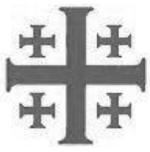
A still life photograph of autumn harvest produce. In the foreground, a large red and yellow apple sits on a wooden surface next to a single brown leaf. Behind it, a bunch of green grapes is visible. In the background, there are several pumpkins and other autumnal items, all set against a warm, golden light.

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The Festival of the Harvest October 9, 2016

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Thanksgiving: The Festival of the Harvest

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship Bells

Opening Hymn

We Praise You, O God LSB #785

Invocation

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

People **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Pastor I will praise the name of God with a song;

People **I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.**

Pastor Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

People **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

Pastor For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

People **and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and to call upon our Lord in prayer and praise, let us first confess before our holy God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We daily fall short of His glory. We can never purify ourselves from our sins. Together, as one family in Jesus Christ, let us seek our Father's cleansing forgiveness.

In silent prayer, we confess our sins to the Lord.

Pastor Together, we pray:

People **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" Almighty God in His steadfast love for you 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

Come, Ye Thankful People Come LSB #892

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years.

⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

Pastor May God be gracious to us and bless us

People **and make His face to shine upon us,**

Pastor that Your way may be known on earth,

People **Your saving power among all nations.**

Pastor Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People **let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People **for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Pastor Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People **let all the peoples praise You!**

Pastor The earth has yielded its increase;

People **God, our God, shall bless us.**

Pastor God shall bless us;

People **let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:6-20

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(11:00 - Church Choir, J. Massicotte - director, H. Schein Accompanist)

"I Will Give Jubilant Thanks"

by J. Paul Williams, Michael Barrett

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 17:11-19

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day

"10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

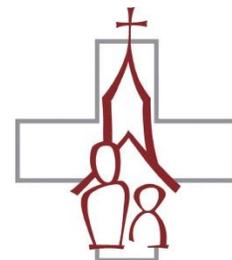
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

Sermon

St. Luke 17:11-19

"THE THANKFUL DISCIPLE"



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.

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Prayer of the Church

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 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
People **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

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

For the Fruits of His Creation *LSB #894*

Officiant..... Pastor Nolan Astley
Preacher..... Pastor Roland Syens
Organist..... Jennifer Massicotte
Church Band..... Jack Kahl (*Director*)
Sound System Operators..... Ken Griffin (*8:30*), Jerry Golschesky (*11:00*)

Prayer Concerns: On this Thanksgiving weekend we give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for all the blessings poured out upon us. We give thanks for our land and all its riches, supplying our daily bread, for our Lord's sacrificial love poured out for us in Christ and for the gifts of the Spirit manifested in our lives. We remember those who look to the Lord in times of need, especially **Paul VanderGriendt** who continues his rehab in Toronto, **Bob Peters** in palliative care at Innisfree House, **Harold Ernst** (brother of Muriel Storer and Ruth Hildebrand) who has been diagnosed with cancer.

A Harvest Display of fruits, vegetables and non-perishable groceries adorns the church on this Thanksgiving weekend. We're deeply grateful to folks who brought in foodstuffs, to Jerry & Lilian Golschesky, Claude & Jennifer Massicotte, Marg Klages, Steve & Delila Keczem, Gordon & Susan Collins, Ross & Sandy Dolson and Brian & Leslie Ann Webb, who took time to arrange it so attractively, and to those who will distribute these items to families in need. God bless you, one and all!

Monday Evening Services have concluded for this year and will resume again May 2017.

Coming Events...

Small Group Bible Study will begin meeting **Friday, October 14 at 7:00 pm** here at Holy Cross. This group is studying the book of John with Rev. Gary Weber. All are welcome! Any questions contact Gary at (519-747-1741).

Confirmation Sunday is coming up in two weeks on **Sunday, October 23**. 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 on Esther); followed by **the Festival Service with Rite of Confirmation at 11 a.m.** We treasure your presence on this special day.

Today's Education Hour

Reformation Quiz & mini-Party coming October 30 at 9:45 a.m. #499!

Time Together (Babies – Age 3 w/ a parent) will meet in the Basement @ 10:00 a.m. with Beth leading.

JK through Grade 7 students will be learning about Gideon from Judges 6 & 7.

Youth Bible Class led by Michelle and Nicole, will be looking at Psalms of Thanks.

YABS led by Curtis Schafer, will be looking at "The Attributes of God: Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent".

Adult Bible Class will continue to focus on Discipleship, today focussing upon Jesus who is not only the Way for His disciples, but also the Truth. Grab a coffee and join the discussion beginning at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday/Monday Attendance:	115 & 159 & 25	Total 299	('15 – 304)
Sunday/Monday Communion:	98 & 127 & 19	Total 244	('15 – 248)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 51 Staff: 1	Total 52	('15 – 44)
YABS:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 2	Total 9	('15 – 6)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 10 Staff: 1	Total 11	('15 – 12)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 33 Staff: 13	Total 46	('15 – 54)

Memorial: In memory of **DOREEN ISRAEL** to the Organ Fund from John Israel. In memory of **GARY LEMON** to Griefshare from Marlene Lemon.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 10 to Sunday, October 16, 2016

Monday	Thanksgiving Day, <i>Church office closed</i>	
Tuesday	Organ Committee, <i>Triple Bible classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i>	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Candidate Class, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	5:00 p.m.
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:15 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.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Friday	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Parlour</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Circuit Youth Activities, <i>Grace Lutheran Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.