

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



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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!**

Glory of Christ gave Altar Flowers this morning.

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

Monday Evening Divine Service: 7:00 PM – Monday Evening Services continue thru September

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).

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!

New 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? Beginning TODAY, September 11th, we will be starting a new Sunday morning Bible Study 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.

Music Groups begin Rehearsing again in September! The Children's Chimes began rehearsing on Wednesday September 7th, Children's Choir and Adult Handbells began on Wednesday September 14th and Adult Choir begins on Wednesday September 21st. Those of you who would be able to sing with a small group on Sun., Sept, 18th, please join us that morning at 8:15 a.m. to prepare. We look forward to welcoming new singers to our choir! Please contact Carla Claussen if you have questions! **If you, or your child, are interested in participating in any of the above groups, please feel free to come to rehearsals and check them out! All groups are open for new members and are welcome!**

Quilters: Quilting will begin on Tuesday October 4th at 9:00 am and we will work into the afternoon. Also, mark your calendar for the 18th of October as well. We would love to see a few more people sharing their time with us, everyone is welcome!

Pledge Sunday will be September 25th! Pledge cards were included in the packet of information that was given out at the Vision/Pledge Event. If you were unable to attend the Vision & Pledge event, your packet was mailed to you next. Please prayerfully consider your Pledge and fill out your Pledge card to be brought to church on the 25th.

Voters Meeting! We will have a voters meeting on Sunday October 9, 2016 right after Bible Study. This will be a very important meeting where we will look to share pledge results, present financial projections and formally seek congregational approval to pursue the building program and the financing to accompany the project. Please mark this date on your calendar!

Remember in our Prayers: Camryn Handberg (niece of Becky Johnson-Lane), Idena Hagen, Sean Breining, Kathy Chadwick (friend of Janet Preus), Kelly Cargill (friend of Becky Johnson-Lane), Hazel Schweiger (mother of Becky Johnson-Lane), Evalynn Cerdenola, Donna Preus (mother of Christian Preus), Ann Olson, Lisa Brackmann, Sam Miller (friend of Mari and Chris Houck), Don Barclay (Uncle of Mari Houck), Kathleen Adam (daughter of Bertha Oehlke), 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, Paul Johnson, Drew Johnson, the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Linda Lohmeyer (Friend of Carla Claussen), Debbie Diehl (Daughter-in-law of Fred & Lois Parduhn, Ron Quittem (Father of Jill Larson), Jack Jakupciak, Meta Nelson (Sister of Lisa Paradis), Bill Johnson (father of Michelle Nelson), DaniJo Johnson (niece of Roger & Jana Hargreaves), Lee Hart, Paul Paulson (grandfather of Jesse Huber), Charles Beck (Grandfather of Liz Huber), Mike Kohlhof, (Brother in Law of Barb Rains), Blake Iverson (Friend of Carla Claussen), Michelle Oasley (niece of Ellie Leimer), Norm Theiste, Corbin Utring (Grandson to friends of Neumanns and Hargreaves), Carol Walden (Grandmother of Barbie Gruenhagen), Al Lavanger, Marissa Pankonin (Niece of Tague and Debbie Damberg) and Family of Milton Fisher (Uncle of Sarah Miller).

Serving This Sunday:

Coffee Servers:	Mike & Stephanie Johnson
Acolyte:	Cailyn Argent
Elders:	Andy Madson & Todd Schoolman
Ushers:	Chris Houck & Chuck Scharlau
Altar Guild:	Kevin & Suzy Skau
Offering Counters:	David & Naomi Teske
Bread Baker:	Charlotte Smith
Bread Deliverer:	Lori Beck

Serving Next Sunday: (September 25, 2016)

Coffee Servers:	Heath & Danielle Brolsma
Acolyte:	William Rolf
Elders:	Andy Madson & Todd Schoolman
Ushers:	Steve Rains & Bruce Larson
Altar Guild:	Jill Larson & Gayle McGriff
Offering Counters:	Tim Lavanger & Russ McBroom
Bread Baker:	Julie Anderson
Bread Deliverer:	Janet Preus

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday:	215
Monday:	7
Total:	222
Bible Class: Wed/Sun	23/65
Sunday School:	42

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 16:1-15

"Living in this age in light of the next"

At first read, there seems to be a real contradiction between our Old Testament and our Gospel lesson for today. Amos calls out all the conniving, swindling merchants who live to make money and rip off the poor. In other words, Amos says, "don't be a crook."

But in Luke 16, Jesus tells a parable whose main character is a basically a crook. It's about a rich man's manager who knows that he's about to get canned. So he calls in a bunch of people who owe his master, and he slashes their debts drastically. The manager's plan is that once he gets fired, he can go to these debtors, and they'll help him out because he helped them out. Sounds pretty shady, doesn't it?

But the key to understanding this difficult parable comes at the very end: "**Luke 16:8** The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." Notice that Jesus doesn't hold up the manager as a moral example, he only commends his *shrewdness*. Here's the point: the manager acted in the present with an eye towards the future, and we should do the same. Our lives in *this age* should be shaped by our life in *the age to come*. If this *wicked* manager has learned to act this shrewdly, how much more should we?

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OPENING HYMN #730 – "What is the World to Me"

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: Ps. 119:144



Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;*
give me understanding that | I may live.

Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness*
and in all | faithfulness.

My zeal con- | sumes me,*
because my foes for- | get your words.

Your promise is | well tried,*
and your servant | loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,*
and your | law is true.

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.

Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;*
give me understanding that | I may live.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis – page 154

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COLLECT

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 16:1–15

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.
²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'
³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN #557 – “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

SERMON

CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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AGNUS DEI – *Sung by the Choir*

The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #563 – *“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”*

Hymn #714 – *“Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode”*

Hymn #732 – *“All Depends on Our Possessing”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, Amen.

Martin Luther

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Nunc Dimittis

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CLOSING HYMN #738 – *“Lord of All Hopefulness”*