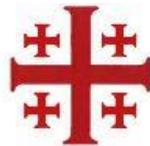
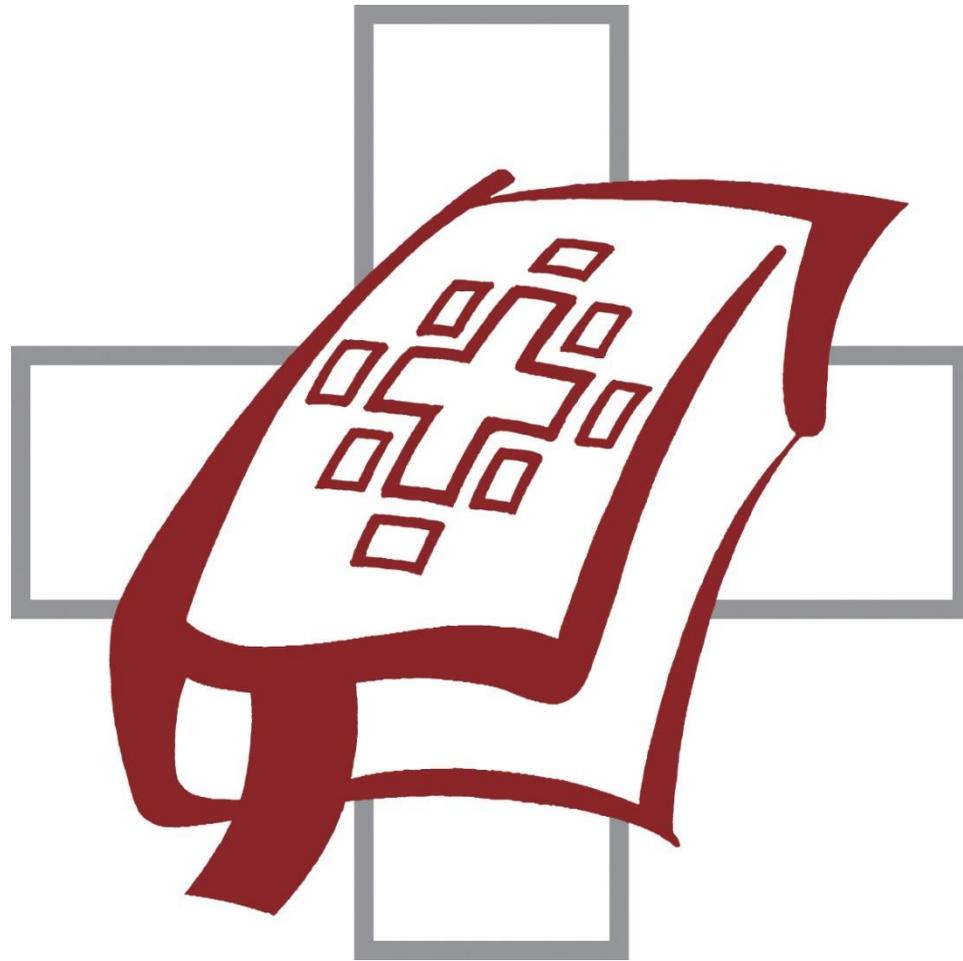


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8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion Services

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

Opening Hymn

O Day of Rest and Gladness *LSB #906*

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.

People **With my whole heart I seek You.**

Pastor How difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!

People **But all things are possible with God.**

Pastor Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor Beloved, let us confess our sin, our weakness, and our need of God’s help.

People **Almighty God, I confess to You all my sins and my complete inability to redeem myself in Your sight. I am by nature sinful, and I have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. You have done what is impossible for me on my own. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, forgive me of my sin.**

Pastor With man it is impossible, but not with God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 (8:30)



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
- 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther’s Son, we pray;
- 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Praise Choruses (11:00)

Rejoice And Be Exceedingly Glad by Nancy Gordon

(Chorus)

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad.
Lift up your voice and sing praises;
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad.
Sing to the King of all ages.

With gladness of heart, come and sing.
Let your hosannas ring;
With hands lifted up, praises bring,
And with praise, let us crown Him the King.

More Precious Than Silver by Lynn Deshazo

Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds
and nothing I desire compares with You.

Child, You are more precious than silver.
Child, You are more costly than gold.
Child, You are more beautiful than diamonds
and nothing I desire compares with You.

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. ¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. ¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:1-13

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." ⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Pastor This the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(Lauren Gray, soloist ~ 8:30am)

(Praise Singers ~ 11am)

“Who Am I?”

by Nathan & Christy Nockels

“All Thanks and Praise”

by Mark Patterson

Holy Gospel - St. Mark 10:23-31

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

²³And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

What Is the World to Me LSB #730

Sermon

St. Mark 10:23-31

“THE ONLY WAY: WIN BY LOSING”

Apostles’ Creed

Pastor Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

People **Yes, I believe 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.**

Pastor Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People **Yes, 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.**

Anthem

(Praise Singers ~ 11am)

“Think About His Love”

by Walt Harrah

Prayer of the Church

Parish Announcements and Offering

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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!

The 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 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

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service *LSB #848*
What a Friend We Have in Jesus *LSB # 770*

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.**

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory *LSB #850*

Officiant..... Pastor Roland Syens
Preacher President Robert Bugbee
Communion AssistantsPastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (8:30), Carl Kuhl, Rick Hutfloetz (11:00)
Organist Jennifer Massicotte
Pianist Heather Schein
Praise Singers Brian Hallman (*director*)
Special Music..... Jordan Fergin, Gabrielle George, Eden Keller, Kaitlyn Neustaedter (*piano*)
Sound Operators Jerry Golschesky (8:30), Mike Koch (11:00)

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Prayer Concerns: We pray for our upcoming **elections** that God would bring into power the leaders of His choosing; for those who struggle with **health issues, addictions, depression, loneliness**; for all our **missionaries** and **church workers** that God give them wisdom and strength; for **Pastor Astley** and **President Bugbee** as they continue to minister to God’s people here in Canada; for all who **struggle with singleness** for widows and widowers, for singles and those who are divorced or separated that they would find comfort in God’s presence and His love; for those who are **refugees** that they might find homes and that they may know the Love of God for them in Christ Jesus; for **our confirmands** as they prepare to take their confirmation vows next Sunday; We thank the Lord for all **those who serve us** and **care for us**, caregivers, parents, teachers, leaders.

Coming Events...

Confirmation Sunday is next **Sunday, October 25**. We encourage our members to attend as usual and support our young people in their faith journey this day. Our schedule for the day is: **Divine Worship Service with Public Witness Statements at 8:30 am; a reception time for our whole church family at 9:45 a.m.** (classes are in recess and Sunday School hosts a whole-school video); followed by **the Festival Service with Rite of Confirmation at 11 a.m.** We treasure your presence on this special day.

Youth is cancelled **Friday, October 23**. Krysti is taking a group to the confirmand retreat. We will resume for ‘This House’ on Friday, October 30.

Coming Up the weekend of **November 20-22**: Annual ‘Jello on a Stick’ Youth Retreat hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisherville This is for grades 8-12 and all youth are welcome! The cost is \$35 Registration must be in to Krysti no later than Sunday, November 15.



Memorial Services for those who died in the Lord and received Christian burial from our church are coming in two weeks on **All Saints’ Sunday, November 1 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.** Please spread the word – even to people from outside our church family – in case folks have lost a loved one and would benefit from hearing God’s promises for them in their grief.

Please Note...

Volunteer Opportunity! The nursery is looking for volunteers to help with little ones. We would love to have you join the team; it is on a revolving basis, based on your own schedule of availability for the 11:00 service. You will need to have Abuse Prevention training, if you haven't already done so. Please contact Anita Syens for more information at 519-896-7574 or rasyens@hotmail.com

Downstairs Library- How do we follow God’s plan for us, obey and trust Him? We inspire our children and they trust our plans for them and follow us. We have many fine examples of men who followed and trusted our God. In the Reading Books section, find “The Amazing Story of Noah’s Ark” by Marcia Williams. Also, try “Abraham talked to God” by Joyce Schilder. In the Picture books, look for “Holy Spirit My Helper” by Arch books. Older children, remember we have many interesting books for you to read, check them out. Look at our video section for inspiration for the whole family; try the Gospel of John and others Gospels that are there. God’s blessings to you and your family. **See you in the Library!**

Today’s Education Hour...

Sunday School Opening will be downstairs today & next week. Next Sunday, Children not celebrating with Families at the Confirmation Reception are invited to stay in the basement and watch a video.

Nursery through Grade 6/7 students will find out about the great “I AM” as God speaks to Moses through the burning bush.

Youth continue to look through 1st and 2nd Corinthians. Meet with us!!

Adult Bible Class & YABS will gather together to listen to Pastor Bugbee.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	122 & 182	Total 304	(‘14 – 351)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 45 Staff: 1	Total 46	(‘14 – n/a)
YABS:	Pupils: 2 Staff: 2	Total 4	(‘14 – n/a)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 2	Total 9	(‘14 – n/a)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 33 Staff: 15	Total 48	(‘14 – 47)

Memorial: In memory of **RUTH FISCHER** to the Unified Church Budget from Jamie & Sandy Hill. In memory of **ANDREW BALLENTHIN** to the Unified Church Budget from Earl & Pat Famme. In memory of **WILLIAM LAWRENCE** to Sunday School from Grant & Joanne Schaefer.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 19 to Sunday, October 25, 2015

Monday	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	1:00 p.m.
	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Stewardship, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Junior Confirmation Class, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation Class, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Parlour</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Worship, <i>Youth Room</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Candidate Class #5, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Cantata Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	9:00 p.m.
Friday	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Confirmation Class Pictures, <i>Church</i>	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Set-Up, <i>Downstairs</i>	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	Reformation Sunday	
	Divine Service with Public Witness Statements , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Congregational Confirmation Reception, <i>Gym</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Festival Service with Rite of Confirmation , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.