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Newsletter

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Pastor's Letter

Rev. Jeremiah Johnson

This Alien Sound

The church calendar is quickly filling up with all of the regular fall activities: rally day, confirmation, moms' group, choir, bells, not to mention the chili cook-off, men's retreat, and more. Of course, these all orbit around Sunday morning, the center of our weekly rhythm. There's something very comfortable about the rhythm of life at Glory of Christ. It's so habitual, so *familiar*.

But I hope it never becomes too familiar, too familiar that we might ever lose the sense of how *alien* the church really is.

I was thinking this the other Sunday: suppose someone who had never even heard of Christianity stepped into the Divine Service on some Sunday morning. What would they see? I think that it would all seem quite strange. Certainly the guy in a white dress up front might seem strange, not to mention all the standing and bowing and singing and candles—I'm sure that would all strike him as odd. But what about the *message* of Sunday morning? That's even stranger yet.

All these people *publicly* admit that they've personally offended the Lord and Master of the universe, not to mention their friends and neighbors, and they deeply regret what they've done. But then the guy up front says that all that's gone. No punishment, no prison sentence, nothing. It's like all those admitted violations never even happened.

Then these people all sing and pray as if God has actually arrived on the scene, not just in your heart or imagination but actually *here*. Then they read from this old book that tells the story of people from long ago, but it's like they're reading about their uncles and grandparents, like they're all part of some cosmic family. And stranger yet, after the reading is done the people in the pews say that this is God *talking* to them.

Throughout this whole alien spectacle, there's a lot of talk about life, *eternal* life. But this isn't the kind of eternal life promised by healthy living or medicine or getting put in a long-term deep freeze.

This is the undoing of death. This is living forever without pain or aging or sorrow. It's the kind of eternal life that we usually only find in fairy tales. But these people in the pews really believe it.

And the strangeness keeps on coming. These people splash water on children's heads and say that they've died and come to life again even though all their vital signs seem to say otherwise. They sacrifice their needs for each other. They give their stuff away and don't expect anything in return. They say that even after they die, God's going to come and bring them back to life. And undergirding all of this strangeness is their belief that God became a man, lived perfectly, died unjustly, and came back to life again. And His death was a sacrifice on our behalf to make all these outrageously magnificent promises come true.

When you step back and think about it, what the church teaches and sings and believes is utterly *alien* to this age. The church is not just another worldly institution that teaches people to be good and does nice things for the community. It is an outpost in a foreign land that proclaims the work of God that sounds too good to be true, but *is* true.

The world is looking for salvation in all the wrong places. It looks for eternal life in the lab and forgiveness from a therapist and redemption in their own two hands, but would never think to look for it in a manger or on the cross. But this shouldn't surprise us. After all, sin is our native song, but salvation is an alien sound. But the world desperately needs to hear this alien sound, the sound of Christ.

So may the Lord grant us two things. First, even as we step back into familiar habits, that we would never become *so* familiar with the church that we would become blind to its blessed strangeness. Second, that we gladly play the alien sound of Christ for all the world to hear. For all our hope lies in this strange melody of Christ's work for us.

Pastor Johnson



Worship this Month

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2016 – Luke 14:25-35

“The Love and Hate that Jesus Gives”

Jesus said, *“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple...So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”*

What more could Jesus say to clearly and completely illustrate our insufficiency of commitment and discipleship? God commands commitment to Christ with no human reservations. The exclusive and unconditional claim of Jesus will not stop even at the most important and intimate of earthly ties. The disciple of Christ is to disown, renounce and reject loving anyone, even self, more than Christ. Our closest relatives, our loved ones, even our most sincere personal spiritual efforts cannot furnish us with the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. We cannot build the tower! Not alone and not as an earthly family! We cannot defeat the mighty enemy! We cannot fear and love and trust in God above all things! With these words Jesus intends to kill all trust in self and in those we love and give us Himself.

God continues to speak beautiful words of hate towards sin and love toward you in Christ Jesus!

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2016 – Acts 2:14, 22-47

“Pentecost to Plymouth”

In your upbringing, did you hear the expression “going to church?” Or did you ever hear the expression, “Gathering together with the risen Christ and His Church to receive His gifts of forgiveness and life?” The latter is how we understand the Divine Service.

The Gospel isn’t just history! It is history; the beautiful, gracious history of God’s undeserved love in Christ. And it’s so much more! For the Christ of history is also the Christ of this hour. He still lives! And He’s still present with His gifts to feed His Church with His Word and His Meal. That’s why the center of the Church’s life is worship!

That’s also why worship among us is called the Divine Service (Gottesdienst). In worship, God is present to serve us with His life-giving and life-sustaining gifts of forgiveness. We also respond in prayer and praise, but the beating heart of worship is God serving us with forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through Word and Meal.

Christian worship then is table fellowship with God. The risen Christ is present to give us His Word to hear and His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Here, something different happens from what happens anywhere else in the world. Here, the Bridegroom is present to serve His Bride the food and drink of heaven. This is the center of life!

The Holy Spirit led the early church to draw her life from the gifts of the risen Christ. Acts 2:42 says, *“And they devoted themselves to the Apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”* The word “devoted” means that Christians were into these gifts with all of their strength (steadfastly). The proclamation of the apostles’ doctrine and the Lord’s Supper (breaking of bread) were the gifts at the heart of the Church’s fellowship. Their fellowship in the receiving of Word and Sacrament was formed by “the prayers”- plural. In other words, there was a liturgy, an ordered way of worship, when Christ came to serve them.

The Liturgy that you will participate in through weekly worship has been passed down through the centuries of the Church. The Liturgy today connects us to the Church catholic, the worshiping Church of all time and people. God grant us receptive ears and mouths to receive life itself- Word and Meal!

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2016 - 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?

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2016 – Luke 16:19-31

It seems like the wealthy are given a pretty hard time in Old Testament and the Gospel lessons today. Amos rails against the wealthy leaders of Israel who are enjoying the finer things in life while their nation sinks into the ocean. Jesus tells the story of a rich man who lives it up in his earthly life only to find himself tormented in hell after he dies. But these are not merely sermons against the wealthy; they are warnings to all of us who live lives that orbit around our own needs and ignore the plight of our brothers and sisters who are at our very gates.



General News & Updates

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

Monday Evening Divine Service: 7:00 PM - NO Monday Night service on September 5th. *Monday Evening Divine Services will continue through the month of 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 month, we are asking for prayers for New Life (Neej Tshiab) Lutheran, worshipping at Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Yia Lo and Jonny Vang (students in EIIT at St. Louis Seminary), Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones, Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Dan Matasovsky (vacancy pastor) and for St. John's Ev. Lutheran church and school, Corcoran and for Pastor Steven Briel and Pastor Matthew Johnson.

2016 Glory of Christ Men's Retreat - We have had a wonderful response for signing up this year! For those who have signed up, an email has been sent giving you your room assignments, directions to the retreat location and more specific information about the retreat. If you have signed up and did not receive this important email, please let Brenda know. Also, there have been early tee times made for Friday, September 16th with a two tee times beginning at 12:30pm at Deacon's Lodge. This is a very nice course and a great time. Cost for 18 holes with cart is anticipated to be around \$75 discounted from the regular public Friday rate of \$119. **This is an Arnold Palmer designed course, one of the best in the Brainerd area.** It has been rated by Golf Digest as one of America's top 100 public golf courses. We must have a firm count no later than Wednesday September 14 for all those who can make the Friday morning tee time. Please reply to Bruce Paradis by emailing him at b@bruceparadis.com. Thanks!

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!

Grief Recovery Support Triune God Lutheran Church: You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Through the "GriefShare" weekly seminar, video series, and fellowship with others, you will gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. The video series features a valuable assortment of grief experts; clergy and health-care professionals will speak on a wide variety of subjects important to the grief recovery process. Topics include: "Is this normal?" - "The Challenges of Grief" - "Grief and Your Relationships" - "Why?" - "Guilt and Anger."

This 13-week series is available to anyone for a fee of \$10.00. Registration is necessary by September 9th; call (763) 561-6470, Triune God's church office, and talk to the secretary, Wendy. (If you reach voice-mail, please leave a message for Wendy in box #1.)

Ladies Coffee Social: Join your Sisters-In-Christ on Saturday, **September 17th** from 9-11am at the Lunds on 55 and Vicksburg. Grab a beverage of choice at Caribou and join Brenda and Pauline in the Community Room for some fruit and pastries. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

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 on Rally Day, September 11, 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.

Mom's Group Bible Study – We will begin the Mom's Group Bible Study on Wednesday September 14th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm here at church. Babysitting has been set with "*Uncle Josh Christian*" once again assisting us!

This is a reminder that next **Tuesday, September 6th**, **there will be a joint meeting for the Elders, Council and Capital Campaign members** to review the presentation that will be given to the Congregation at our event on September 11th. The Capital Campaign Committee will meet on the 6th at 6:30 pm and the joint meeting begins at 7:00 pm.



Attention All Musicians! Regular rehearsals for all music groups begin in September! Children's Chimes begin on Wednesday, September 7th, Children's Choir and Adult Hand Bells will begin on Wednesday September 14th and Adult Choir will begin on September 21st. Times are as follows on those dates and all following Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted:

Children's Choir	4:30
Children's Chimes	5:00
Bell Choir	6:30
Adult Choir	7:30

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 on the first day of rehearsal and check them out! All groups are open for new members and are welcome!



Sunday School

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NO Toddler Sunday School on Sunday September 4th. Parents and toddlers are welcome to join the other students with Mark and Rina Nygren leading the class.

With summer coming to a close, we get to open a new chapter in Sunday School at Glory of Christ! We have a record number of kids at GOC, which is a great opportunity to make Sunday School run more smoothly to accommodate our growth.

- The nursery has been converted to use as Sunday school space until our building addition is completed! It will still function as a nursery before, during, and after The Divine Service each Sunday. It will be utilized as Sunday school space between 10:45 and 11:30. There are diaper changing areas in all of the bathrooms (men's and women's) and also the Mother's' Room. We respectfully ask that if you're using the nursery after service, please have toys cleaned up and your child(ren) out of the nursery by 10:40 so that Sunday School children can use that space.
- We have Sunday School classes that range from Toddlers with Parents to Confirmation age! This year, your child will be grouped by colors, similar to our VBS structure.
- Teachers are receiving support to learn classroom management skills. We will lay out our expectations of the students' behavior and are asking parents to assist in making sure children's behavior helps them best hear and learn God's Word.
- Pastors will be teaching parts of the liturgy during Sunday school opening as well as introducing the lesson. Parents are welcome to join their children for opening to get them settled and ready to learn.
- Again this year we will celebrate Baptism Birthdays. If you haven't given us your child's Baptism Birthday, there will be a form for you to share that information with us.
- All 2nd graders will receive bibles on Rally Day again this year. Since this is a newer tradition at GOC, if your student is older than 2nd grade and would like to receive a Bible, please let one of the pastors, Brenda, or Dawn know.
- Rally day will look a little different this year with the building committee's Vision event. Though we will not have our typical bouncy house on rally day, there will be a pizza party, movie, and fun for the kids who stay at GOC during the vision event.

Please thank all the Sunday School teachers who have volunteered their time and energy to teach our children!



At our year end luncheon last May, it was decided to move the monthly Compassion Circle meeting to the 2nd Monday of the month. Therefore, we will have our first fall meeting on the 12th of Sept. at 1:00p.m. Hope to see you all there!

Quilters: Eunice is looking at the calendar and is deciding on specific dates for quilting. Keep your eyes open for an announcement in upcoming bulletins!!



Women of Glory of Christ
Save the date!
Third Annual Advent by Candlelight

Mark your calendars for Sunday December 4, 2016. The Women of Glory of Christ are celebrating Advent with an evening of dessert and entertainment in the Fellowship Hall.

Who does this include? Women who are in high school on up!

We hope to have many women from Glory of Christ attend. Transportation will be available as well.

Watch for more details coming this fall!



President's Letter

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Dear Members of Glory of Christ,

Greetings! As summer unofficially comes to a close, I find myself, surprisingly, not lamenting the passing of the summer months but, rather, am really excited by what lies ahead for our congregation over the next several months - beginning on Rally Day – September 11th, 2016.

Speaking of Rally Day, notification announcing the kick-off event for the Capital Campaign has been sent via both snail-mail and electronically. I hope to see a large turnout for the Vision and Pledge event as it will deliver a plethora of important information regarding the building concept from Station 19 Architects, how the building program helps fulfill the mission of our Church and details concerning the Glory of Christ Capital Campaign. As with all Lutheran gatherings, there will be food so be sure to come hungry. In anticipation of the Vision and Pledge event and the building program, the various church committees have been active with preparations. To begin with, the Building Committee convened with Station 19 on August 3rd to review their Partial Design Development Services proposal and, as a follow-on action, the Church Council approved the proposal at their August 17th meeting. On September 6th, there will be a joint meeting between the Elders, Church Council and the Capital Campaign Committee to finalize the agenda and materials for the Vision and Pledge event. I would like to personally thank all members of the various committees, the Elders and our Pastors for all of their hard work over the last several months to get us to this point. Your dedication and determination have been truly inspiring.

Following the Vision and Pledge event, there will be a voter's assembly on October 9th 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 and pay attention to the Sunday bulletins and Church newsletter for confirmation of time and date.

Thank you and I hope everyone has a safe Labor Day weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Rally Day.

In Christ,

David Teske
Council President



Treasurer's Report

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Glory of Christ Lutheran Church July 2016 YTD Income Statement Jul-16

	July			Year to date		
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income						
Designated Funds Applied	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,648.00	0.00	2,648.00
General Offerings	42,289.78	41,710.00	550.78	287,008.99	318,054.00	(21,945.91)
Interest Income	291.10	167.00	124.10	2,408.88	1,189.00	1,237.88
Other Income	431.73	220.00	211.73	5,835.81	4,620.00	1,215.81
Silent Auction Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,371.38	30,000.00	1,371.38
Sunday School Offerings	17.89	0.00	17.89	303.00	830.00	(452.00)
Total Income	43,019.50	42,196.00	994.50	339,633.22	355,578.88	(15,924.78)
Gross Profit	\$ 43,019.50	\$ 42,196.00	\$ 994.50	\$ 339,633.22	\$ 355,578.88	\$ (15,924.78)
Expenses						
Designated Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,648.00	0.00	2,648.00
Education	3,048.13	2,400.00	648.13	6,142.05	6,075.00	67.05
General and Administration	1,190.82	2,818.00	(1,027.18)	35,717.87	34,214.00	1,503.87
Missions	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
Music	1,332.55	1,897.42	(564.87)	23,039.37	25,851.94	(612.57)
Occupancy	7,378.82	7,898.33	(479.51)	66,283.88	76,999.31	(11,715.43)
Pastoral Support	20,443.01	22,270.00	(1,825.99)	141,717.59	152,311.00	(10,593.41)
Total Expenses	33,993.33	38,292.75	(4,299.42)	325,548.54	332,251.25	(6,702.71)
Net Income	\$ 9,017.17	\$ 3,853.25	\$ 5,163.92	\$ 16,104.68	\$ 23,326.75	\$ (7,222.07)

Summary of Results:

- General offerings are on budget for the month of July and \$22k unfavorable YTD.
- G&A expenses are unfavorable YTD due to the payment of the Capital Campaign expenses and installation expenses.
- Occupancy Expenses YTD are favorable due to actual maintenance and repair expenses coming in under budgeted.
- Pastoral Support YTD is trending favorable due to the timing of Assistant Pastor coming on payroll, and HRA reimbursements coming in under budget.

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2016

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	46,205.62
Deferred Annuity Proceeds	0.00
LCEF Stewardship Account	581,156.29
Savings	1,118.92
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 638,480.83
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Other current assets:	
Due from CLEF	0.00
Total Other current assets	\$ 0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 638,480.83
Fixed Assets	
Church Building	1,887,811.83
Accumulated Depreciation - Building	-411,978.05
Total Church Building	\$ 1,455,833.78
Equipment	116,813.49
Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	-46,314.20
Total Equipment	\$ 70,499.29
Land	70,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,596,333.07
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,234,813.90
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	11,701.32
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 11,701.32
Other Current Liabilities:	
Designated Fund Balances	
Building Addition Fund	7,891.53
Capital Improvement Fund	83,330.14
Missions	100.84
Mortgage Loan Repayment	100,989.53
Roof Loan Repayment	74,879.60
Youth	6,848.82
Total Designated Fund Balances	\$ 364,050.46
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 364,050.46
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 375,751.78
Equity	
Building Fund Balance	1,276,520.83
Opening Bal Equity	915,131.40
Retained Earnings	51,305.21
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.00
Net Income	16,104.68
Total Equity	\$ 1,859,062.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 2,234,813.90



Serving Sunday: (September 4, 2016)

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Coffee Servers:	Heath & Danielle Broelsma
Acolyte:	?
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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 1 st	Jerry Jespersen Donna Olson	Birthday Birthday
September 3 rd	Pastor Jeremiah Johnson	Birthday
September 4 th	Jill Larson Jonathan Flakne	Birthday Birthday
September 8 th	Bob Yount Ben Rolf Al Lavanger	Birthday Birthday Birthday
September 9 th	Lorelei Eickhoff	Birthday
September 13 th	Matt Knea Daniel Schoolman Bryce Wikman	Birthday Birthday Birthday
September 15 th	Anna Madson Jon Burns	Birthday Birthday
September 16 th	Suzy Skau	Birthday
September 18 th	Mark Swenson	Birthday
September 21 st	Dennis & Andrea Neumann	Anniversary
September 22 nd	Eunice McBroom	Birthday
September 29 th	Craig & Charlotte Smith	Anniversary
September 30 th	Karen Swenson	Birthday



Calendar

~ September 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 8a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	5	6 6:30p-7p CCG 7p-8p Combined Elders/Council CCG meeting	7 10a-11a Bible Study 8p-8:30p Children's Chimes	8	9	10 6:30a-7:30a Men's reading group
11 8a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School 12p-2p Vision & Pledge Event (Madina Ballroom)	12 1p-2p Compassion Circle Meeting (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, County Road 101, Plymouth, MN) 7p-8p Divine Service	13	14 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Men's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes 6:30p-7:30p Hand Bells	15	16 Men's Retreat	17 Men's Retreat
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But I hope it never becomes too familiar, too familiar that we might ever lose the sense of how *alien* the church really is.

I was thinking this the other Sunday: suppose someone who had never even heard of Christianity stepped into the Divine Service on some Sunday morning. What would they see? I think that it would all seem quite strange. Certainly the guy in a white dress up front might seem strange, not to mention all the standing and bowing and singing and candles—I'm sure that would all strike him as odd. But what about the *message* of Sunday morning? That's even stranger yet.

All these people *publicly* admit that they've personally offended the Lord and Master of the universe, not to mention their friends and neighbors, and they deeply regret what they've done. But then the guy up front says that all that's gone. No punishment, no prison sentence, nothing. It's like all those admitted violations never even happened.

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Throughout this whole alien spectacle, there's a lot of talk about life, *eternal* life. But this isn't the kind of eternal life promised by healthy living or medicine or getting put in a long-term deep freeze.

This is the undoing of death. This is living forever without pain or aging or sorrow. It's the kind of eternal life that we usually only find in fairy tales. But these people in the pews really believe it.

And the strangeness keeps on coming. These people splash water on children's heads and say that they've died and come to life again even though all their vital signs seem to say otherwise. They sacrifice their needs for each other. They give their stuff away and don't expect anything in return. They say that even after they die, God's going to come and bring them back to life. And undergirding all of this strangeness is their belief that God became a man, lived perfectly, died unjustly, and came back to life again. And His death was a sacrifice on our behalf to make all these outrageously magnificent promises come true.

When you step back and think about it, what the church teaches and sings and believes is utterly *alien* to this age. The church is not just another worldly institution that teaches people to be good and does nice things for the community. It is an outpost in a foreign land that proclaims the work of God that sounds too good to be true, but *is* true.

The world is looking for salvation in all the wrong places. It looks for eternal life in the lab and forgiveness from a therapist and redemption in their own two hands, but would never think to look for it in a manger or on the cross. But this shouldn't surprise us. After all, sin is our native song, but salvation is an alien sound. But the world desperately needs to hear this alien sound, the sound of Christ.

So may the Lord grant us two things. First, even as we step back into familiar habits, that we would never become *so* familiar with the church that we would become blind to its blessed strangeness. Second, that we gladly play the alien sound of Christ for all the world to hear. For all our hope lies in this strange melody of Christ's work for us.

Pastor Johnson



Worship this Month

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2016 – Luke 14:25-35

“The Love and Hate that Jesus Gives”

Jesus said, *“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple...So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”*

What more could Jesus say to clearly and completely illustrate our insufficiency of commitment and discipleship? God commands commitment to Christ with no human reservations. The exclusive and unconditional claim of Jesus will not stop even at the most important and intimate of earthly ties. The disciple of Christ is to disown, renounce and reject loving anyone, even self, more than Christ. Our closest relatives, our loved ones, even our most sincere personal spiritual efforts cannot furnish us with the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. We cannot build the tower! Not alone and not as an earthly family! We cannot defeat the mighty enemy! We cannot fear and love and trust in God above all things! With these words Jesus intends to kill all trust in self and in those we love and give us Himself.

God continues to speak beautiful words of hate towards sin and love toward you in Christ Jesus!

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2016 – Acts 2:14, 22-47

“Pentecost to Plymouth”

In your upbringing, did you hear the expression “going to church?” Or did you ever hear the expression, “Gathering together with the risen Christ and His Church to receive His gifts of forgiveness and life?” The latter is how we understand the Divine Service.

The Gospel isn’t just history! It is history; the beautiful, gracious history of God’s undeserved love in Christ. And it’s so much more! For the Christ of history is also the Christ of this hour. He still lives! And He’s still present with His gifts to feed His Church with His Word and His Meal. That’s why the center of the Church’s life is worship!

That’s also why worship among us is called the Divine Service (Gottesdienst). In worship, God is present to serve us with His life-giving and life-sustaining gifts of forgiveness. We also respond in prayer and praise, but the beating heart of worship is God serving us with forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through Word and Meal.

Christian worship then is table fellowship with God. The risen Christ is present to give us His Word to hear and His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Here, something different happens from what happens anywhere else in the world. Here, the Bridegroom is present to serve His Bride the food and drink of heaven. This is the center of life!

The Holy Spirit led the early church to draw her life from the gifts of the risen Christ. Acts 2:42 says, *“And they devoted themselves to the Apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”* The word “devoted” means that Christians were into these gifts with all of their strength (steadfastly). The proclamation of the apostles’ doctrine and the Lord’s Supper (breaking of bread) were the gifts at the heart of the Church’s fellowship. Their fellowship in the receiving of Word and Sacrament was formed by “the prayers”- plural. In other words, there was a liturgy, an ordered way of worship, when Christ came to serve them.

The Liturgy that you will participate in through weekly worship has been passed down through the centuries of the Church. The Liturgy today connects us to the Church catholic, the worshiping Church of all time and people. God grant us receptive ears and mouths to receive life itself- Word and Meal!

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2016 - 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?

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2016 – Luke 16:19-31

It seems like the wealthy are given a pretty hard time in Old Testament and the Gospel lessons today. Amos rails against the wealthy leaders of Israel who are enjoying the finer things in life while their nation sinks into the ocean. Jesus tells the story of a rich man who lives it up in his earthly life only to find himself tormented in hell after he dies. But these are not merely sermons against the wealthy; they are warnings to all of us who live lives that orbit around our own needs and ignore the plight of our brothers and sisters who are at our very gates.



General News & Updates

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

Monday Evening Divine Service: 7:00 PM - NO Monday Night service on September 5th. *Monday Evening Divine Services will continue through the month of 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 month, we are asking for prayers for New Life (Neej Tshiab) Lutheran, worshipping at Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Yia Lo and Jonny Vang (students in EIIT at St. Louis Seminary), Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones, Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Dan Matasovsky (vacancy pastor) and for St. John's Ev. Lutheran church and school, Corcoran and for Pastor Steven Briel and Pastor Matthew Johnson.

2016 Glory of Christ Men's Retreat - We have had a wonderful response for signing up this year! For those who have signed up, an email has been sent giving you your room assignments, directions to the retreat location and more specific information about the retreat. If you have signed up and did not receive this important email, please let Brenda know. Also, there have been early tee times made for Friday, September 16th with a two tee times beginning at 12:30pm at Deacon's Lodge. This is a very nice course and a great time. Cost for 18 holes with cart is anticipated to be around \$75 discounted from the regular public Friday rate of \$119. This is an Arnold Palmer designed course, one of the best in the Brainerd area. It has been rated by Golf Digest as one of America's top 100 public golf courses. We must have a firm count no later than Wednesday September 14 for all those who can make the Friday morning tee time. Please reply to Bruce Paradis by emailing him at b@bruceparadis.com. Thanks!

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!

Grief Recovery Support Triune God Lutheran Church: You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Through the "GriefShare" weekly seminar, video series, and fellowship with others, you will gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. The video series features a valuable assortment of grief experts; clergy and health-care professionals will speak on a wide variety of subjects important to the grief recovery process. Topics include: "Is this normal?" - "The Challenges of Grief" - "Grief and Your Relationships" - "Why?" - "Guilt and Anger."

This 13-week series is available to anyone for a fee of \$10.00. Registration is necessary by September 9th; call [\(763\) 561-6470](tel:7635616470), Triune God's church office, and talk to the secretary, Wendy. (If you reach voice-mail, please leave a message for Wendy in box #1.)

Ladies Coffee Social: Join your Sisters-In-Christ on Saturday, **September 17th** from 9-11 am at the Lunds on 55 and Vicksburg. Grab a beverage of choice at Caribou and join Brenda and Pauline in the Community Room for some fruit and pastries. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

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 on Rally Day, September 11, 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.

Mom's Group Bible Study – We will begin the Mom's Group Bible Study on Wednesday September 14th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm here at church. Babysitting has been set with "*Uncle Josh Christian*" once again assisting us!

This is a reminder that next **Tuesday, September 6th**, **there will be a joint meeting for the Elders, Council and Capital Campaign members** to review the presentation that will be given to the Congregation at our event on September 11th. The Capital Campaign Committee will meet on the 6th at 6:30 pm and the joint meeting begins at 7:00 pm.



Music

Organists: Carla Claussen, Zelda Malo, Maddie Marshall, Sarah Miller
Adult Choir Director: Carla Claussen
Bell Choir Director: Brenda Richards
Music Coordinator: Zelda Malo
Children's Choir: Andrea Heeren
Chimes Director: Ellie Leimer

Attention All Musicians! Regular rehearsals for all music groups begin in September! Children's Chimes begin on Wednesday, September 7th, Children's Choir and Adult Hand Bells will begin on Wednesday September 14th and Adult Choir will begin on September 21st. Times are as follows on those dates and all following Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted:

Children's Choir	4:30
Children's Chimes	5:00
Bell Choir	6:30
Adult Choir	7:30

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 on the first day of rehearsal and check them out! All groups are open for new members and are welcome!



Sunday School

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NO Toddler Sunday School on Sunday September 4th. Parents and toddlers are welcome to join the other students with Mark and Rina Nygren leading the class.

With summer coming to a close, we get to open a new chapter in Sunday School at Glory of Christ! We have a record number of kids at GOC, which is a great opportunity to make Sunday School run more smoothly to accommodate our growth.

- The nursery has been converted to use as Sunday school space until our building addition is completed! It will still function as a nursery before, during, and after The Divine Service each Sunday. It will be utilized as Sunday school space between 10:45 and 11:30. There are diaper changing areas in all of the bathrooms (men's and women's) and also the Mother's' Room. We respectfully ask that if you're using the nursery after service, please have toys cleaned up and your child(ren) out of the nursery by 10:40 so that Sunday School children can use that space.
- We have Sunday School classes that range from Toddlers with Parents to Confirmation age! This year, your child will be grouped by colors, similar to our VBS structure.
- Teachers are receiving support to learn classroom management skills. We will lay out our expectations of the students' behavior and are asking parents to assist in making sure children's behavior helps them best hear and learn God's Word.
- Pastors will be teaching parts of the liturgy during Sunday school opening as well as introducing the lesson. Parents are welcome to join their children for opening to get them settled and ready to learn.
- Again this year we will celebrate Baptism Birthdays. If you haven't given us your child's Baptism Birthday, there will be a form for you to share that information with us.
- All 2nd graders will receive bibles on Rally Day again this year. Since this is a newer tradition at GOC, if your student is older than 2nd grade and would like to receive a Bible, please let one of the pastors, Brenda, or Dawn know.
- Rally day will look a little different this year with the building committee's Vision event. Though we will not have our typical bouncy house on rally day, there will be a pizza party, movie, and fun for the kids who stay at GOC during the vision event.

Please thank all the Sunday School teachers who have volunteered their time and energy to teach our children!



At our year end luncheon last May, it was decided to move the monthly Compassion Circle meeting to the 2nd Monday of the month. Therefore, we will have our first fall meeting on the 12th of Sept. at 1:00p.m. Hope to see you all there!

Quilters: Eunice is looking at the calendar and is deciding on specific dates for quilting. Keep your eyes open for an announcement in upcoming bulletins!!



Women of Glory of Christ
Save the date!
Third Annual Advent by Candlelight

Mark your calendars for Sunday December 4, 2016. The Women of Glory of Christ are celebrating Advent with an evening of dessert and entertainment in the Fellowship Hall.

Who does this include? Women who are in high school on up!

We hope to have many women from Glory of Christ attend. Transportation will be available as well.

Watch for more details coming this fall!



President's Letter

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Dear Members of Glory of Christ,

Greetings! As summer unofficially comes to a close, I find myself, surprisingly, not lamenting the passing of the summer months but, rather, am really excited by what lies ahead for our congregation over the next several months - beginning on Rally Day – September 11th, 2016.

Speaking of Rally Day, notification announcing the kick-off event for the Capital Campaign has been sent via both snail-mail and electronically. I hope to see a large turnout for the Vision and Pledge event as it will deliver a plethora of important information regarding the building concept from Station 19 Architects, how the building program helps fulfill the mission of our Church and details concerning the Glory of Christ Capital Campaign. As with all Lutheran gatherings, there will be food so be sure to come hungry. In anticipation of the Vision and Pledge event and the building program, the various church committees have been active with preparations. To begin with, the Building Committee convened with Station 19 on August 3rd to review their Partial Design Development Services proposal and, as a follow-on action, the Church Council approved the proposal at their August 17th meeting. On September 6th, there will be a joint meeting between the Elders, Church Council and the Capital Campaign Committee to finalize the agenda and materials for the Vision and Pledge event. I would like to personally thank all members of the various committees, the Elders and our Pastors for all of their hard work over the last several months to get us to this point. Your dedication and determination have been truly inspiring.

Following the Vision and Pledge event, there will be a voter's assembly on October 9th 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 and pay attention to the Sunday bulletins and Church newsletter for confirmation of time and date.

Thank you and I hope everyone has a safe Labor Day weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Rally Day.

In Christ,

David Teske
Council President



Treasurer's Report

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Glory of Christ Lutheran Church July 2016 YTD Income Statement Jul-16

	July			Year to date		
	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income						
Designated Funds Applied	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,648.00	0.00	2,648.00
General Offerings	42,269.78	41,719.00	550.78	297,008.09	318,954.00	(21,945.91)
Interest Income	291.10	167.00	124.10	2,406.86	1,169.00	1,237.86
Other Income	431.73	220.00	211.73	5,835.91	4,620.00	1,215.91
Silent Auction Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,371.36	30,000.00	1,371.36
Sunday School Offerings	17.89	0.00	17.89	383.00	835.00	(452.00)
Total Income	43,010.50	42,106.00	904.50	339,653.22	355,578.00	(15,924.78)
Gross Profit	\$ 43,010.50	\$ 42,106.00	\$ 904.50	\$ 339,653.22	\$ 355,578.00	\$ (15,924.78)
Expenses						
Designated Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,648.00	0.00	2,648.00
Education	3,048.13	2,400.00	648.13	6,142.05	6,075.00	67.05
General and Administration	1,790.82	2,818.00	(1,027.18)	35,717.67	24,214.00	11,503.67
Missions	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	49,000.00	49,000.00	0.00
Music	1,332.55	1,897.42	(564.87)	23,039.37	23,651.94	(612.57)
Occupancy	7,378.82	7,858.33	(479.51)	65,283.86	76,999.31	(11,715.45)
Pastoral Support	20,443.01	22,279.00	(1,835.99)	141,717.59	152,311.00	(10,593.41)
Total Expenses	33,993.33	38,252.75	(4,259.42)	323,548.54	332,251.25	(8,702.71)
Net Income	\$ 9,017.17	\$ 3,853.25	\$ 5,163.92	\$ 16,104.68	\$ 23,326.75	\$ (7,222.07)

Summary of Results:

- General offerings are on budget for the month of July and \$22k unfavorable YTD.
- G&A expenses are unfavorable YTD due to the payment of the Capital Campaign expenses and Installation expenses.
- Occupancy Expenses YTD are favorable due to actual maintenance and repair expenses coming in under budgeted.
- Pastoral Support YTD is trending favorable due to the timing of Assistant Pastor coming on payroll, and HRA reimbursements coming in under budget

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2016

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	46,205.62
Deferred Annuity Proceeds	0.00
LCEF Stewardship Account	591,156.29
Savings	1,118.92
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 638,480.83
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Other current assets	
Due from CLEF	0.00
Total Other current assets	\$ 0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 638,480.83
Fixed Assets	
Church Building	1,667,611.83
Accumulated Depreciation - Building	-411,978.05
Total Church Building	\$ 1,455,633.78
Equipment	116,813.49
Accumulated Depreciation - Equipment	-46,314.20
Total Equipment	\$ 70,499.29
Land	70,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,596,133.07
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,234,613.90
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	11,701.32
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 11,701.32
Other Current Liabilities	
Designated Fund Balances	
Building Addition Fund	7,691.53
Capital Improvement Fund	93,330.14
Missions	100.84
Mortgage Loan Repayment	180,999.53
Roof Loan Repayment	74,679.60
Youth	6,848.82
Total Designated Fund Balances	\$ 364,050.46
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 364,050.46
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 375,751.78
Equity	
Building Fund Balance	1,276,520.83
Opening Bal Equity	515,131.40
Retained Earnings	51,305.21
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.00
Net Income	16,104.68
Total Equity	\$ 1,859,062.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 2,234,613.90



Serving Sunday: (September 4, 2016)

Coffee Servers:	Rhea Schulz & Linda Corey
Acolyte:	?
Elders:	Andy Madson & Todd Schoolman
Ushers:	Jim Fahnhorst & Christ Houck
Altar Guild:	Brenda Richards
Offering Counters:	Kent Rudeen & Janelle Franzmeier
Bread Baker:	Gayle Barnaby
Bread Deliverer:	Lori Beck

Serving Sunday: (September 11, 2016)

Coffee Servers:	Ryan & Maddie Marshall, Pauline Hemingway
Acolyte:	?
Elders:	Andy Madson & Todd Schoolman
Ushers:	Jeremy Eickhoff & Marcus Olson
Altar Guild:	Beth Schoolman & Brenda Richards
Offering Counters:	Jeremy & Jill Eickhoff
Bread Baker:	Cheryl McCreary
Bread Deliverer:	Carl Hartness

Serving Sunday: (September 18, 2016)

Coffee Servers:	Mike & Stephanie Johnson
Acolyte:	?
Elders:	Andy Madson & Todd Schoolman
Ushers:	Patton Hoffarth & Jesse Huber (They need to trade with someone!)
Altar Guild:	Kevin & Suzy Skau
Offering Counters:	David & Naomi Teske
Bread Baker:	Charlotte Smith
Bread Deliverer:	Craig Smith

Serving Sunday: (September 25, 2016)

Coffee Servers:	Heath & Danielle Brolsma
Acolyte:	?
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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 1 st	Jerry Jespersen Donna Olson	Birthday Birthday
September 3 rd	Pastor Jeremiah Johnson	Birthday
September 4 th	Jill Larson Jonathan Flakne	Birthday Birthday
September 8 th	Bob Yount Ben Rolf Al Lavanger	Birthday Birthday Birthday
September 9 th	Lorelei Eickhoff	Birthday
September 13 th	Matt Knea Daniel Schoolman Bryce Wikman	Birthday Birthday Birthday
September 15 th	Anna Madson Jon Burns	Birthday Birthday
September 16 th	Suzy Skau	Birthday
September 18 th	Mark Swenson	Birthday
September 21 st	Dennis & Andrea Neumann	Anniversary
September 22 nd	Eunice McBroom	Birthday
September 29 th	Craig & Charlotte Smith	Anniversary
September 30 th	Karen Swenson	Birthday



Calendar

~ September 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School	5	6 6:30p-7p CCC 7p-8p Combined Elders/Council CCC meeting	7 10a-11a Bible Study 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes	8	9	10 6:30a-7:30a Men's reading group
11 9a-10a Divine Service 10:30a-11:30a Bible Class/Sunday School 12p-2p Vision & Pledge Event (Medina Ballroom)	12 1p-2p Compassion Circle Meeting (Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, County Road 101, Plymouth, MN) 7p-8p Divine Service	13	14 10a-11a Bible Study 4p-5:30p Mom's Group 4:30p-5p Children's Choir 5p-5:30p Children's Chimes 6:30p-7:30p Hand Bells	15	16 Men's Retreat	17 Men's Retreat
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