

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost June 26-27, 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!**

**Dennis and Andrea Neumann** gave Altar Flowers this morning in celebration of Jacob & Jennifer's Wedding Anniversary. May God Bless them on this special occasion!

**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 Service on July 4<sup>th</sup>!**

**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 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr.

**FORE! The Glory of Christ 9-hole golf event is coming back this summer!** Mark your calendar and join us on Saturday, August 13th beginning at 3:30 PM at Hollydale Golf Course with awards and dinner following. No pressure, just a lot of fun for golfers of all experience levels. More details to follow. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Questions? See Mike Miller or Naomi Teske.

**2016 Glory of Christ Men's Retreat** The men's retreat has been set for September 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the same location on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes in Crosslake, MN. The retreat last year was a big success and we are continuing the tradition. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the Narthex. When you sign up, please indicate the day and time you plan to arrive. If you have any questions about the event please ask one of the Elders. If you attended last year, recruit others who missed out on this great fellowship event!

**Mom's Group Summer Park Playgroups** will begin after VBS and are held every Tuesday at 10 am. Come bring your kids and enjoy some much needed outdoor time and social time! We usually eat snacks/lunch together, but please remember - **do not bring any food containing nuts to Mom's Group playgroups. Thanks for your help in keeping all of our playgroups safe for all. Questions? Ask Susan Johnson. Dates and locations are:**

June 28- Heather Ponds Park - 3426 Lawndale Lane N. (this is nestled in a neighborhood just a few minutes from church)

July 5-Gleason Fields and Playground- 18815 67th Ave. N, Maple Grove  
(Just off Cty Road 101 headed North towards Corcoran)

July 12- Corcoran City Park - 20200 County Road 50, Corcoran

July 19th- Baker Park Reserve Playground

July 26th- Greenwood Elementary Playground

**Help needed with the Church Grounds/Gardening!** Like to garden? Want to make a little extra spending money this summer? GoC is looking for people to assist with the gardens/plants around the church grounds this summer. Council has approved a stipend of \$12.00 an hour as payment for anyone who is willing to help out. Please let Brenda know if you have spent some time in the gardens, and a payment can be made. If you purchase flowers to be planted keep the receipts and you will be reimbursed. Thank You!

### **Adult Bible Class: Philemon**

More than any of the letters that Paul wrote, his letter to Philemon is a good example of the kind and eloquent letters people wrote in the Greco-Roman world. It is the shortest and most personal of Paul's letters. Despite its brevity, it contains some of the deepest insights and theology on forgiveness, reconciliation, vocation, and Christ. Luther says, regarding the Book of Philemon, "*This epistle gives us a masterful and tender illustration of Christian love...*" (LW 29, Lectures on Philemon)



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 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 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

### **Luke 9:51-62**

"No looking back"

For Jesus, there was no looking back. He was sent to do His Father's will, and He would see it through. "[Jesus] set his face to go to Jerusalem." For Jerusalem was where the Passover was to be celebrated and where the lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jerusalem where Jesus would go and shed His blood too.

Along the road, as Jesus still had His eyes fixed on Jerusalem, several would-be disciples come up and enthusiastically offer their services. But the first has not considered that following Jesus will make him as foreign to this world as Jesus was. The second offered to follow Jesus, but only first after taking care of his father. But Jesus will brook no rivals. The third wanted to say farewell to family and friends first. But here too we have a man with divided loyalties.

Although Jesus may seem a bit harsh, one thing is clear: being a disciple of Jesus calls for single-minded devotion. Just like the ancient Israelites confessed, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord *alone*," likewise, Jesus calls all of his disciples to *exclusive* loyalty. Jesus is not interested in sharing the stage with all of our other would-be gods. In the end, it's just the first commandment applied to Jesus. To look back is fear, love, and trust in *something else* rather than the Lord. God save us from this.

## **The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

### ***Divine Service, Setting Three (page 184)***

### **June 26, 2016**

**OPENING HYMN #688-** "" *Come, Follow Me, The Savior Spake*""

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** Ps. 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 85:7



Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

**Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\***

**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.**

**Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\***

**that glory may dwell | in our land.**

**Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;\***

**righteousness and peace kiss each | other.**

**Righteousness will go be- | fore him\***

**and make his foot- | steps a way.**

**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.**

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

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### COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 1 Kings 19:9b–21

<sup>9</sup>There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

<sup>14</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.

<sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death.

<sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

<sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

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

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

#### **EPISTLE** Galatians 5:1, 13–25

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

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

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

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#### **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 9:51–62

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

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

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

<sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

<sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

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

## **CREED**

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**SERMON HYMN #430** – *"My Song is Love Unknown"*

## **SERMON**

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**OFFERING** – *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"* – Clarinet/Flute Duet

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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## **The Distribution Hymns:**

**Hymn #685** – *“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”*

**Hymn #589** – *“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”*

**Hymn #602**– *“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”*

## **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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**CLOSING HYMN #706** – *“Love in Christ is Strong and Living”*