

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SCRIPTURE, BAPTISM, COMMUNION, WORSHIP. **CHRIST.**



## Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost From Pentecost to Plymouth September 11-12, 2016

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**Welcome all** in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshiping 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!**

**Jeremy & Jill Eickhoff** gave Altar Flowers this morning in celebration of kids going back to school!

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

**Monday Evening Divine Service: 7:00 PM – Monday Evening Services continue thru September**

**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 Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones.

**2016 Glory of Christ Men's Retreat** The men's retreat has been set for September 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. An email with all of the information regarding cabin assignments, directions and activities has been sent. If you did not receive this email, please let Brenda know. Thank You!

**Additional Time to Worship** - Every Wednesday morning beginning at 9:15 am, Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger will have a Prayer Office (Matins or Morning Prayer). This happens right before Wednesday morning Bible Study. Please join us if you are able!

**Ladies Coffee Social:** Join your Sister-In-Christ on Saturday, September 17th from 9-11am at the Lunds on 55 and Vicksburg. Grab a beverage of choice at Caribou and join Brenda and Pauline in the Community Room for some fruit and pastries. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

**New Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Caitlyn Jenner, school bathrooms, the Supreme Court decision, transgender, gay rights, non-binary: the issues of human sexuality are front and center on the American stage, and the church cannot remain silent. How do we respond to our cousin who announces that he's gay and wants to know that we're ok with it? How do we respond to those who vilify the church as "hate-filled" and "homophobic"? How do we respond with compassion to the Orlando shooting without having our response confused as approval? Beginning TODAY, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be starting a new Sunday morning Bible Study called, **"Speaking the truth in love: a Christian's guide to the issues of sexuality."** During this study, we'll review what the Bible has to say about all this, familiarize ourselves with the modern perspective on sexuality, and address how we can respond to friends and family members, hot-button issues, and the slogans that we encounter every day. So join us this fall as we endeavor to better speak the truth in love.

**Music Groups begin Rehearsing again in September!** The Children's Chimes began rehearsing on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, Children's Choir and Adult Handbells will begin on Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> and Adult Choir begins on Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Those of you who would be able to sing with a small group on Sun., Sept, 18th, please join us that morning at 8:15 a.m. to prepare. We look forward to welcoming new singers to our choir! Please contact Carla Claussen if you have questions! **If you, or your child, are interested in participating in any of the above groups, please feel free to come on the first day of rehearsal and check them out! All groups are open for new members and are welcome!**

**Compassion Circle Announcement:** At our year end luncheon last May, it was decided to move the monthly Compassion Circle meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Therefore, we will have our first fall meeting on the 12th of Sept. at 1:00p.m. Hope to see you all there!

**Quilters:** Quilting will begin on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and we will work into the afternoon. Also, mark your calendar for the 18th of October as well. We would love to see a few more people sharing their time with us, everyone is welcome!



*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 actually 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 151. 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**

### **Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

### **Acts 2:14, 22-47**

#### **"Pentecost to Plymouth"**

In your upbringing, did you hear the expression "going to church?" Or did you ever hear the expression, "Gathering together with the risen Christ and His Church to receive His gifts of forgiveness and life?" The latter is how we understand the Divine Service.

The Gospel isn't just history! It is history; the beautiful, gracious history of God's undeserved love in Christ. And it's so much more! For the Christ of history is also the Christ of this hour. He still lives! And He's still present with His gifts to feed His Church with His Word and His Meal. That's why the center of the Church's life is worship! That's also why worship among us is called the Divine Service (Gottesdienst). In worship, God is present to serve us with His life-giving and life-sustaining gifts of forgiveness. We also respond in prayer and praise, but the beating heart of worship is God serving us with forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through Word and Meal.

Christian worship then is table fellowship with God. The risen Christ is present to give us His Word to hear and His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Here, something different happens from what happens anywhere else in the world. Here, the Bridegroom is present to serve His Bride the food and drink of heaven. This is the center of life!

The Holy Spirit led the early church to draw her life from the gifts of the risen Christ. Acts 2:42 says, "*And they devoted themselves to the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*" The word "devoted" means that Christians were into these gifts with all of their strength (steadfastly). The proclamation of the apostles' doctrine and the Lord's Supper (breaking of bread) were the gifts at the heart of the Church's fellowship. Their fellowship in the receiving of Word and Sacrament was formed by "the prayers"- plural. In other words, there was a liturgy, an ordered way of worship, when Christ came to serve them.

The Liturgy that you will participate in through weekly worship has been passed down through the centuries of the Church. The Liturgy today connects us to the Church catholic, the worshipping Church of all time and people. God grant us receptive ears and mouths to receive life itself- Word and Meal!

## **Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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**September 11, 2016**

**OPENING HYMN #609** – "*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*"

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** Ps. 30:2–5; antiphon: Ps. 30:11a, 12b



You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

**O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.**

**O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**

**Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.**

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.**

**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.**

You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

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## HYMN OF PRAISE

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## COLLECT

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ezekiel 34:11–24

<sup>11</sup>For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land.

There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

<sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

<sup>17</sup>"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE** Acts 2:14, 22-47

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

<sup>22</sup>"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

<sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

<sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.'

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA and VERSE – page 156**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 15:1–10

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON HYMN #864 – "Shepherd of Tender Youth"**

### **SERMON**

## **CREED**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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*Installation of Sunday School Teachers*

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## **The Distribution Hymns:**

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**Hymn #612** – *“As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered”*

**Hymn #683** – *“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

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

## **Individual Prayer for after Communion:**

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

O my God, I am a sinner, and yet I am not a sinner. Alone and apart from Christ, I am a sinner. But in my Lord Jesus Christ and with him, I am no sinner. I firmly believe that he has destroyed all my sins with his precious blood. The sign of this is that I am baptized, cleansed by God’s word, and declared absolved and freed from all my sins. In the sacrament of the true body and blood of my Lord Jesus Christ, I have received as a sure sign of grace, the forgiveness of sins. This he has won and accomplished for me by the shedding of his precious blood. For this I thank him in eternity.  
Amen.

Martin Luther

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