

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Last Sunday of the Church Year November 19-20, 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!**

Janet Preus gave Altar Flowers this morning in loving memory of her and Pastor Preus's wedding anniversary.

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM

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

Thanksgiving Eve Service: We will be having a Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm.

NO Saturday Evening Divine Service on November 26th

Advent Services: Beginning November 30th, we will have 3 weeks of Advent services every Wednesday. A morning service beginning at 11:30 am and an evening service beginning at 7:00 pm thru 12-14-16.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services: Please join us for our Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 pm and our Christmas Day service on Sunday, December 25th 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 Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Tom Stoebig and pastor Joe Behnke.

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!

Update to the Prayer List: We will keep the current prayer list until Thanksgiving. Then, if you want to have your name, or the name of your friend, loved one, to remain on the list, please let Brenda know. Once a name is added, it will be removed after 4 weeks unless we are notified to have it remain. Thank You!

Quilting news: Our next work day will be: November 29th. We start at 9:00am and work until 3:00pm. You can come and go as the time works for you. You may bring a bag lunch, if you plan on working through the lunch hour. Thanks so much for all your hard work.

Help Wanted/Needed for Advent by Candlelight December 4, 2016: We need 7 Table Hostesses. Duties include: Decorating and setting a table for six people. (Tables are the ones that we currently use in the Fellowship Hall). This includes your own dishes, table cloth, and glassware, as well as decorating your table, and providing dessert for the table (beverages are provided). If you'd like to decorate a table but don't like to make a dessert, or like to bake but not set a table, we can still use your help! Please contact Beth Schoolman 612-518-9744 or beth.schoolman@gmail.com or let Brenda know.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study on Colossians Beginning Mid-November: 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.*

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

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Luke 23:27-43

In the old lectionary system, the last Sunday of the church year used to be "Christ the King Sunday," where we celebrated the glorious return of Jesus, our triumphant king who will return to judge on the last day. But now we see Jesus beaten and bloodied on the cross, who tells the women to weep for themselves instead of him. It's a far cry from Christ the King Sunday.

Or is it?

In reality, we have not strayed very far from Christ the King Sunday. Here, on the cross, we *do* see Jesus reigning as a king. Even if sarcastically, the passers-by proclaim that He is the king of the Jews. Even the accusation above His head testify to His royalty: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." He is indeed the king. Here is Jesus, the king, crowned with thorns and a cross for his throne.

And whereas Christ the King Sunday would always recount Jesus' return on the last day to judge the living and the dead, here we see the last day come early on the cross. He issues judgment from his cross-throne, but it is a royal *pardon* to those who mocked him. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And even with the thief on the cross Jesus says, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Yes, the cross is a judgment day, but here's the twist: it's the king who is punished, and we, the criminals, go free.

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Divine Service, Setting One (page 151)

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"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" – Bell Choir

OPENING HYMN #534 – *"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 134; antiphon: Ps. 33:8



Let all the earth | fear the LORD;*

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants | of the LORD,*

who stand by night in the house | of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the | holy place*

and | bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from | Zion,*

he who made | heaven and earth!

Glorify 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.

Let all the earth | fear the LORD;*

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:13–18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.

¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

EPISTLE Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:27–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

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

²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"
⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #454 – “Sing, my Tongue the Glorious Battle”

SERMON

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AGNUS DEI

The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #516 – *“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*

Hymn #761 – *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

Hymn #621 – *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” - Choir*

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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CLOSING HYMN #751 – *“O God of Love, O King of Peace”*

Vs. 1 – Choir

Vs. 2-4 - Congregation