

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



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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!**

Dennis & Andrea Neumann gave Altar Flowers this morning. Thank You!!

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

Monday Evening Divine Service: 7:00 PM - NO Monday Night service on September 5th.

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 New Life (Neej Tshiab) Lutheran, worshipping at Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Yia Lo and Jonny Vang (students in EIIT at St. Louis Seminary).

2016 Glory of Christ Men's Retreat The men's retreat has been set for September 16th-18th. 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!

Grief Recovery Support Triune God Lutheran Church: You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Through the "GriefShare" weekly seminar, video series, and fellowship with others, you will gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. The video series features a valuable assortment of grief experts; clergy and health-care professionals will speak on a wide variety of subjects important to the grief recovery process. Topics include: "Is this normal?" - "The Challenges of Grief" - "Grief and Your Relationships" - "Why?" - "Guilt and Anger." This 13-week series is available to anyone for a fee of \$10.00. Registration is necessary by September 9th; call [\(763\) 561-6470](tel:7635616470), Triune God's church office, and talk to the secretary, Wendy. (If you reach voice-mail, please leave a message for Wendy in box #1.)

Lectionary Preparation for Sunday September 4th Adult Bible Class: To prepare for the Sunday September 4th Bible Study, please read the following passages:

Introit- Ps. 119:28-32; antiphon: Ps. 119:27

OT- Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Epistle- Philemon 1-21

Gospel- Luke 14:25-35

Gradual- Ps. 1

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 on Rally Day, September 11, 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.

NO Toddler Sunday School on Sunday September 4th. Parents and toddlers are welcome to join the other students with Mark and Rina Nygren leading the class.

Music Groups begin Rehearsing again in September! The Children's Chimes will be rehearsing on Wednesday September 7th, Children's Choir and Adult Handbells will begin on Wednesday September 14th and Adult Choir begins on Wednesday September 21st. 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!

Remember in our Prayers: Camryn Handberg (niece of Becky Johnson-Lane), Idena Hagen, Sean Breining, Kathy Chadwick (friend of Janet Preus), Kelly Cargill (friend of Becky Johnson-Lane), Hazel Schweiger (mother of Becky Johnson-Lane), Evalynn Cerdenola, Donna Preus (mother of Christian Preus), Tim Beach, Ann Olson, Lisa Brackmann, Sam Miller (friend of Mari and Chris Houck), Don Barclay (Uncle of Mari Houck), Kathleen Adam (daughter of Bertha Oehlke), Jim Fahnhorst, Marcia Bell (daughter of Ann Olson), Arta Walter, Ed Brunken, Rev Walter Fehrmann (Father of Pastor John Fehrmann), Rev. Bob Yount, Sarah Miller, Paul Johnson, Drew Johnson, the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Linda Lohmeyer (Friend of Carla Claussen), Debbie Diehl (Daughter-in-law of Fred & Lois Parduhn, Ron Quittem (Father of Jill Larson), Jack Jakupciak, Meta Nelson (Sister of Lisa Paradis), Bill Johnson (father of Michelle Nelson), DaniJo Johnson (niece of Roger & Jana Hargreaves), Lee Hart, Paul Paulson (grandfather of Jesse Huber), Charles Beck (Grandfather of Liz Huber), Mike Kohlhof, (Brother in Law of Barb Rains), Blake Iverson (Friend of Carla Claussen), Michelle Oasley (niece of Ellie Leimer), Norm Theiste, Corbin Uling (Grandson to friends of Neumanns and Hargreaves), Carol Walden (Grandmother of Barbie Gruenhagen), Al Lavanger, Judy Mahlke and Marissa Pankonin (Niece of Tague and Debbie Damberg).

Serving This Sunday:

Coffee Servers:	Rhea Schulz & Linda Corey
Acolyte:	?
Elders:	Andy Madson & Todd Schoolman
Ushers:	Jim Fahnhorst & Chris Houck
Altar Guild:	Brenda Richards
Offering Counters:	Kent Rudeen & Janelle Franzmeier
Bread Baker:	Gayle Barnaby
Bread Deliverer:	Lori Beck

Serving Next Sunday: (September 11, 2016)

Coffee Servers:	Ryan & Maddie Marshall
Acolyte:	?
Elders:	Andy Madson & Todd Schoolman
Ushers:	Jeremy Eickhoff & Marcus Olson
Altar Guild:	Brenda Richards & Beth Schoolman
Offering Counters:	Jeremy & Jill Eickhoff
Bread Baker:	Cheryl McCreary
Bread Deliverer:	Carl Hartness

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday:	179
Monday:	15
Total:	194
Bible Class: Wed/Sun	24/54
Sunday School:	22

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

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Luke 14:25-35

"The Love and Hate that Jesus Gives"

Jesus said, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple...So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."

What more could Jesus say to clearly and completely illustrate our insufficiency of commitment and discipleship? God commands commitment to Christ with no human reservations. The exclusive and unconditional claim of Jesus will not stop even at the most important and intimate of earthly ties. The disciple of Christ is to disown, renounce and reject loving anyone, even self, more than Christ. Our closest relatives, our loved ones, even our most sincere personal spiritual efforts cannot furnish us with the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. We cannot build the tower! Not alone and not as an earthly family! We cannot defeat the mighty enemy! We cannot fear and love and trust in God above all things! With these words Jesus intends to kill all trust in self and in those we love and give us Himself.

God continues to speak beautiful words of hate towards sin and love toward you in Christ Jesus!

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OPENING HYMN #851 – "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 119:28–32; antiphon: Ps. 119:27



Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

My soul melts away for | sorrow;*
strengthen me according | to your word!

Put false ways | far from me*
and graciously teach | me your law!

I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.

I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;*
let me not be | put to shame!

I will run in the way of your com- | mandments*
when you en- | large my heart!

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.

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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COLLECT

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:25–35

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

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

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them,

²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN #688 – "" Come Follow Me," The Savior Spake"

SERMON

CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #783 – *“Take My Life and Let it Be”*

Hymn #661 – *“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”*

Hymn #429 – *“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

We thank you, almighty Lord God, that you have refreshed us with this precious gift, and we ask for your mercy that you would let it nurture in us strong faith toward you and intensive love among us all, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

Martin Luther

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Thank the Lord

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CLOSING HYMN #707 – *“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”*