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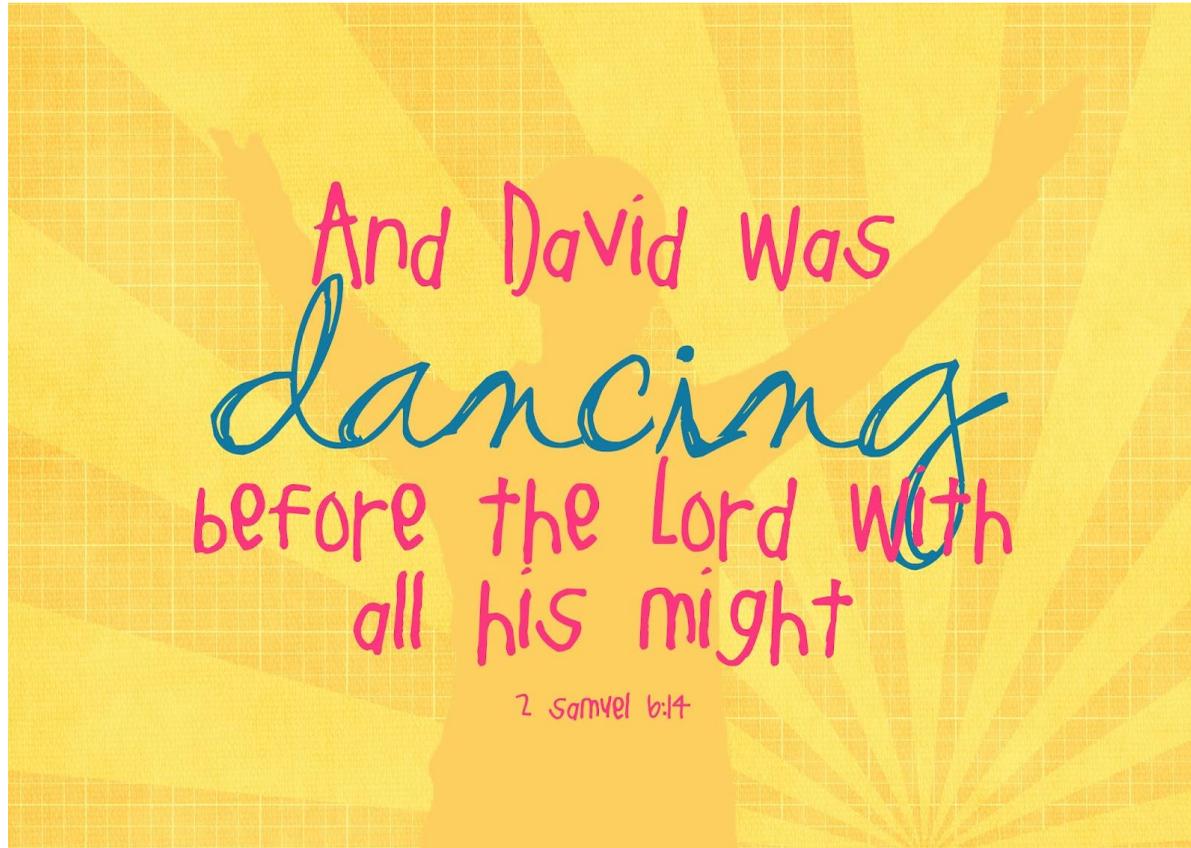
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9:30 am - Divine Service

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

4:30 pm - VBS Cast Rehearsal

7:00 pm - VBS Musical & Open House



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Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

There is a Name I Love to Hear AGPS #236

Invocation & Opening Prayer

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor For Your name’s sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

People **In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

Pastor Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

People **In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**

Pastor Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

People **for no one living is righteous before You.**

Pastor Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You trust.

All **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.**

Pastor For Your name’s sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

People **In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

Pastor The Lord be with you

People **And Also with you**

Pastor Let us pray

People **Amen**

Hymn of Praise

We Come to Praise You AGPS #254

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

¹David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. ³And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, ⁴with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark. ⁵And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

^{12b} So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. ¹³And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. ¹⁴And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

¹⁶As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. ¹⁸And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts ¹⁹and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house.

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Fletcher Planert)

“In Heaven’s Eyes”

by Phill McHugh

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 6:14-29

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

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of [Jesus’ miracles], for Jesus’ name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” ¹⁵But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias’s daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” ²³And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

Lord of the Dance AGPS #170

Sermon

2 Samuel 6:14

“AND DAVID DANCED”

Hymn

Thy Word is a Lamp AGPS #247

Parish Announcements & Gathering of Offering

VBS Anthems

(VBS Children)

“It is Good”

“Look At Jesus”

both by Jamie Owens Collins

Prayer 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

He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands AGPS #117

Preacher Pastor Nolan Astley

Organist Jennifer Massicotte

Special Music.....Sarah Kehn (violin),

.....Gabrielle George & Jennifer Massicotte (piano duet)

Sound OperatorMarty Stanfel

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers we give thanks for the many blessings we received this past week during Vacation Bible School and we ask God to bless our mission outreach in downtown Toronto this coming week as our Summer Mission Team leads a Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran church. We also remember Marcie Zieroth and family as they mourn the passing of Glenn Zieroth who was called to his heavenly home on Thursday morning. The Memorial Service for Glenn will be held in August.

Tonight is our VBS Musicale at 7:00 pm in the gym. Come and hear a bit about what we’ve learned this week at VBS! Cast members meet at 4:30 p.m. with a bag supper. The rest of the VBS kids should arrive in their assigned Department space by 6:45 p.m. Thank you to Faith Life for providing a frozen treat following the presentation.

Able-Bodied Volunteers Needed: The Board of Church Properties is looking for helpers tonight at 8:00 pm to help with the VBS take-down. Many helpers make light work!

Coming Events...

The African Children’s Choir is singing at Holy Cross 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. We are in need of one more host family for July 19 & 20 for the African Children’s choir children and their chaperones. For complete details please contact Heather Schein (519-590-5072).

Youth Activities - Youth will gather for devotion and fun on Sunday, July 26 from 2-4pm. Details are coming so check your bulletin and/or Youth bulletin board.

Ordination & Installation service for Seminarian Aaron Astley will be held on Sunday, August 9, 4:00 pm at Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church 448 Main Street, W. Grimsby. Pastor Nolan Astley will serve as guest preacher.

New Church Directory coming in September: This year for the directory we are looking for everyone to update all their information. Please fill out the form in your pigeon hole and place it in the offering plate or in the office boxes on the office door by August 16. If you need an additional form, there are update forms at the Welcome Centre.

Please Note...

Beginnings program will return Thursday, July 23 at 9:30 am. Please join us!

Our downstairs nursery space is unavailable today because it was used as a classroom for VBS this past week. The room will be open again during worship starting July 19.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	207 & 49	Total 256	('14 – 310)
Communion Attendance:	190 & 43	Total 233	('14 – 243)

Thankoffering: In honour of **ROY SULLIVAN's** birthday to Vacation Bible School from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In honour of **PETER WEBER's** birthday to Vacation Bible School from Bob & Jean Schmitt.

Memorial: In memory of **HERMAN KARTECHNER** to the Unified Church Budget from Molly Kartechner. In memory of **GORDON WEBER** to Vacation Bible School from Gordon Weber. In memory of **RUTH FISCHER** to the BC Mission from Arnold & Cheri Drung & Family. In memory of **MERLE GROFF** to the BC Mission from Arnold & Cheri Drung & Family, Kathy Hallman. To the Unified Church Budget from Dieter & Roz Kays, Joan, Debbie, Donna Lautenschlager, David & Judy Lloyd, Judith Strongman. To Vacation Bible School from Marg Klages, Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **JEFF LONGAVER** to the BC Mission from Arnold & Cheri Drung & Family. In memory of **JUNE KELLER** to the Unified Church Budget from Dieter & Roz Kays, David Hollinger.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 13 to Sunday, July 19, 2015

Sunday - Friday Toronto Summer Mission, *Trinity Lutheran Toronto*

Monday Evening Divine Service, *Church*.....**7:00 p.m.**
 VBS Supervisor Wrap-up, *Carol Young's house***7:00 p.m.**

Sunday **The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
Holy Communion Service, Church..... **9:30 a.m.**



LET'S CELEBRATE WITH OUR PASTORS!

Pastor Astley will reach his 30th Anniversary of Ordination in August.



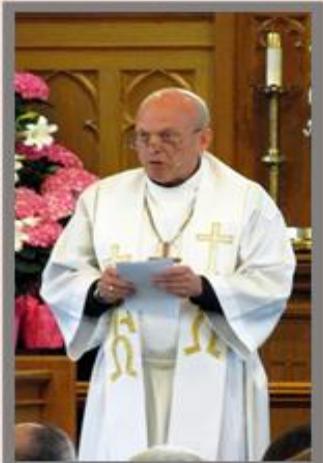
30th Ordination Anniversary - August 11, 2015

LET'S GATHER FOR A FAMILY CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY JULY 26 AFTER 9:30AM SERVICE

Mark that date to stay a little longer for a social time in the gym to thank God for His blessings on our Pastors and on our Holy Cross family for their dedication to us.

Pastor Syens reached his 25th Anniversary of his Ordination in June.



25th Ordination Anniversary - June 24, 2015