

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



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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!**

Garry & Cheryl McCreary gave Altar Flowers this morning in celebration of their wedding anniversary and Cheryl's birthday. May God Bless them on these special occasions!!

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM

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

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 Rev. Dean Nadasdy, our District President and all our elected officers and board members in the MN South District.

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!

Annual GoC Chili Cook-Off! Mark your calendars for the Annual Glory of Christ Chili Cook-Off to be held on Sunday, October 30th at 5:00 pm. So get working on your best Chili, Cornbread and pie recipes!! Signup sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

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!

"A Candid Look at Islam" is the topic for the 29th Annual Lutheran Free Conference on **Saturday, November 5th** at Redeemer Lutheran church, 2719 3rd St. N., St. Cloud, from 9:30 to 4:00. Addressing this topic will be Dr. Timothy Furnish from Atlanta, GA., and Rev. Dr. Alvin Schmidt from St. Louis MO. Registration is \$25 which includes coffee, rolls, and lunch (\$10 for high school and college students). Though pre-registration is not required, a non-monetary **pre-registration is required** if you plan to eat. For the meal call (320) 252-8171 or email office@redeemerstcloud.org by Oct. 27th. More information about this event and the speakers can be found on the table in the Narthex.

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? This new Sunday morning Bible Study is 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.

Result of Voters Meeting: The congregation met on October 9, 2016. There were 65 members present. The members voted to approve the following Motion:

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church approves the Addition and Remodel Project substantially inline as presented by Station Nineteen. In doing so, we give the Church Council authority, within its fiduciary duty, to select a mortgage lender and loan terms most suited to the needs of the project and the congregation. Additionally, Church Council is given authority to hire the general contractor and make all other necessary contracts and expenditures to complete this building program within the \$2M dollar cap. Expenditures in excess of \$2M dollars would come back to the voters for approval.

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 18:9-17

"God, Be Merciful to me, a Sinner"

We will hear two very different men pray very different prayers today. Both pray with a sincere and thankful heart. Even though the tax collector's prayer is in the form of a petition, he is thankful that there is such a thing as mercy. He's thankful that even a second-class citizen like himself can come into the temple and approach the holy God and expect that God will hear His prayer and be merciful to him, a sinner.

The Pharisee wanted God to see him through the tax collector and his sinful life. The tax collector wanted God to see him through the cross of Jesus Christ and Him crucified for sinners just like him.

The cross of Christ is the rose colored glasses through which God sees all who hide behind it. The cross is the fountain of life from which all of the mercies of God flow onto all who thirst for that living water of cleansing and forgiveness and refreshment that only God can give.

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OPENING HYMN #607 – "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 56:10–13; antiphon: Ps. 56:3



When I | am afraid,*

I put my | trust in you.

In God, whose | word I praise,*

in the LORD, whose | word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*

What can man | do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, | O God;*

I will render thank offerings | to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,*

that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

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.

When I | am afraid,*

I put my | trust in you.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of 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 Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."

¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:9–17

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

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

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #745 – *“In God, My Faithful God”*

SERMON

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AGNUS DEI

The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #611 – *“Chief of Sinners, Though I Be”*

Hymn #628 – *“Your Table I Approach”*

Hymn #570 – *“Just as I am, without One Plea”*

Hymn #632 – *“O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee”*

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 #740 – *"I am Jesus' Little Lamb"*

Vs. 1, 2 – Children's Choir

Vs. 3 - Congregation