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9:30 am - Holy Communion Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Evening Communion Service

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven LSB #477

Invocation, Confession & Forgiveness of Sins

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 **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. 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**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son, Jesus, as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. ²⁷And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

¹²And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶and he shall restore the lamb four fold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹¹Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹²For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'" ¹³David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Judy Lumsden)

"Guard Your Heart"

by Jon Mohr

Holy Gospel: St. John 6:22-35

Pastor The Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-second chapter

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

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

Renew Me O Eternal Light LSB #704

Sermon

2 Samuel 12:7

"YOU ARE THE MAN: BEHOLD THE MAN"

Nicene Creed

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
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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.

The Peace of the Lord

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymns**Amazing Grace** *LSB #744*

I Am the Bread of Life

"I am the Bread of life.
 You who come to Me shall not hunger;
 and who believe in Me shall not thirst.
 No one can come to Me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,
 And I will raise you up.
 And I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give
 is My flesh for the life of the world,
 and if you eat of this bread,
 you shall live forever,
 you shall live forever." *Refrain*

"Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
 and drink of His blood,
 and drink of His blood,
 you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*

"I am the Resurrection,
 I am the life.
 If you believe in Me,
 even though you die,
 you shall live forever." *Refrain*

Yes, Lord, I believe
 that You are the Christ,
 the Son of God,
 Who has come
 into the world. *Refrain*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor God, the Father of us all, we give You thanks for the gift of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the bread of life from heaven. Nourished by this Bread, guide us by Your Spirit to speak the truth in love and to grow up in every way into Christ, so that the world may taste and see Your goodness, mercy, and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer LSB #918

Preacher Pastor Nolan Astley
Officiant..... Pastor Roland Syens
Communion Assistant..... Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff
PianistJudy Lumsden
Special Music..... Isaiah Bridgemohan
Sound Operator Ken Griffin

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Prayer Concerns: for all who are on *holidays* and who *travel* that God give to them traveling mercies. Thank the Lord for our short term *mission team to Ehattesaht* and pray for all VBS ministry and summer camps that the message of the Gospel continues to work in the hearts and minds of all who have heard it. We pray for God’s continued blessings on *Jeremy & Jessica (néé Hutfloetz) Monforte* who were married yesterday. We give thanks with *Don & Mary Belle Poll* as they celebrated their 69th Wedding Anniversary July 27, as Mary Belle celebrates her 90th birthday on August 6 and that they’ve been members of Holy Cross for 56 years!; for all who struggle with illness especially: *Ewan Gallacher, Ross Heimpel, Marina Fritz* and others struggling with cancer; for those areas in our world dealing with *drought* that God would provide rain. We thank the LORD for *all the blessings* of house and home and family and food and for faith in Christ.

Staff Summer Holidays...Beth Gibney and Richard Roth continue on holidays this week, returning to the office August, 10; Jennifer Massicotte begins two weeks of holidays and returns to the office August 17. May God grant them all a time of rest and peace

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...

Pool Party... Youth, including this fall’s confirmands, and Young Adults are invited to a pool party on **Sunday, August 9** from 2-5 p.m., at the Drungs’ at 19 Haley Court, West Montrose. If you need a ride then be at the church at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5. Sign-up sheets are on the youth board outside of Beth’s office.

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. Everyone is Welcome!

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.

Beth’s Farewell BBQ and Peach Social will take place on **Sunday, August 23 after the service.** We will gather together for a time of fellowship and to share memories with Beth as she heads into retirement.

Please Note...

A Word of Thanks...On behalf of ourselves and our families we give thanks to God for the people of Holy Cross and particularly for last Sunday’s coffee and cake reception to celebrate our 25th and 30th anniversary of ordination into the Holy Ministry. It is a great joy to serve our Lord by serving you all. Our God supplies our every need “*according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen*” *Philippians 4:19-20* Pastor Astley and Pastor Syens

Pneumonia Vest Knitters: Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is *no longer able to accept knitted/crochet pneumonia vests and hats or rolled leprosy bandage wraps* that we have long prepared as part of LINC. If any of you still have any knitted pneumonia sets at home, please return them ASAP so that Beth can prepare a final shipment. Thank you friends for many years of dedication to these service projects!

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance: 238 & 20 Total 258 (‘14 – 234)

Thankoffering: In honour of and with thanks to God for **PASTOR ASTLEY's** 30th Ordination Anniversary to Missions from Bob & Jean Schmitt, Ross & Sue Heimpel. To the Unified Church Budget from Pat & Earl Famme, Lois Cybalski, Sherry Swartz-Hill. In honour of and with thanks to God for **PASTOR SYENS'** 25th Ordination Anniversary to the Ukraine Mission from Bob & Jean Schmitt, Ross & Sue Heimpel. To the Unified Church Budget from Pat & Earl Famme, Lois Cybalski, Sherry Swartz-Hill.

Memorial: In memory of **GLENN ZIEROTH** to the Unified Church Budget from Don & Erma Iwanoczko, Audrey Zieroth. In memory of **BOB KELLY** to Vacation Bible School from Doug & Joanne Grischow. In memory of **KARL SCHMITT** to the Unified Church Budget from Pat Schmitt. In memory of **JUNE KELLER** to the Unified Church Budget from Don & Millie Kraft. In memory of **RUTH FISCHER** to the Unified Church Budget from Don & Millie Kraft. In memory of **MERLE GROFF** to the Unified Church Budget from Grant & Joanne Schaefer. To the Lutheran Hour from Martha Schaus.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 3 to Sunday, August 9, 2015

Monday	Civic Holiday, <i>Church Office Closed</i> Evening Communion Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service , <i>Church</i> YA & Youth Pool Party, <i>Drung's, West Montrose</i> Slovak Congregation Service , <i>Church</i>	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.