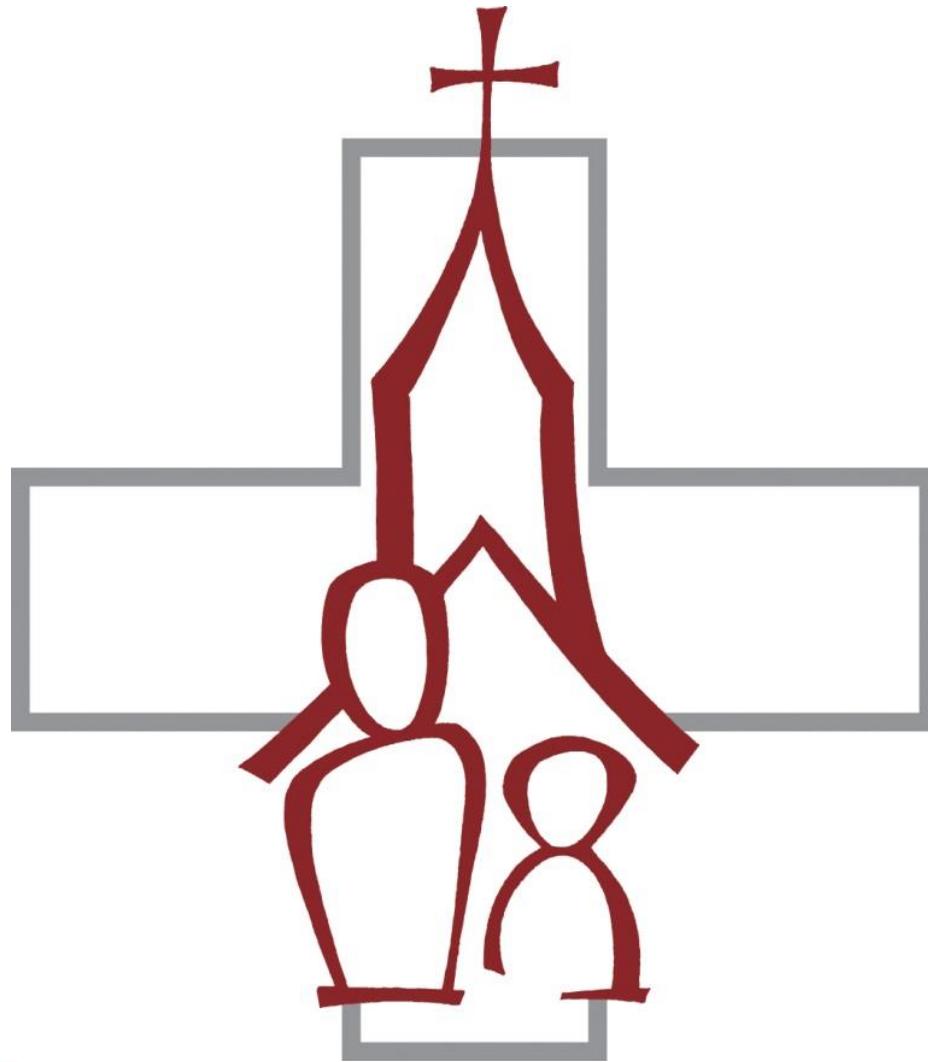


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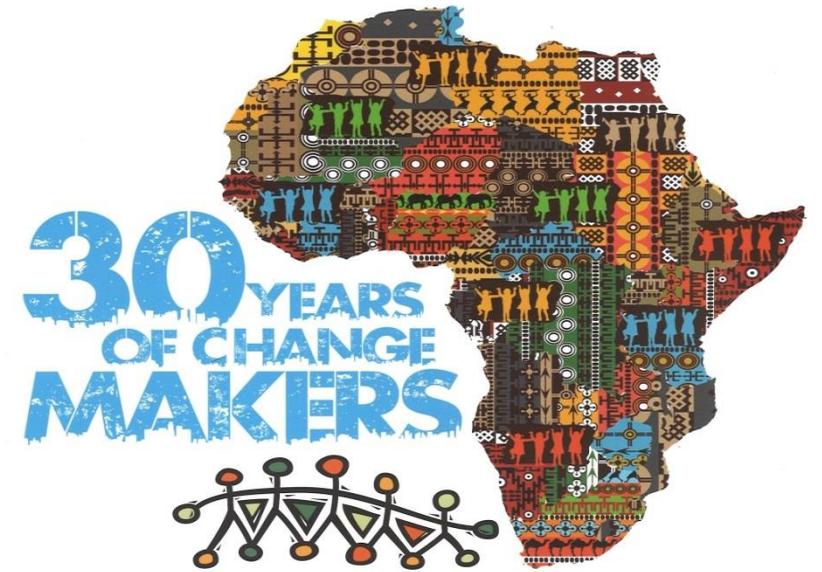


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**Helping Africa's most vulnerable children today,
so they can help Africa tomorrow.**

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am - Holy Communion Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Divine Service with African Children's Choir

Call to Worship Bells

Opening Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded;
Keep us without sin today,
Never let us be confounded.
Lo, I put my trust in Thee;
Never, Lord, abandon me.

Invocation & Opening Prayer

Pastor In the name of God 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

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Lauren Gray)

“Cornerstone”

by Lari Goss

Holy Gospel: St. Mark 6:30-44

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

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

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day**In Christ Alone**

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious day
 Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath
 Jesus commands my destiny
 No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
 'Til He returns or calls me home
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Sermon

Ephesians 2:11-22

"GOD'S HOUSE"

Installation of BC Mission Team

Prayer of the Church

Parish Announcements & 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is our Good Shepherd, providing feasts of physical and spiritual blessings during our earthly sojourn until we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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."

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.**

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

The Church's One Foundation LSB #644
Christ Be My Leader LSB #861
I'm But a Stranger Here LSB #748

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.**

Pastor Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

Give thanks With a Grateful Heart LSB #806

PreacherPastor Nolan Astley
Officiant..... Pastor Roland Syens
Communion AssistantsPastor Robert Morley & Lloyd Wentzlaff
Organist Jennifer Massicotte
Special Music Gabrielle George (*piano*),
Jonathan & Rebekah Astley, Mitch Kehn, Michelle Palmer, Bob Paetz (*brass quintet*)
Sound Operator Jerry Golschesky

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we give thanks for God's guidance to our **Toronto Mission Team** as they led Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran Church in Toronto this past week. We also ask God's blessings on our **Ehattesah Mission Team** that will begin its work later this week traveling to Vancouver Island. We give thanks for the **African Children's Choir** and ask God to bless their ministry as they travel through Ontario. We also remember those of our congregational family undergoing cancer treatments, including **Ewan Gallagher, Marina Fritz and Ross Heimpel.**

Staff Summer Holidays...Debbie Pritchard is away Monday, July 20 to Tuesday, August 4. May God Debbie and her family with a time of rest and peace.

The African Children's Choir is singing at Holy Cross **tomorrow 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.

Children's Activity Bulletins...Are available for ages 3-6 or 7-12. Ask an usher for a bulletin to help your kids follow the service in an activity based way.

Coming Events...

Let's celebrate with our Pastors - Pastor Syens reached his 25th anniversary of his ordination in June and Pastor Astley will reach his 30th anniversary of ordination in August, so we have picked a date of **Sunday July 26 after service** to gather as a family celebration! 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.

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...

Come and see our downstairs library! Our children are full of hope and trust and they know Jesus loves them. We have many wonderful children's picture books: find "God's Wonderful Plan" by Allia Zobel-Nolan and read how our hope is fulfilled. Melody Carlson's "The Berry Patch Bears" series of board books tells about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. For older children, grab "Magnify, the Complete New Testament for Children" (An International Bible Production) that is filled with interactive super heroes, games and quizzes. To fill the summer hours with your children, use our books filled with stories, activities and games. Don't forget to grab some videos, too. **See you in the library!**

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	212 & 36	Total 248	('14 - 270)
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Thankoffering: In honour of **DEDICATED VBS KITCHEN STAFF** to Vacation Bible School from Pat Famme.

Memorial: In memory of **RUTH FISCHER** to the Unified Church Budget from Bernie & Helga Drung. In memory of **ERVIN STEVER** to the Unified Church Budget from Bernie & Helga Drung. In memory of **MERLE GROFF** to the Unified Church Budget from Virginia Schmidt, Helen M. Wagner, John & Judith Penteker, Michael & Pauline Prashad, Bruno & Jean Fergin. To the Church Choir from Dave & Wilma Reist. In memory of **GLENN ZIEROTH** to the Toronto Mission from Ray & Marg West. To the Unified Church Budget from Erv & Jennie Bloch, Marjorie Snyder.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 20 to Sunday, July 26, 2015

Monday	Evening Divine Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	With African Children's Choir	
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
Friday, July 24 - Saturday, August 1		
	BC Mission, <i>Ehattesah, BC</i>	
Sunday	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service, Church	9:30 a.m.
	Ordination Celebration, <i>Gym</i>	11:00 a.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.