

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2016

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Welcome all in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshipping for the first time with us. Please sign our guest book (make sure to indicate if you would like the Pastor to visit) and accept our invitation to worship with us again.

Who should commune at the Altar of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church? According to the Scriptures and the Confessional statements of the church only those should commune who "have been examined and absolved" by the pastor. If you wish to commune at Glory of Christ for the first time, please talk to the Pastor before doing so. Holy Communion is the most intimate expression of Christian fellowship and it is important to the members of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church that all who commune have a common understanding and commitment to the Gospel teachings of the Bible.

Altar Flower Chart: The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located on the kitchen counter. In order to have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words 'Altar flowers'. Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. **If you take the black "liners" home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday. Thank You!**

Garry & Cheryl McCreary gave Altar Flowers this morning in celebration of Caleb's birthday. May God Bless him on this special occasion!

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM

Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM; followed by Bible Class and Sunday school at 10:30.

Advent Services: We have begun our Advent services every Wednesday. We have a morning service beginning at 11:30 am and an evening service beginning at 7:00 pm thru 12-14-16.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services: Please join us for our Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 pm and our Christmas Day service on Sunday, December 25th at 9:00 am.

Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This week, we are asking for prayers for Glory of Christ Lutheran Church and for Pastor Jeremiah Johnson and Pastor Kyle Krueger.

Thank You! We thank each of you for your prayers, cards and support as Bill underwent a serious surgery. He is recovering and we are blessed beyond belief because he will not need additional treatment. In addition, we give thanks to God for a successful procedure and for the gift of such wonderful church family. ~ Julie & Bill Anderson

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, January 8th, Janet Preus is hosting an Epiphany Party at her home beginning at 4:00 pm. More details to follow, but place this fun event on your calendar!

Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group Bake Sale! After Divine Service on Sunday, December 18th! Bake, buy or both to support our Youth Group. **[Nut free recipes only please]**. Questions, contact Julie Anderson 612-791-0163 julesanders@live.com.

Update to the Prayer List: We have updated the prayer list. If you have the name of a friend or loved one that you would like to place on the list, please let either Pastor Johnson, Pastor Krueger or Brenda know. Once a name is added, it will be removed after 4 weeks unless we are notified to have it remain. Thank You!

Quilting news: Pastor Fehrmann received 7 quilts on Thanksgiving eve to take on his trip to Argentina. We had a group of 11 quilters working this past Tuesday. We decided to take December off and start again in January. Dates will be determined later. Thanks to all for your help and support!

New Sunday Morning Bible Study on Colossians Beginning December 11th: Paul's letter to the church at Colossae has some of the richest Christology (the nature and work of Christ as both God and man) in all of scripture. Christ as the head of the Church is the center of Paul's proclamation. The false teachings in the Colossian church were obscuring the sufficiency of Jesus. These errors were extremely dangerous because they weren't being offered to replace Christ. Rather, they were being offered to supplement Christ as if He wasn't enough. These errors came from within the organized church, not from outside it. Still today, the greatest threats against Christ and His Word come from within the church, when other man-made spirituality or human imagination try to supplement Christ. In our post-modern age, there is great pressure to acknowledge that everyone has some claim on truth and that there is no such thing as truth for all people of all times and places. There is also great pressure to acknowledge the idols of many religions as having a place alongside Jesus Christ. The center of this letter is well confessed by you as you gather in the Divine Service and say, *I believe...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.*

Christmas Caroling! Right after the voters meeting on December 11th, please come along with us for Christmas Caroling in the Corner Stone Commons area. A Signup sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up so we have an idea of how many are interested and available. Children are welcome to join us. Thanks!

Annual Voters Meeting: Please join us on Sunday, December 11th right after Bible Study for the annual Glory of Christ Voters Meeting. A light lunch will be provided. Much to discuss this year!

Church Council Meeting – In order to meet before the Annual Voters Meeting, Council will have an earlier meeting in December – this coming **Monday, December 5th at 6:30 pm.**

Remember in our Prayers: Idena Hagen, Sean Breininger, Kathy Chadwick (friend of Janet Preus), Lisa Brackmann, Marcia Bell (daughter of Ann Olson), Arta Walter, Rev. Bob Yount, Paul Johnson, Ron Quittem (Father of Jill Larson), Jack Jakupciak, Lee Hart, Al Lavanger, Sandra Ostapovich (Daughter of Jim & Jean Small), Onna Ostendorf (Friend of Jack Teske), Bill Anderson, Terrie Barnhardt (Daughter of Arta Walter), and Brecken Garding. Loretta Main (Aunt of Stephanie Johnson), CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Leroy Reinke, LaValle Berkner (Father of Sarah Miller), and Shelby Klapprich (Friend of Jen & Ben Schaumburg).

Serving This Sunday:

Coffee Servers:	Mark & Karen Swenson
Acolyte:	Jack Teske
Elders:	Garry McCreary & Mark Swenson
Ushers:	Steve Rains & Bruce Larson
Altar Guild:	Barb Rains & Brenda Richards
Offering Counters:	Lori Beck & Carl Hartness
Bread Baker:	Charlotte Smith
Bread Deliverer:	Beth Schoolman

Serving Wednesday: (December 7, 2016)

Acolyte:	Cailin Argent
Ushers:	Travis Dorweiler & Paul Koosman

Serving Sunday: (December 11, 2016)

Coffee Servers:	Ryan & Maddie Marshall
Acolyte:	Bri Dorweiler
Elders:	Garry McCreary & Mark Swenson
Ushers:	Jonathan Schultz & Kim Diemand
Altar Guild:	Pauline Hemingway & Marilyn Scharlau
Offering Counters:	Tim Lavanger & Russ McBroom
Bread Baker:	Gayle Barnaby
Bread Deliverer:	Lori Beck

Last Week's Attendance

Thanksgiving Eve:	59
Sunday:	157
Advent AM/PM:	30/53
Total:	216
Bible Class: Wed/Sun	12/51
Sunday School:	25

At Glory of Christ the pastor typically makes announcements after the service. So the service just starts at the appropriate time without a specific welcome. (The welcome occurs in the service itself when the pastor says "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds.) To follow the service, you should turn to the page indicated at the top of your bulletin insert. This week the page is 184. Usually we simply work through the service interrupting the process for the singing of hymns, certain prayers and the scripture readings. The prayers are usually printed in the service folder as are the Scripture readings. Hymns are found in the latter half of the Service book. If you are having trouble following the service, you can ask someone nearby and they will help you. You can also comfort yourself with the knowledge that almost everyone has a little trouble following the service the first time through. It gets easier.

Worship Notes
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Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist is a very destructive man.

But then again, that's his job.

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." With this sermon, John is announcing that everything is starting over again. The Jews can no longer rely upon their past to establish themselves as the people of God. All their religious systems and efforts don't count, and everyone starts from zero again. "Prepare the way of the Lord." God is coming to reign, and there is only one door into His kingdom: the narrow door of repentance and faith.

You can understand why the religious leadership would have resisted John's preaching; they had a lot to lose from a total reset. They had carefully constructed their own religious identity, excelling in a system that they themselves had established. But now John proclaims that everything starts over. For those who thought they were something, they had everything to lose. But for those who knew they were nothing, they had everything to gain.

So for us, John's preaching is both destructive and hopeful. If we find ourselves trying to defend ourselves as "pretty good people," John comes down only to tear down and destroy. Repent.

But when we see ourselves for the sinners that we are, we are glad to step down into the Jordan of repentance and have all of that drowned away. It's good news that God is coming and starting over.

We never would have been able to make it into his kingdom under on our own anyway.

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OPENING HYMN #347 – “*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*”

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 105:4–8; antiphon: Is. 40:3b



In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*

children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!

He is the | LORD our God;*

his judgments are in | all the earth.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*

make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

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COLLECT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

EPISTLE Romans 15:4–13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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SERMON HYMN #344 – *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry"*

SERMON

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OFFERING – *"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"* - Choir

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #345 – *“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”*

Hymn #618 – *“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”*

Hymn #619 – *“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

(It is suggested that you pray this in your pew after returning from the altar.)

God descends with heav’nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
 In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
 That I taste His love divine.

Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

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CLOSING HYMN #348 – *“The King Shall come When Morning Dawns”*