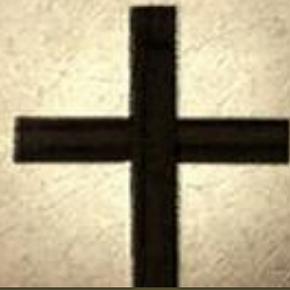


All Saints Sunday

November 4, 2018

How much more, then,
will the blood of Christ,
who through the eternal Spirit
offered himself unblemished to God,
cleanse our consciences
from acts that lead to death,
so that we may serve
the living God!
Hebrews 9:14 NIV



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All Saints' Sunday

8:30 am & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services
9:45 am - Sunday School and Bible Classes for All Ages
12:30 pm - Junior Choir
2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Hymn

For All the Saints

LSB #677 vs. 1-3

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

For All the Saints

LSB #677 vs. 6-8

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

First Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Junior Choir; Gabrielle George accompanist)

“Blest Are They”

by David Haas

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

LSB #678

Sermon

Hebrews 9:14

“TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD”**Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray to the Lord our God, who raised Jesus from the dead.

Brief silence

Pastor Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Give courage and faith to Your people who pass through difficult and trying times we especially commend to Your care this day Give them relief according to Your will and strength to meet the challenges ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and final healing at the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Remember in Your kindness all entrusted with civil authority among us, and give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Raise up ever new servants of the Word, and strengthen and sustain those whom You have sent, that the good news of sin's forgiveness and death's defeat may bring everlasting joy to Your elect. Lord, in Your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember our departed family and friends who have gone before us in the faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

DORA HANNAH DREISINGER

April 22, 1922 – November 27, 2017

ELIZABETH GRACE STEVER

October 25, 1928 – January 19, 2018

ALBERT HENRY KELLER

February 12, 1922 – January 22, 2018

RUTH HELEN CRESSMAN ENGLISH

November 26, 1937 - February 3, 2018

CLARA EMMA SCHMIDT

May 2, 1933 - February 7, 2018

HORST ERNEST LUTSCHE

January 7, 1933 - February 12, 2018

JOHN SAMUEL EZRA GABEL

December 10, 1926 - February 13, 2018

ELSIE SEEGMILLER

August 29, 1921 - February 22, 2018

EARL THOMPSON MILLEN

June 8, 1934 - April 7, 2018

LAM SIMON CHUOL DIING

April 12, 1995 - April 15, 2018

JEFFREY CURTIS PEARSON

May 3, 1941 - April 21, 2018

HARRIETT ELEANOR GODFREY

December 11, 1922 - June 21, 2018

ANDREW JAL CHUOL

April 15, 1968 - July 8, 2018

SANDRA CATHERINE STREIT

January 8, 1953 - July 17, 2018

ANITA LOUISE SCHOCH

September 21, 1936 - July 18, 2018

FLORENCE CATHERINE RINGWALD

October 14, 1919 - August 1, 2018

GERALD GEORGE WENTZLAFF

April 9, 1930 - August 30, 2018

HERMANN AUGUST JOSEPH HEISE

September 29, 1928 - September 3, 2018

HOLDEN GERALD COBURN

September 15, 2018 - September 23, 2018

Pastor Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

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.**

Proper Preface

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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one Body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor 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.

People



☐ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



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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."

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

Rock of Ages LSB #761

Serving in God's House Today

Officiant..... Pastor Roland Syens

Officiant..... Pastor Nolan Astley

Organist..... Anne Forler

Junior Choir Ashley Black (*Director*), Gabrielle George (*pianist*)

Prayer Concerns In our prayers today we remember the **family of long-time member John Schneider** who passed away in the Lord on Monday evening and whose funeral will be held here at Holy Cross tomorrow at 11:00 am; **Charlene VanderGriendt & Family** as they mourn the loss of Charlene's father who passed away in Leamington this past week; **Bonnie Oakes** who is in Grand River Hospital following surgery and we ask God's healing hand be upon all others who are going through treatments for various ailments.

Quilts are setup around the church **Today**. If you're looking for a Christmas or birthday gift consider giving a donation for one of the quilts lovingly made by our ladies. All monies donated will go to help the Tomesch family purchase a van. Please see Joyce Stuckhardt or Mavis Mann. (Donations are *not* eligible for tax receipt).

Today's Education Hour...

Adult Bible Class Have you wondered why many church leaders in the United States strongly endorse the current president of their country? Part of the answer to that question comes in how many North American Christians interpret the message of some of the Old Testament Prophets. Today we will look at the relationship between the prophets and the politicians in Bible times and in our own time. Grab a coffee and join us in the sanctuary at 10 am.

Coming Events...

Fall Supper is this **Saturday, November 10 at 5:30 pm**. Sign up at the Welcome Centre, for a Prime Rib dinner provided by our Board of Fellowship

Circuit Youth for Gr.6-12 on **Friday, November 9** at First St. Paul's in Wellesley. Join us for the "Toilet Bowl" from 7-9:30. Please let Lenora know if you are attending by Tuesday November 6.

Operation Christmas Child - Boxes are available at the back door. Please take one and return it by **November 11**.

Fall Fun Day! – **Friday, November 16, 9:00am – 4:00pm** Holy Cross will be hosting a Fall Fun Day for children JK-Gr.6. This one day program will include Bible stories, games, crafts, and fun!! Registration forms are available in the parlour.

Jell-O On A Stick – The annual youth retreat in Fisherville will be **November 16-18**. Registration forms are available on the youth board. Please return the completed forms to Lenora by **November 11**.

The Installation Service for Pastor William Choul as our Assistant Pastor for Nuer Ministry will be held on **Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 pm**. This service is for **all** members of Holy Cross and we will be joined by pastors and people from other congregations for this special service. The service will be conducted in English and will be followed by a meal served by the Nuer fellowship. Please note this service and plan to attend!

Caroling to Shut-ins: Come join us as we sing carols to our shut-ins on **Sunday, December 2**. You are invited to bring a bag lunch to eat together after the late service as we meet at 1:00 p.m. in the basement to organize into teams and set out at 1:30 for our visits. We plan to return to the church at 4:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the church parlour. For more information contact Marjorie Snyder at 519-745-4698 or e-mail: marjoriesnyder@rogers.com

Men's Retreat - The Men's retreat will be held at the Guelph Bible Centre on **March 1 and 2 2019** at the Guelph Bible Centre. The speaker will be Charles St-Onge Pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church in Montreal. The topic will be Science and the Bible.

Please Note...

Youth will happen on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month ONLY! The 1st and 3rd Fridays we will not be having youth.

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.

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."

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	166 & 240		
Nuer Attendance:	24	Total 430	('17 – 467)
Communion Attd:	9		
Nuer Communion:	10	Total 19	('17 – 7)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 11 Staff: 7	Total 18	('17 – 13)

Thankoffering: In honour of **JENNIE BLOCH's** birthday to Vacation Bible School from Chuck & Charlotte Schiedel. In honour of **PASTOR LLOYD WENTZLAFF's** 90th birthday to Refugee Family Sponsorship from Shirley Wentzlaff, Peter Weber.

Memorial: In memory of **JOYCE WAGNER** to the Unified Church Budget from Robert Wagner. In memory of **REV. ARTHUR SCHIEMANN** to the Lutheran Hour from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff.

Weekly Calendar

Monday November 5 to Sunday November 11, 2018

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St.Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Refugee Resettlement Committee, <i>Conference Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Care & Protect, <i>Conference Room</i>	6:00 p.m.
	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 Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i>	7:30 p.m.
	Board of Missions, <i>Church Library</i>	7:30 p.m.
	Board of Worship, <i>Conference Room</i>	7:30 p.m.
Church Band, <i>Mezzanine</i>	8:30 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.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 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	Circuit Youth Event, <i>First St. Paul's, Wellesley</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Panel Room</i>	2:00 p.m.
	Fall Supper, <i>Downstairs</i>	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Basement</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.
	Junior Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	12:30 p.m.
Slovak Service, <i>Church</i>	3:30 p.m.	