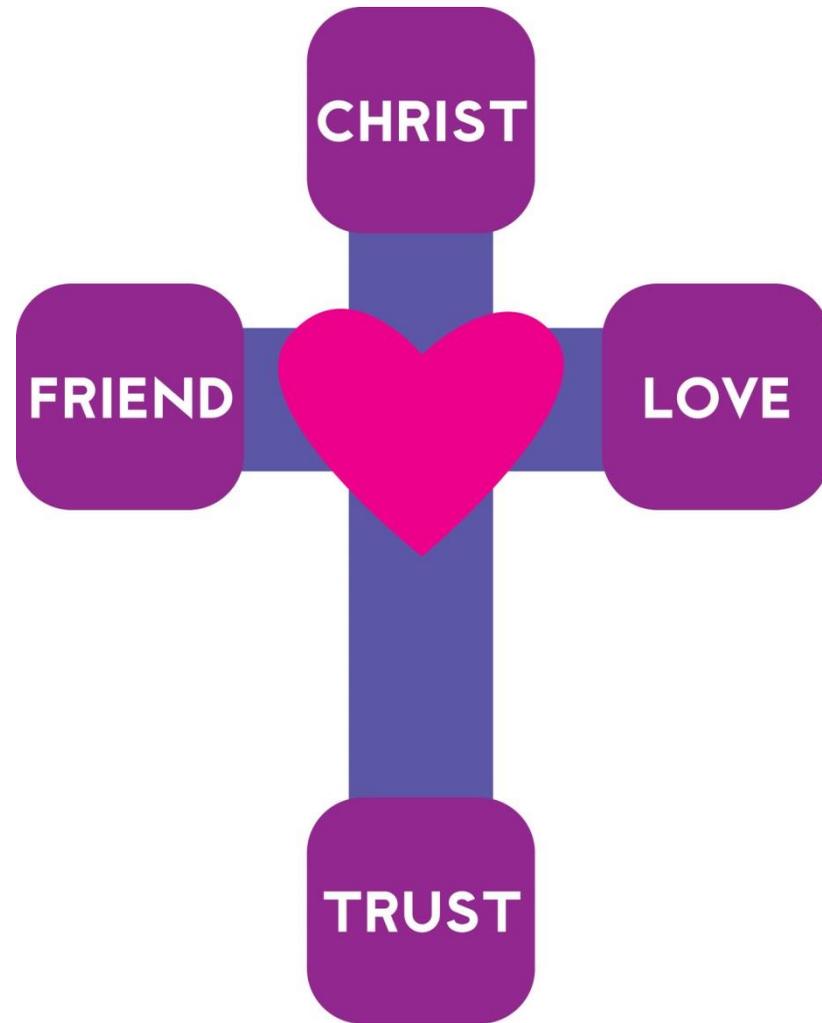


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9:30 am - Divine Service

11:00 am - Toronto Mission Day Trip to Trinity

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee LSB #803

Invocation & Opening Sentences

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

People Amen.

Pastor The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

People His mercies never come to an end;

Pastor they are new every morning;

People great is Your faithfulness.

Pastor “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,

People “therefore I will hope in Him.”

Confession & Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor Generous God, loving Lord,

People We, Your wayward children, confess that we are naturally sinful and unclean.

Thinking first of ourselves, we neglect to love and serve others, and we harm them by our self-centered choices. You promise in Your Word that You love sinners. So forgive us for Jesus’ sake, we pray. Fill us with Your generous Spirit that Your love for us would overflow into the lives of others.

Pastor Beloved in Christ, the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, and His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, and great is His faithfulness. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Anthem

(Praise Singers)

“We Have Come to Worship”

by Stan Pethel

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 17:57-18:16

⁵⁷And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸And Saul said to him, “Whose son are you, young man?” And David answered, “I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”

¹As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ²And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. ³Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. ⁵And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

⁶As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. ⁷And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, "Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

⁸And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?" ⁹And Saul eyed David from that day on. ¹⁰The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. ¹¹And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice.

¹²Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. ¹³So Saul removed him from his presence and made him a commander of a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people. ¹⁴And David had success in all his undertakings, for the LORD was with him. ¹⁵And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him. ¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

¹³For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Praise Singers)

"Just a Closer Walk"

by Nancy Price, Don Besig

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 5:21-43

Pastor The Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter

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

²¹And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet²³and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?"³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

Great is Thy Faithfulness *LSB #809*

Sermon

1 Samuel 18:1

"THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP"

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.**

Anthem

(Praise Singers)

"Jesus, What a Beautiful Name"

by Tanya Riches

Parish Announcements & Gathering of Offering

Prayers of the Church and 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.**

Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing *LSB #922*

Preacher Pastor Roland Syens

Officiant.....Pastor Nolan Astley

Pianists..... Heather Schein (*Sunday*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Monday*)

Praise Singers Brian Hallman (*Director*), John Rickert (*drums*)

.....Gabrielle George, Jacob Drung (*percussion*)

Sound Operators Ken Griffin

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers we remember **Doreen Groff** & family as they mourn the passing of Merle, whom the Lord called home to Himself on Thursday morning. We also thank God for the freedoms and peace we enjoy in Canada and ask our Lord to keep our land in His care. We also pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the ABC District asking God to continue to guide the efforts to resolve the financial crisis in that District.

Coming Events...

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.

Sunday School and Bible Classes are in recess until the fall. You can mark Rally Day on your calendar now. We **begin again Sunday, September 13, 2015**.

Please Note...

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies please!! It's time to bring in "squillions" of **NUT-FREE cookies** for our VBS program. After some preliminary discussion around changing our approach, we have determined it is best to move forward in the usual way for VBS 2015. Kids enjoy store-bought or home-made cookies, but once again they *must* be nut-free. **Please read labels carefully!** You can drop cookies off in the kitchen, on the counter, labelled "VBS". We'll need between 1800-2000 cookies during the week of VBS. Thanks in advance for your help!

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.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	106 & 138 & 28	Total 272	('14 – 317)
Communion Attendance:	91 & 113 & 26	Total 230	('14 – 273)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 39 Staff: 1	Total 40	('14 – 39)
Young Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 0 Staff: 1	Total 1	('14 – 7)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total 6	('14 – 11)
Sunday School Attendance:	Pupils: 29 Staff: 15	Total 44	('14 – 35)

Thankoffering: In honour of **ROY SULLIVAN's** birthday to Support for Pastor Oleg Schewtschenko from Gordon & Susan Collins.

Memorial: In memory of **TERRY ROSENAU** to Vacation Bible School from Peter Weber. In memory of **ERVIN STEVER** to the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Cornell, Fern Reiser. In memory of **JUNE KELLER** to the Unified Church Budget from Linda, William & Maxine Becker, Cheryl McCall, David & Linda McKnight, Ross & Sandy Dolson, Roland & Marilyn Blacker, Gerald & Marina Fritz, Kathleen Lobsinger, Gerry & Ila Wentzlaff, Ross & Sue Heimpel, Gary Kruger & Barbara Nagy, Bernie & Helga Drung, Dave & Sandra Gowing, Jim & Vicki Tait, Pat Priebe, Audrey Wicks, Paul Berg, Karin Toolsie. In memory of **RUTH FISCHER** to the Unified Church Budget from Bonita Snider, Art & Anna Jones, David Westfall, Matthew & Laura Aston, Gladys Musselman, Helen Wagner, Marion Stashuk, Frances Lewis, Grace Mattison, Gerry & Ila Wentzlaff, Dan & Ede Marshall, Mark, Tracey & Rob Cook, Gary & Linda Ebel, Kay Stauch, Connie Gerlach, Ross & Sandy Dolson, Sherry Fischer, Helmut & Marie Groh, Murray & Norma Herz, Gerald & Marina Fritz, Jim & Janet Aston, Fred Gillard, Audrey Reitzel. To Vacation Bible School from Karin Toolsie.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, June 29 to Sunday, July 5, 2015

Monday	Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Young Peoples, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	8:15 p.m.
Tuesday	VBS Heavy Duty Set-up, <i>Everywhere</i>	6:30 p.m.
	VBS Light Duty Set-up, <i>Everywhere</i>	7:30 p.m.
	AP Training, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Canada Day, <i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Sunday	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	9:30 a.m.
	With VBS & Toronto Mission Team Commissioning	