

Nicene Creed

All **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

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

Pastor With thanksgiving, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

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.**

Peace of the Lord

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

Now Thank We All Our God *LSB #895*
How Great Thou Art *LSB #801*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor Let us pray.
 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 May God be gracious to us and bless us
People **and make His face to shine upon us.**

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

For the Fruits of His Creation *LSB #894*

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**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.**

Serving in God's House Today

Preacher.....	Pastor Nolan Astley
Officiant.....	Pastor Roland Syens
Communion Assistants	Pastor Robert Morley (8:30), Pastors William Chuol & Gary Weber (11:00)
Music Director	Jennifer Massicotte
Church Choir Pianist.....	Heather Schein
Church Band	Jack Kahl (Director)
Special Music.....	Madison Neustaedter (piano)
Acolytes	Rebecca Rempel (8:30), Molly Rogers (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: On this thanksgiving weekend we give thanks to our God for all the blessings given to us in our land and we ask God to bless our stewardship of the land and all its blessings. We also rejoice with ***Don and Dora Gimpel who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary*** this past Thursday. We ask God to bless our ***Mission team that heads out to Ehettesaht, BC*** this coming Friday as they respond to the invitation of this First Nations community to share the love of Christ in word and deed.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School is beginning its journey with Moses this week. We will spend the rest of the semester traveling with the Israelites from Egypt back to the Promised Land.

Youth Bible Class will be taught by Kevin Cumby today. Please meet him in the Youth Room.

Adult Bible Class will move on from the proclamation of God's justice through the prophet Amos to focus on the unfathomable good news proclaimed through the prophet Hosea. Grab a coffee and join the discussion at 10 am in the sanctuary.

Coming Events...

Grades 6-12! Circuit youth night will be at Holy Cross, ***Friday, October 12!*** Everyone is welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Lenora by October 10.

We need you! On ***Sunday, October 14, at 12:15 p.m.*** in the conference room; there will be a Stephen Ministry information meeting for those who would like to find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister. If you are not able to make this meeting, but are still interested in finding out more, please speak with Pastor Roland or Anita Syens. If we have enough volunteers who are interested we hope to start training this fall.

Confirmation Day is set for **Sunday, October 28** when our 2018 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:

Amou Bhol, Jack Chuol, Jonathan Das, Ella Kuhlman, Noah Radunsky, Samuel Schafer, Kendra Schmidt, Katja Teich, Cole Tiegs.

Please Note...

Refugee Family Sponsorship A designated fund has been set up for our church's refugee sponsorship. As you are able, please consider a special gift to this project. To contribute, indicate "**Refugee Family Sponsorship**" on your offering."

Urgently seeking Early Service helpers: We need a few people willing to learn how to run the microphones for our early services on a rotating basis. This is not complicated, and we'll make sure you are comfortable before you are on your own. Want to learn more? Call Claude or Jennifer Massicotte at 519-576-4949

Prime Time Bible Study! Join us **Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.** to delve into God's word and what it means for our lives today.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	66 & 164 & 14			
Nuer Attendance:	25		Total 269	('17 – 334)
Nuer Communion:	7		Total 7	
Sunday School:	Pupils: 26	Staff: 13	Total 39	('17 – 52)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 41	Staff: 1	Total 42	('17 – 49)
YABS:	Pupils: 4	Staff: 1	Total 5	('17 – 8)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 9	Staff: 1	Total 10	('17 – 5)

Memorial: In memory of **JEAN BLACK** to the Unified Church Budget from John & Wilma Rickert. In memory of **GERRY WENTZLAFF** to the Unified Church Budget from Joan Lautenschlager. To the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Richard & Christine Seip. In memory of **ADA MAE EICHBAUER** to the Unified Church Budget from Joan Lautenschlager. In memory of **GARY LEMON** to Griefshare from Marlene Lemon.

Weekly Calendar

Monday October 8 to Sunday October 14, 2018

Monday	Thanksgiving Day , <i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 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>Conference Room</i>	7:30 p.m.
	Board of Young Peoples, <i>Church Library</i>	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time Bible Study, <i>Church Library</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Confirmand Class #3, <i>Conference room</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Cantata Choir, <i>Basement</i>	7:45 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Basement</i>	9:00 p.m.
Friday	String Group, <i>Church</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	
	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>Conference Room</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.
	Stephen Ministry Information Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>	12:15 p.m.
	Junior Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Slovak Service , <i>Church</i>	3:30 p.m.