

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

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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!**

2017 Altar Flower Chart: The Flower chart for 2017 is now up. Please be sure to sign up for the dates you want to give Altar Flowers.

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM

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

NO Bible Study or Sunday School on Sunday January 1st. Regular Divine Service will take place on that Sunday 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 Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Dan Matasovsky (vacancy pastor).

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!

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!

New Sunday Morning Bible Study on Colossians Has Begun: 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.*

Quilting Dates for January: Please join us for Quilting on Tuesday, January 10th and Tuesday January 24th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Thank You!

Thank you to all musicians who played in the Glory of Christ Christmas Band on Christmas Eve! Your time and talent is MUCH appreciated!!

Ladies Coffee Social: Join your Sisters-in-Christ on Saturday, January 21st from 9-11 am at the Lunds on Hwy 55 and Vicksburg. Grab a beverage of choice and join Zelda and Pauline in the Community room for some fruit and pastries. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

Christmas Decorating Take-Down: Please join us on Saturday, January 7th at 9:30 am to take down all the Christmas decorations from church. Thank You!!

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
The Circumcision and Name of Jesus
"Saving Shed Blood and Saving Name"

Mary and Joseph do not have the privilege of choosing the name for the Holy Child born in Bethlehem. The Child, in a sense, names Himself. He is the Creator of all things, the Author of Life, the One who holds the entire universe in His hands is held Himself in Diaper rags.

As we observe the Circumcision and Name of Jesus, the new born Bethlehem babe bleeds for the first time at the hands of men for men. He already has a name according to His Divinity. This child is the great "*I Am*". He is Yahweh, which comes from the Hebrew verb "*to be*," and means that He is, always has been, and always will be.

Yahweh-in-the-Flesh continues to fulfill His earthly name. He continues to save His people from their sins with the shed blood of the cross. God grant you a happy new year in the newness of faith and forgiveness that Christ has brought you in His saving shed blood and saving name!

The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

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January 1, 2017

OPENING HYMN #898 – *“The Ancient Law Departs”*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT



May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the LORD!”

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.*Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.

Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;*

in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God;*

your law is with- | in 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.

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may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the LORD!”

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COLLECT

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 6:22–27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



**This is the covenant that I will make with the house of | Israel*
after those days, de- | clares the Lord:
I will put my laws in- | to their minds,*
and write them | on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they shall be my | people.*
I will remember their sins and their lawless | deeds no more.**

EPISTLE Galatians 3:23–29

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:21

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CREED

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SERMON HYMN #900 – *“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”*

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #594 – *“God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It”*

Hymn #917 – *“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”*

Hymn #403 – *“O Savior of Our Fallen Race”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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CLOSING HYMN #924 – *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*