

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21 & 22, 2015



**“I COME TO YOU IN  
THE NAME OF THE  
LORD OF HOSTS.”**

1 SAMUEL 17:45



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

with Installation of Congregational Officers

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

12:15 pm - Toronto Summer Mission Meeting

Monday, 7:00 pm - Holy Communion Service

with Installation of Congregational Officers

Hymn

**All You Works of God, Bless the Lord** *LSB #930 vs1-2*

All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
All you angels, now bless the Lord;  
Come, you heavens and pow’rs that be,  
Praise the Lord and His majesty: *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!

Sing, you sun and you moon above,  
Stars of heaven, now sing His love;  
Dew and showers, you winds that blow,  
Heat and fire, you ice and snow: *Refrain*

Invocation & Opening Sentences

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

*People* Amen.

*Pastor* If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,

*People* then the flood would have swept us away.

*Pastor* If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

*People* the torrent would have gone over us.

*Pastor* If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

*People* then over us would have gone the raging waters.

*Pastor* Our help is in the name of the LORD,

*People* who made heaven and earth.

**Confession & Absolution***Pastor* Almighty God, merciful Father,*People* **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 neighbours 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****All You Works of God, Bless the Lord** *LSB #930 vs5-6*

**Come, humanity, sing along,  
Sing, you people of God, a song;  
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,  
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain***

**Refrain**

**Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!**

**Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;  
All you humble, His praise impart;  
God the Father and Son adore,  
Bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain***

**Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49**<sup>1</sup>Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle.<sup>4</sup>And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup>And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him.<sup>8</sup>He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." <sup>10</sup>And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.<sup>19</sup>Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. <sup>20</sup>And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host was going out to the battle line, shouting the war cry. <sup>21</sup>And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. <sup>22</sup>And David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the ranks and went and greeted his brothers. <sup>23</sup>As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.<sup>32</sup>And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup>And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." <sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup>And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!" <sup>38</sup>Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, <sup>39</sup>and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. <sup>40</sup>Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.<sup>41</sup>And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup>And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup>And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

<sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." <sup>45</sup>Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand." <sup>48</sup>When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup>And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

*Pastor* This the Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*(Shari & Eden Keller, Jack Kahl)*

### "How Great Thou Art"

*by Carl Boberg*

### Holy Gospel: St. Mark 4:35-41

*Pastor* The Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter

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

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*Pastor* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Hymn

**For all the Saints** *LSB #677 vs1-3,8*

**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!**

**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!**

### Sermon

1 Samuel 17:47

### "FACING YOUR GIANTS"

### 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.

### Installation of Congregational Officers

### Prayer of the Church

### Parish Announcements & Gathering of Offerings

### Preface

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

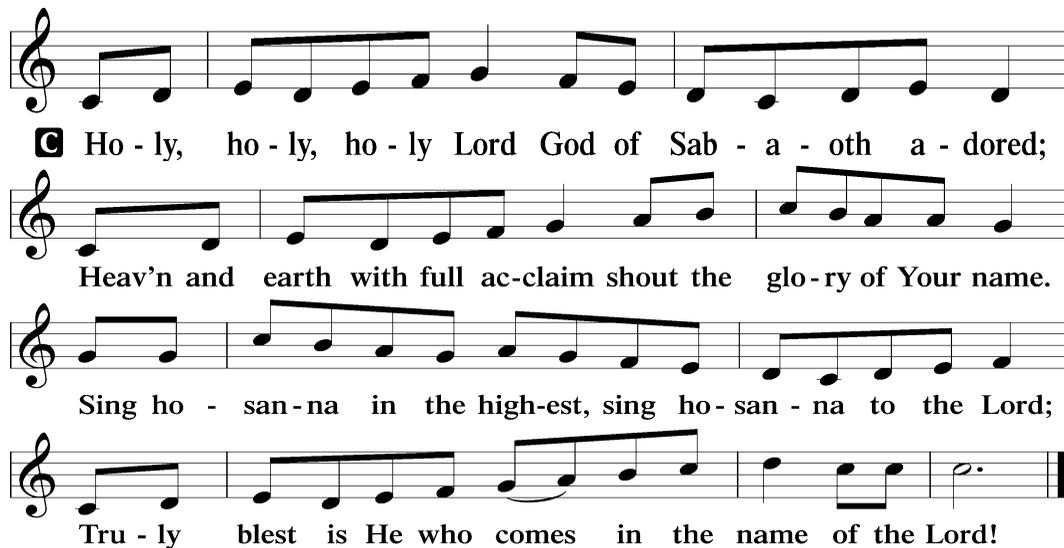
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*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, 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 & Lord's Prayer**

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

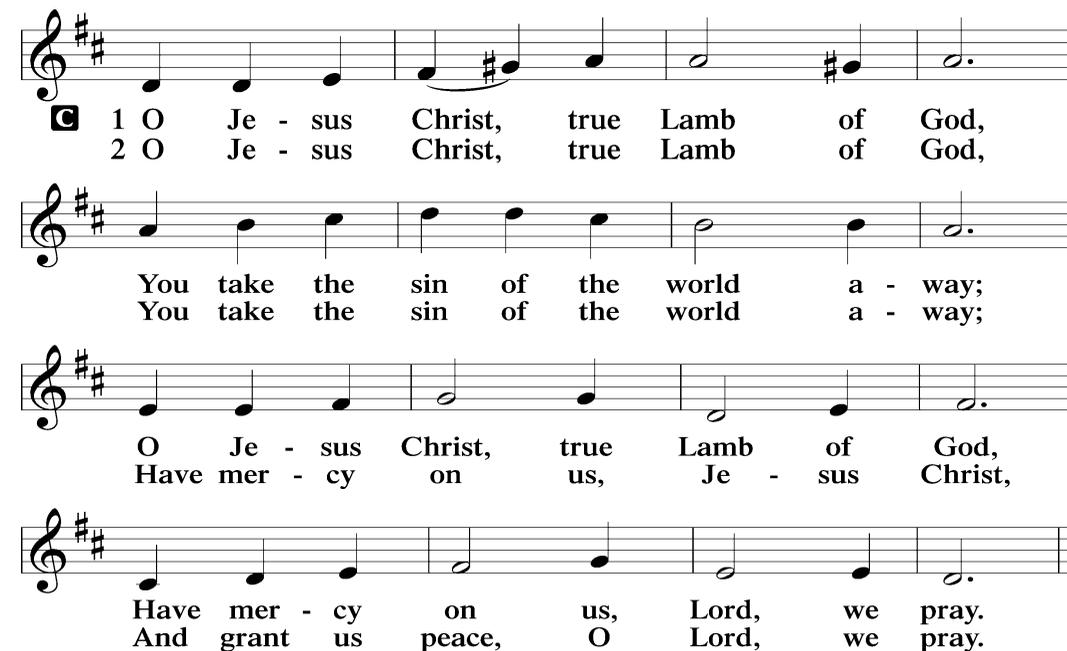
*People* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Pastor* O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*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**

**Be Still, My Soul** LSB #752  
**Jesus Shall Reign** LSB #832

**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**

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand** LSB #739

- Preacher** ..... Pastor Roland Syens
- Officiant**..... Pastor Nolan Astley
- Communion Assistants** ..... (8:30) Pastor Wentzlaff,  
..... (11:00) Emmanuel George, Rick Hutfloetz
- Organists/Pianists** ..... Jennifer Massicotte, Anne Forler
- Special Music**..... Elliot & Kris Sachsenmeier (*trumpet duet*)  
..... Jack Kahl (*trumpet*)
- Acolytes** ..... (8:30) Jordan Fergin, (11:00) Jeremy Das
- Sound Operators** ..... (8:30) Jerry Golschesky, (11:00) Chris Bohl

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**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers this week we remember **Sigrid Bakermann** and **Gunda Botermann** and their families and they mourn the passing of their mother Elfriede Bakermann. We also remember **Merle Groff** who has been in hospital again this week. Yesterday was **World Refugee Day** and we join Christian congregations in our community and pray for God’s help to those who are refugees and that He open the hearts of those who can assist them in their plight.

**Coming Events...**

**LAST VBS Registration is Thursday, June 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Come to the parlour to sign up for **SonSpark Labs** where **God’s Plan 4U = Jesus!** Our program runs Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to noon, for kids born in 2011 (JK) through Grade 7. Can’t make it on Thursday? Print a registration form from our website [www.holycrosskitchener.org](http://www.holycrosskitchener.org) Complete it and bring it or mail it in. Don’t miss out!

**The Library** will be partially dismantled and both spaces used for VBS - then the downstairs library will operate without helpers present for the remainder of the summer. It would be helpful if all materials from the downstairs library that you are finished using would be returned by **June 28** so that we can process them before the VBS set-up. Books and CDs may be signed out as usual over the summer. Feel free to call Alice Scott if you need help signing out other materials. See you in the library!

**Summer schedule** begins next week, **Sunday, June 28 at 9:30 a.m.** and continues through to September 6.

**VBS Set-up Night** is **Tuesday, June 30.** We need strong helpers at 6:30 p.m. to move tables and chairs. Others can arrive at 7:30 p.m. to “paper” tables and decorate rooms.

**The African Children’s Choir** is singing at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on **Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m.** Come and hear 18 children from Uganda singing well-loved gospel songs as well as traditional African songs. A free will offering will be taken to support the African Children’s Choir programs in education, relief and development. Invite your family and friends to come with you on July 20. We are in need of host families for July 19, 20, and 21 for the African Children's choir children and their chaperones. Host families need to provide sleeping accommodations for 3 children and one adult, so 2 bedrooms are needed. For complete details please contact Heather Schein (519-590-5072 cell phone) if interested. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some amazing children and to be a part of their choir tour in a very personal way.

**Coming Events...**

**Leaving a Lasting Legacy** *Proverbs 3:9 – ‘Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops’* Have you ever considered how you might leave a lasting legacy to the honour and glory of our Lord. God has blessed many in our church body and in response we are looking for ways to glorify God by giving back to him what he has provided us in abundance. For ideas on how you can leave a lasting legacy you can pick up the yellow brochure entitled “LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY” at the magazine rack by the pigeon holes.

**Return your Nursery Sunday School Registration Form:** Calling all **kids born in 2012** - you are our incoming Nursery class this fall! You should have received a letter and registration form in the mail. Don't forget to **return it to us ASAP** so we can begin making fall plans. Didn't get a form? Call the office to request one.

**Beth still needs 6 plain, long-sleeve white men's dress shirts, size XL:** It's always fun to collect quirky stuff for VBS. This year I need dress shirts in decent shape! Raid your closets and drop off what you find in a grocery bag on my office doorknob. "The plainer the better" (ie no stripes, if possible). Note: these must be a "donation"- they'll be altered and can't be returned. Thanks!

## Today's Education Hour...

**Today is our last Education Hour until the fall:** June 21 is our final lesson time for all classes before our summer recess. We begin again on **Rally Sunday, September 13.**

**Nursery through Gr. 6/7** students enjoy a film and some treats on this final morning of the term. Join us for **Opening in the basement at 9:45 a.m.**

**Youth** (Gr. 8-12) meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Centre for the **Nooma video, Shells** today.

**YABS (Young Adult Bible Study)** meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Triple Bible Class for a **casual Yak & Snack** as we think about materials and topics for the fall.

**Adult Bible Class** will conclude its study of 1 John, focussing on chapter 5. We will stop at around 10:30 am to answer any questions you may have about Pastor Astley's service as Interim Pastoral Leader of the ABC District.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	120 & 160 & 20	Total 300	('14 - 319)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 43 Staff: 1	Total 44	('14 - 44)
<b>Young Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 2 Staff: 3	Total 5	('14 - 5)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total 6	('14 - 4)
<b>Sunday School Attendance:</b>	Pupils: 30 Staff: 14	Total 44	('14 - 37)

**Thankoffering:** In grateful thanks to God for **ANSWERED PRAYERS** to the Unified Church Budget from Peter Weber.

**Memorial:** In memory of **VERNA BOWMAN** to the Unified Church Budget from Loreen Rieck, Delbert Maschke, Kevin & Janet Byers. In memory of **RUTH FISCHER** to the Unified Church Budget from Donald & Irene Gillard, Kevin & Debbie Rayner, Reinhold & Anna Schmidt, Cheryl Lee, Joan Lautenschlager, Alan & Barbara Jones, June Pettie, Marlene Lemon, Diann Helliwell. To the Women's Renewal Weekend from Bob & Ruth Ann Paetz, Grant & Joanne Schaefer. To Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Ron & Doris Johnston, Jack & Elaine Kahl. In memory of **JUNE KELLER** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Jack & Elaine Kahl. To the Unified Church Budget from Marlene Lemon, Cheryl Lee, Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Joan Lautenschlager, Shirley Martin, Mervyn Villemaire, Nancy Makela, Richard & Pat Emmerton, Linda Seager, Clive & Mary Joan Rigby, Pat Schmitt, Bob & Ruth Ann Paetz, David & Fern Allen, Marg Klages. In memory of **ERVIN STEVER** to the Unified Church Budget from Diann Helliwell, Fred & Shirley Schmidt, Ross & Sue Heimpel, Grant & Joanne Schaefer.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, June 22 to Sunday, June 28, 2015

<b>Monday</b>	Evening Holy Communion Service, Church.....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> with Installation of Congregational Officers
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, Historic St. Paul's .....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Board of Church Property, Triple Bible Classroom.....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, Downstairs.....	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	Prayer Group, Triple Bible Classroom .....	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	VBS Community Registration, Parlour .....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	Board of Evangelism, Triple Bible Classroom .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Praise Singers, Church .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	'This House', BBQ at the Church .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Divine Service, Church.....</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	Toronto Mission Day Trip, Trinity Lutheran, Toronto .....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>