

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



## The Nativity of our Lord

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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!**

**Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM**

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

**New Year's Eve Service** – There will be a regular Saturday Evening Divine Service at 5:00 PM on New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NO Bible Study or Sunday School on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> or Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>. Regular Divine Service will take place on those Sundays at 9:00 AM.**

**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 Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Janet Preus is hosting an Epiphany Party at her home beginning at 4:00 pm. More details to follow, but place this fun event on your calendar!

**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!

**New 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.*

**Funeral information for Rev. Bob Yount:** The funeral for Rev. Bob Yount will be here, at Glory of Christ, on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Gathering for family and friends from 10:00-11:00, funeral service at 11:00 with lunch following the service at 12:00. Lunch is provided by Glory of Christ Compassion Circle.

**Remember in our Prayers:** Idena Hagen, Sean Breining, Kathy Chadwick (friend of Janet Preus), Lisa Brackmann, Arta Walter, Paul Johnson, Ron Quittem (Father of Jill Larson), Lee Hart, Al Lavanger, Onna Ostendorf (Friend of Jack Teske), Brecken Garding, Loretta Main (Aunt of Stephanie Johnson), CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, LaValle Berkner (Father of Sarah Miller), Shelby Klapprich (Friend of Jen & Ben Schaumburg), Mike Krause, John Algen (Friend of Mike Krause), Bonnie Steeke (Mother of Debbie Damberg), Family of Marcia Bell (daughter of Ann Olson) and Family of Rev. Bob Yount.



**Worship Notes**  
**Nativity of our Lord**  
**John 1:1-14**

Today, God lets us in on a great secret: this little child nestled in the manger is, in actuality, God speaking in the flesh.

This baby is the very Word that brought the heavens and the earth out of nothing.

Through this baby, Mount Rainier was formed, cellular division was designed, the mockingbird sings, and Alpha Centauri shines.

He is the life of all, and not least of all, the life of men.

This child is God's Son, and he seeks to make us sons and daughters too. He has come to share in our life so that we might share in his.

Today, we see the glory of God veiled in swaddling cloths. He is the grace of God towards men.

Today, the Lord has revealed this, eternity's great and unexpected mystery, even to us.

Rejoice.

**Nativity of our Lord**  
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**OPENING HYMN #387 – “Joy to the World”**

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<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

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

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**HOLY GOSPEL** John 1:1–14

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

<sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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**SERMON HYMN #384** – *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

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**Hymn #373** – *“See amid the Winter’s Snow”*

**Hymn #375** – *“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”*

### **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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