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!

Nora Bell gave Altar Flowers this morning in loving memory of Duane.

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM.

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

Monday Evening Services will begin in the Month of April starting at 7:00 PM.

Weekly Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Services: Weekly Lenten services are every Wednesday at 11:30 am, with a soup lunch following and then, an evening Lenten Service at 7:00 pm through March 16th. Dinner will be provided by various groups from our congregation each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on March 24th and 25th at 7:00 pm, with two Easter Services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, March 27th. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

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 Church & Childcare Center and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr.

“A Congress on the Lutheran Confessions” 2016 Conference will be held this year on April 6-8 at the Bloomington Ramada Inn. More information and registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.

Monthly Game Night! Join us in the fellowship hall every 2nd Friday of the month for cards, board games, and fun. The first few nights have been so much fun! The next one is scheduled for Friday, April 8th. Whether you have a favorite game you never leave the house without, want to learn a new game, or don’t own any games at all, come on out! The night starts at 6:30. Cards and game lovers of all ages are welcome.

Easter Flowers: There is an insert in this week’s bulletins for you to order Easter Flowers. The deadline to order is TODAY!, March 13th. Please place your order form, along with a check made payable to Glory of Christ, on Brenda’s desk. Thank you!

Quilters: Quilting dates for March will be Tuesday March 22nd and for April the dates will be Tuesday the 5th and Tuesday the 19th. We will begin at 9:00 am.

Pastor Krueger Installation Service and Dinner: Please join us this afternoon for Pastor Krueger’s Installation and Dinner. The Installation Divine Service will be at 3:30 pm with reception following and Dinner at 6:00. Babysitters will be provided.

Say “Aloha” to Missionsfest 2016! Mark May 7th on your calendars; Festivities begin at 3 PM.

Remember in our Prayers: Camryn Handberg (niece of Becky Johnson-Lane), Idena Hagen, Sean Breininger, Kathy Chadwick (friend of Janet Preus), Kelly Cargill (friend of Becky Johnson-Lane), Hazel Schweiger (mother of Becky Johnson-Lane), Evalya Credenola, Donna Preus (mother of Christian Preus), Tim Beach, Ann Olson, Emily Eset, Lisa Brackmann, Sam Miller (friend of Mari and Chris Houck), Don Barclay (Uncle of Mari Houck), Kathleen Adam (daughter of Bertha Oehlke), Josh Miller (son of Mike and Sarah Miller), 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, Larry Strandquist (Friend of Mark & Rina Nygren), Shirley Lavanger, Teddy Olson (Grandson of Bret & Kim Bonine), Paul Johnson, Jan Diemand, Tara Jahnke (Friend of Kaylene Stieg), Drew Johnson, the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Linda Lohmeyer (Friend of Carla Claussen), Rev. Perry Copus (friend of Maddie and Ryan Marshall),
Serving This Sunday: (March 13, 2016)

Coffee Servers: David & Gayle Barnaby  
                   Pauline Hemingway & Gen Dykhoff
Acolyte: Bri Dorweiler
Elders: Ben Rolf & Ryan Marshall
Ushers: Steve Rains & Bob Strom
Altar Guild: Kevin & Suzy Skau
Offering Counters: Tim Lavanger & Russ McBroom
Bread Baker: Charlotte Smith
Bread Deliverer: Janis Kimmel

Serving Wednesday: (March 16, 2016)

Acolyte: Chris Corey
Ushers: Patton Hoffarth & Marcus Olson

Serving next week: (March 20, 2016)

Coffee Servers: Ann Milbrath & Linda Corey
Acolyte: Chris Corey
Elders: Ben Rolf & Ryan Marshall
Ushers: Mark Swenson & Jonathan Schultz
Altar Guild: Beth Schoolman & Lisa Gallmeyer
Offering Counters: Barbie Gruenhagen & Mike Miller
Bread Baker: Julie Anderson
Bread Deliverer: Charlotte Smith

Last Week’s Attendance
Saturday: 13
Sunday: 156
Lenten Wednesday Services am/pm 28/72
Total: 269
Bible Class: Wed/Sun 25/59
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 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Luke 20:9-20
“The Tenant Farmers”

There’s no two ways about it: this is a parable of judgment.

Three times the tenant-farmers refused to acknowledge the authority of the vineyard owner. They acted like it belonged to them. They took the fruits for themselves. They beat and humiliated his servants. They killed his son.

The meaning of the parable is pretty straightforward:

vineyard owner = the Father
son = Jesus
farmers = religious leaders of Israel
vineyard = Israel

This is a stern warning to the religious leadership of Jesus’ day that they had been unfaithful with their stewardship of the nation. This unfaithfulness would culminate in the crucifixion of Jesus and would ultimately result in their loss of their positions of authority.

But this parable is a cautionary tale for us as well, especially for pastors and the leadership of the church. Just as Israel was a vineyard that rightly belonged to the Lord, the church is also the Lord’s. Pastors shepherd the Lord’s flock, not their own. Our leaders are stewards. The Word is His. The Supper is His. Baptism is His. We are in great danger when we co-opt that which is the Lord’s and act like it belongs to us.
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" – Children’s Chimes, flute and Bells

OPENING HYMN #429- “We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT  Ps. 3:3–6; antiphon: Ps. 3:8

Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
     your blessing be on your | people!
But you, O LORD, are a shield all around me,*
     my glory, and the lifter of my head.
I cried aloud | to the LORD,*
     and he answered me from his holy hill.
I lay down and slept;*
     I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of people* who have set themselves against me all around.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, | is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*
     your blessing be on your | people!

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Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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  Isaiah 43:16–21

16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18 Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE  Philippians 3:8–14

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Luke 20:9–20

9 And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. 10 When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12 And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. 13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ 14 But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ 15 And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

17 But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?

18 “Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

19 The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. 20 So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.
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The Distribution Hymns:
   Hymn #647 – “Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”
   Hymn #425 – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
   Hymn #642 – “O Living Bread from Heaven”

Individual Prayer for after Communion:
(It is suggested that you pray this in your pew after returning from the altar.)

   O grant, most blessèd Lord,
       That earth and hell combined
   May not about this sacrament
       Raise doubt within my mind.

   Oh, may I never fail
       To thank You day and night
   For Your true body and true blood,
       O God, my peace and light.

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CLOSING HYMN #433 – “Glory be to Jesus”
SAVE THE DATE!

Workshops on Lutheran Liturgy for Lay-People

April 30, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Glory of Christ Lutheran Church
4040 State Hwy 101 N.
Plymouth, MN 55446
763-478-6031
www.gloryofchrist.org

Registration fee: $25.00 per person
Registration information will be forthcoming

Presenter: William Weedon
LCMS Director of Worship
International Center Chaplain
Host of KFUO’s Thy Strong Word

The Topic for this year’s Workshop is:

“The Life is in the Blood: The Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper”

“Workshops of Lutheran Liturgy” are intended primarily for lay-people of the Lutheran church. The Christian in the pew is most affected by the worship forms and liturgies employed in the chancel. These Christians would be well served to attend these stimulating and informative workshops.