

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 24-25, 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!**

Garry & Cheryl McCreary gave Altar Flowers in celebration of Jacob's Birthday. May God Bless him 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

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 Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath.

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.

LCMS National Day of Offering – The National Offering embodies our walk together in WITNESS, MERCY, and LIFE TOGETHER as we proclaim the Gospel and provide for our brothers and sisters in Christ in our congregations, communities and throughout the world. Please see the pamphlets on the table in the Narthex to learn more and how to contribute through the month of July.

2016 Glory of Christ Men's Retreat The men's retreat has been set for September 16th-18th. 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 have begun 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 for August are:**

August 2- Prairie Ponds Park - 5150 Dunkirk Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55446

August 9- Gleason Fields and Playground- 18815 67th Ave. N, Maple Grove (Just off County Road 101 headed North)

August 16- Heather Ponds Park- 3426 Lawndale Ln. North, Plymouth

August 23- Baker Park Reserve Playground

Instructional Class - Our Instruction Class has started! Whether you're new to Glory of Christ or you've been here for twenty years, you are welcome to join us. We'll be covering the Christian faith, A to Z and answering questions along the way. Class will be running during the Bible Study hour right after church in the Sanctuary.

Volunteers Needed! Would you like a new and unique way to serve the Lord? Come volunteer with us at **Bethesda Thrift Shop**. There is a new manager, Conan, and he is extending a personal invitation to check us out. Bethesda Thrift Shop 4749 County Road 101 Minnetonka, MN 55345. [952 939-0988](tel:9529390988).

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 203. 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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Genesis 18:17-33

"Abraham Negotiates over Sodom and Gomorrah"

Should everyone be punished for the sins of a few? That's essentially the question Abraham asks the Lord in the Old Testament reading for today. No one debated that Sodom and Gomorrah were brimming with evil and deserved whatever punishment the Lord wanted to give them. But what if there were a few innocent people among all the evil? Didn't God care about the collateral damage?

So Abraham finds himself in the peculiar position of negotiating with God. "What if there were fifty righteous people in the city, would you still destroy it?" Forty? Thirty? Twenty? Ten? If there were even ten righteous people in the city, the Lord would have mercy on all for the sake of the few.

Now we know that Sodom and Gomorrah are eventually destroyed although Lot and his family are spared. But more than anything, this episode between God and Abraham teaches us what it means when the Lord says that he "is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." The Lord is a God of mercy *and* wrath, but His mercy is infinitely greater than his anger.

Yet the Lord has mercy on us not for the sake of *ten* righteous people, but only one. And that one is the One who is righteous, Jesus Christ.

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OPENING HYMN #773 - "Hear us, Father, When We Pray"

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INROIT Ps. 119:145–149; antiphon: Ps. 50:15



Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*

I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, | O LORD!*

I will keep your | statutes.

I call to you; | save me,*

that I may observe your testi- | monies.

I rise before dawn and | cry for help;*

I hope | in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches | of the night,*

that I may meditate on your | promise.

Hear my voice according to your | steadfast love;*

O LORD, according to your justice | give me life.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

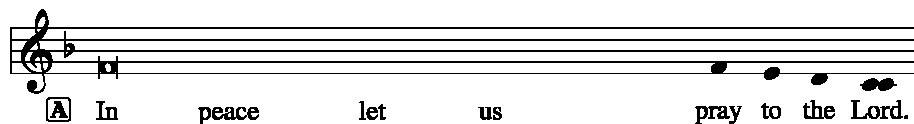
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*

I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.

KYRIE



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray



to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – page 204

COLLECT

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READNG Genesis 18:20–33

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?"

²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there."

He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Colossians 2:6–15*

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 11:1–13

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

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

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?' ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED

Apostles' Creed – page 207

SERMON HYMN #766 – *"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"*

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING – *"Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord"* - Vocalist Solo

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #596 – *“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”*

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

Hymn #647 – *“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION – page 212

CLOSING HYMN #766 – *“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”*

Vs. 5-9

Dear Glory of Christ Members:

The initial planning phase of the capital campaign to fund the building renovations at Glory of Christ is complete. We are now preparing for the campaign kickoff this fall. As part of our strategy to manage the campaign "in house" we are looking to build the teams necessary to put the campaign into action.

The following teams are needed to assist the committee with communications, mailings and the kickoff event on September 11, 2016:

- **Mail team (3 - 4 people) - Prepare mailings, pledge packets and invitations for Campaign kickoff dinner by stuffing envelopes and applying labels/postage.**
- **Host Team (approx. 16-18 people) - Handout pledge packets and assist your group (table) at kickoff dinner.**
- **Communications Team (4-5 people) – Confirm attendance for Campaign kickoff dinner, follow up on collection of pledge cards**

In addition, the Campaign Committee is looking for **Technical/Media support** to prepare PowerPoint or video presentations at the kickoff event and as an ongoing member of the GoC Technical "Geek" Squad.

For more information, or to assist the Capital Campaign Committee as part of any of the above teams, please contact Dennis Karius (952) 220-4236.