

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21-22, 2017

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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!**

2017 Altar Flower Chart: The Flower chart for 2017 is now up. Please be sure to sign up for the dates you want to give Altar Flowers.

Glory of Christ gave Altar Flowers this morning.

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 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran and Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin Sr.

Update to the Prayer List: We have updated the prayer list. If you have the name of a friend or loved one that you would like to place on the list, please let either Pastor Johnson, Pastor Krueger or Brenda know. Once a name is added, it will be removed after 4 weeks unless we are notified to have it remain. Thank You!

2017 Offering Envelopes and 2016 Year End Tithing Statements – are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick yours up. Statements not picked up by January 30th will be mailed out. Thank You!

Next Elders Meeting – Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 pm.

Next Youth Group Event is TODAY at church. Lunch and devotions after Bible Study at about 11:30am; with games and fun following until 1:30pm-ish. Any questions, please contact Julie Anderson julesanders@live.com or 612-791-0163.

Sunday Morning Bible Study on Colossians Has Begun: 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.*

Quilting Dates for January: Please join us for Quilting on Tuesday, Tuesday January 24th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Thank You!

QUILTING BEE - Zion Lutheran in Hopkins has invited the ladies of Glory of Christ to join them on **Wednesday, Feb 1st from 9 am to 4 pm** to work on putting quilts together for the Orphan Grain Train as they provide help in disaster situations. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Eunice McBroom 763-493-5333 if you have any questions.

Time & Talent Sheets – Please be sure to fill out your Time and Talent Sheet and return to Brenda by February 12th. Thank You!

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 167. 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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Matthew 4:12-25

What does the reign of God look like? The short answer is in our Gospel lesson today.

In the first three chapters of Matthew, we've been introduced to Jesus as the Son of David, the promised Messianic king who will save His people, judge the nations, and reign over all. But up until today, these have read more like high-minded campaign promises rather than practical promises. But now the rubber meets the road.

First, Jesus' preaching, in fact, His entire *ministry* is summarized potently in verse 17, "From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" If He is the king, the *divinely-appointed* king, then his coming means that the kingdom of God (a synonym for the kingdom of heaven) has arrived. In the very next verses we witness just what this sort of reign looks like.

First, Jesus calls people into His reign. A king always has subjects, but king Jesus does this a little differently. He *picks* His subjects, and not the most likely candidates either. Along the sea of Galilee, he calls Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow Him. These are not Harvard grads or CEO material. The kingdom of God isn't a meritocracy. Jesus calls these men into His service in spite of themselves, which goes to show that if these guys can be called as Jesus' subjects, then so can we.

Second, Jesus reigns by turning back the clock on sin *and its effects*. Matthew gives a drive-by summary: Jesus preaches the Gospel, heals diseases and afflictions, and casts out demons. It all goes together. Leprosy, blindness, demon possession, and the whole lot are the collateral damage of sin here in this age. They are the fallout from the fall. So naturally, when Jesus comes proclaiming salvation and the forgiveness of sins, he likewise undoes the *effects* of sin too. Jesus is starting to put *everything* back the way it should be, body, soul, and spirit.

That's what the reign of God looks like.

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OPENING HYMN #575 – "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 READING Isaiah 9:1–4

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:12–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

¹²Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,

on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #688 – *“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake*”

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #644 – *"The Church's One Foundation"*

Hymn #633 – *"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*

Hymn #643 – *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

We thank you, almighty Lord God, that you have refreshed us with this precious gift, and we ask for your mercy that you would let it nurture in us strong faith toward you and intensive love among us all, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

Martin Luther

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CLOSING HYMN #810 – *“O God of God, O Light of Light”*