

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost July 31-August 1, 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!**

Tom & Brenda Richards gave Altar Flowers in celebration of Robbie'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 Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center, and Pastor Peter Preus.

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!

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:952-939-0988).

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 Zitzlperger.

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: 13-21

"Your Soul is NOT your Soul"

Jesus teaches that your soul is not yours. Our soul is not ours to comfort and encourage by means of earthly goods and treasures. "Fool," God says, "This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" It is as if God were saying, "You may just as well have built a sand castle to live in. All it takes is for the wind to come and dry the sand out until it crumbles and for the waves to come and wash it away. You have trusted in your own accomplishments and your own cleverness, but now you are leaving with nothing!"

The Son of God impoverished Himself to such a degree that He was anything but rich toward God – For He bore in His flesh the poverty of all our covetous sins and our trust in false gods! It's as if the Father said to the sin-filled son on the cross, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" And the astounding and magnificent answer is--- They are yours dear Christians! What Christ prepared on the cross is yours! The "things he has prepared" are the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

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OPENING HYMN #842 - "Son of God Eternal Savior"

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INTROIT Ps. 49:7– 8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: Ps. 49:1–2



Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether!

**Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*
or give to God the price | of his life,
for the ransom of their life is | costly*
and can nev- | er suffice,**

**This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;*
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.**

**Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;*
Death shall be their | shepherd,**

**But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*
for he will re- | ceive me.**

**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.**

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether!

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

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God,

²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Colossians 3:1–11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:13–21

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

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."
¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREED

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SERMON HYMN #782 – *“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”*

SERMON

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #730– *“What is the World to Me”*

Hymn #618 – *“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”*

Hymn #611 - *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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CLOSING HYMN #732 – *“All Depends on Our Possessing”*