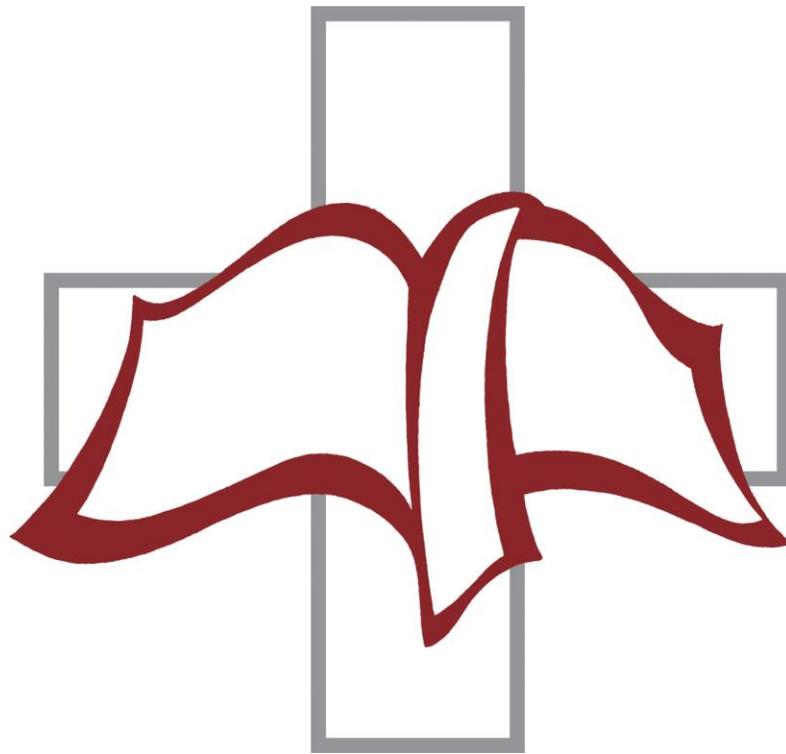


The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

July 14/15, 2019



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The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 am - Divine Service

3:30 pm - Slovak Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Divine Service

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

AGPS #78

Invocation and Psalm 25:1-2, 11-19, 22

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People **O my God, in You I trust;**

Pastor let me not be put to shame;

People **let not my enemies exult over me.**

Pastor Make me to know Your ways, O Lord;

People **teach me Your paths.**

Pastor Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

People **for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.**

Pastor Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,

People **for they have been from of old.**

Pastor Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

Pastor Good and upright is the Lord;

People **therefore He instructs sinners in the way.**

Pastor He leads the humble in what is right,

People **and teaches the humble His way.**

Pastor All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
People **for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

Pastor Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
People **Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.**

Pastor May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
People **for I wait for You.**
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.

Prayer of the Day

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

Pastor Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since You have rescued us in Your beloved Son, in mercy hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You for daily grace and strength, and by Your Spirit grant us to know and to demonstrate in our lives all that You have called us to be and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

O God of Mercy, God of Light

AGPS #182

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.

¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 10:25-37

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

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

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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

Blest Are They *LSB #982*



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, All be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in
 cause of Me. Re - joi - ce and be glad, yours is the



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.
 thirst; They shall have their fill.
 heart; They shall see God!
 faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.
 king - dom; Shine for all to see.



Re - joi - ce and be glad! Bless - ed are you,



ho - ly are you. Re - joi - ce and be glad! Yours is the



king - dom of God.

Sermon

Psalm 25

“HONEST TO GOD”

“To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
 O my God, in You I trust.”

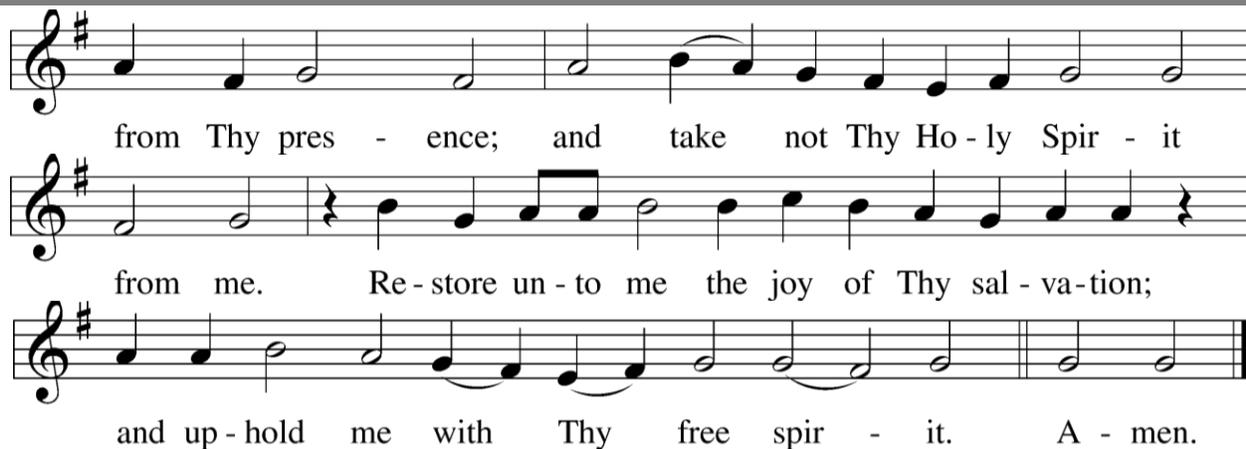
Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way



from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Commissioning of VBS Team to Grimsby

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Anthem

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

*“Miraculous Mission”
 by Adam Countryman*

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

There is a Name I Love to Hear AGPS #236

Preacher..... Pastor Nolan Astley
 Organist..... Jennifer Massicotte
 Special Music..... Brigitte Bridgemohan
 Sound Operators..... Kristopher Griffin & Carl Kuhl

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers this week we remember and give thanks for the **blessings of our Vacation Bible School**. We thank God for each of the children who attended and for all the volunteer support that enables this ministry to be a blessing to our congregation and our community. We also rejoice in the **safe return of our youth and chaperones** from the National Youth Gathering in Langley, BC. We ask God’s blessings on **Lenora Wallden, Evangaline Branje, Brigitte Bridgemohan, and Serena Schmidt** who will be commissioned in today’s service to assist with this week’s VBS at Christ our Saviour Lutheran Church in Grimsby. We pray God’s blessings on **Rev. Matt Fenn** who is to be installed this afternoon at **St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Stratford**. Among our members we rejoice **with Greg and Chelsea Lynch** as they celebrate the birth of a daughter, **Lucy Harper Lynch**. We also remember **Helen Millen** who has been in hospital this past week following surgery.

Staff vacation The following staff are away on vacation: Pastor Roland & Anita Syens are will return to the office Wednesday, August 6; Janet Cumby will return to the office Tuesday, July 30; Kyle Schaffer will return to the office Monday, July 22.

Coming Events...

Saturday Family Fun Social This is a family friendly time for all ages to join in on **Saturday, July 20 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm** in the green basement. There will be food, socializing, and lots of fun for everyone. Please bring \$10 for your family as a donation towards the meal. Please RSVP to Michelle Palmer via email mapalmer1208@gmail.com or call 519-588-9869. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please Note...

Building Renovations: Please prayerfully consider a gift to the facility improvement fund as we strive to raise \$100,000.00 to upgrade the church building. To date we have raised \$73,732.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday & Nuer Attendance:	219 & 26 & 23	Total 268	(*18 – 276)
Communion Attendance:	180 & 23	Total 203	(*18 – 145)

Memorial: In memory of **BRUCE BECKER** to the Unified Church Budget from Jack & Elaine Kahl. To the Facilities Improvement Fund from Bernie & Helga Drung. To Lutheran Bible Translators from Ray & Marg West, Virginia Schmidt, Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff, Gladys Musselman. To Vacation Bible School from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **LOVED ONES** to the Unified Church Budget from Norine Fielding.

Weekly Calendar

Monday July 15 to Sunday July 21, 2019

Monday	Evening Divine Service, Church	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, Downstairs	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	Family Night, Downstairs	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion Service, Church	9:30 a.m.
	Nuer Language Service, Church	2:00 p.m.