

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



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Welcome all in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshipping for the first time with us. Please sign our guest book (make sure to indicate if you would like the Pastor to visit) and accept our invitation to worship with us again.

Who should commune at the Altar of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church? According to the Scriptures and the Confessional statements of the church only those should commune who "have been examined and absolved" by the pastor. If you wish to commune at Glory of Christ for the first time, please talk to the Pastor before doing so. Holy Communion is the most intimate expression of Christian fellowship and it is important to the members of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church that all who commune have a common understanding and commitment to the Gospel teachings of the Bible.

Altar Flower Chart: The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located on the kitchen counter. In order to have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words 'Altar flowers'. Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. **If you take the black "liners" home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday. Thank You!**

David & Naomi Teske gave Altar Flowers in celebration of Jack'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 Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plymouth, and Pastor Tom Sotebig and Pastor Joe Behnke.

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.

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!

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!

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 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).

1st Annual Glory of Christ Microbrewery Tour! Limited spots remain. We will depart from Glory of Christ promptly at 4:00PM on Saturday, August 27th. We will proceed to three Twin Cities microbreweries to sample their finest creations. Cost is \$100 per person which will go to our church Missions. Cost of admission includes transportation only, all food and beverage at each brewery will be each individuals responsibility. We have reserved a 40 person bus and still have space for you to join us. If interested, please register on the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Questions? Talk to: Travis Dorweiler, Kevin Skau, Todd Schoolman or Todd Zitzlsperger.

Red Cross Blood Drive! Glory of Christ will once again be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday August 15th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. You may sign up online at: www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: GLORYOFCHRISTPLYM. You may also sign up on the sheet on the table in the Narthex. There will be 3 shifts that will need a volunteer to assist with check in, 1-3, 3-5 and 5-7. If you wish to assist with this, please let Brenda know.

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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Luke 12: 22-34

"Lilies, Ravens, and the Kingdom of God"

The world is filled with things to be anxious about, from the terrifying: mass shootings, economic collapse, national unrest, to the mundane: remodeling decisions, compound fractions, taxes. We fret and lose sleep, but Jesus says, "do not be anxious about your life."

Now Jesus isn't promoting a careless lifestyle where we just throw all caution to the wind, nor is Jesus just peddling the power of positive thinking. His encouragement, "don't be anxious" is rooted in our Heavenly Father's care for us. God feeds the ravens and clothes the lilies, and we're certainly more dear to Him than birds and flowers. And if the Lord promises to provide for all our *needs* (wants are another matter), then why be anxious?

Not only does the Lord promise to provide us with treasures that are here today and gone tomorrow, but He also promises a treasure that will always be here tomorrow. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." The Lord's kingdom--His work of salvation--cannot be touched by moth, rust, or even time. It's an eternal treasure that will never fade away.

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OPENING HYMN #726 - "Evening and Morning"

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INTROIT Ps. 147:8–11; antiphon: Ps. 147:7



Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*
he makes grass grow | on the hills.

He gives to the | beasts their food,*
and to the young ravens | that cry.

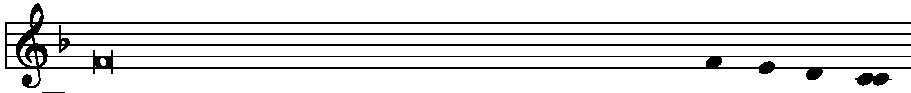
His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

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.

Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

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

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:22–34

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

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

²²And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.

²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREED

Apostles' Creed – page 207

SERMON HYMN #735 – *“Have No fear, Little Flock”*

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #636 – *“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”*

Hymn #555 – *“Salvation unto Us Has Come”*

Vs. 1-5

Hymn #663 – *“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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CLOSING HYMN #555 – *“Salvation unto Us Has Come”*

Vs. 6-10