

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



## The Second Sunday in Lent

March 11-12, 2017

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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!**

**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.**

**Lenten Services: 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM March 1 – April 5. Because of this, the Wednesday 9:15 am Prayer Services will not take place again until after Easter. Wednesday morning Bible Class will still continue.**

**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 Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Roger Dramstad.

**VBS 2017:** You have received an email about **Creation Stations: A Hands-On Journey.** You have read about it in the newsletter. You have seen the table in Narthex. Is Creation Stations on your calendar? **March 11<sup>th</sup>! NEXT WEEK!** 12:30-5pm (the event runs from 1-4). We need families to participate and volunteers to run the stations! Please plan to attend!

**March Quilting Dates:** Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am. Please bring your own lunch. Thank you to all who have donated material to the quilters! We have enough now to last until after the remodel project.

**Compassion Circle will be meeting on March 13** and making Easter cards to be sent to shut-ins and others. We will begin making cards at 10:00 and have our regular meeting starting at 1:00. Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship while making cards. See you then.

**Lenten Services:** We will once again have Mid-Week Lenten Services at 11:30 am, with a soup lunch following and a 7:00 pm evening Lenten service every Wednesday through April 5<sup>th</sup>. Dinners will be provided by various groups from our congregation each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

**Groups Serving Dinners during the Lenten Season:**

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Church Council – BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Choir/Bells – Lasagna, Salad and bread  
March 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Teachers & Families – Bake Potatoes/Fixins  
April 5<sup>th</sup> – Altar Guild – Hot dishes, Salads

**POBLO International:** The NW Suburban Circuit of the Twin Cities is exploring opportunities for mission work in the inner ring suburbs. POBLO International, a Mission society of the LCMS, will be assisting our circuit churches in the possibility of establishing an International Friendship Center in the Western Suburbs. Please see the flyers in the Narthex regarding an informational event on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to be held here at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church. Questions? Please ask Pastor Krueger.

**Youth Group This Sunday!** Stay after Bible Study for lunch, devotions and games. Weather and grounds permitting, we will be outdoors, so bring a change of clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting dirty! Think: Horse Shoes, Frisbee, variations on Football and more. . .Please RSVP so I plan enough food and games to match the size of our group. All parents are welcome to join in the fun if you would like!

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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 184. 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 John 3:1-17

Jesus reveals a profound mystery to Nicodemus: "unless one is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God." Now there's a debate about whether this should be translated "one is born again" or "one is born from above." Both are legitimate translations—the word could mean either in the Greek. Nicodemus understands Jesus to be saying that he should be born *again*, because he asks how a man can be born a *second* time. But Jesus reveals that he's talking about being born of water and the Spirit, that is, to be born *from above*.

And that's the only way we can enter into God's Kingdom. We need to start all over and be born, not like Nicodemus thought, returning to our mother's womb, but to be born of God. That's what happens in baptism—we are born, we come alive by water and the Spirit. Baptism is the womb of the church, and whether we are young or old, we are all newborns at the baptismal font. The Father is the name on the birth certificate, and we are born into a family that will never die.

### ***Divine Service, Setting Three (page 184)*** **March 12, 2017**

**OPENING HYMN #936-** *"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"*

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** Ps. 105:4–7; antiphon: Ps. 105:8



He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\*  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

**Seek the LORD | and his strength;\***  
**seek his presence con- | tinually!**

**Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\***  
**his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,**

**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\***  
**children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

**He is the | LORD our God;\***  
**his judgments are in | all the earth.**

**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.**

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the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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### COLLECT

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 12:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.



<sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **CREED**

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**SERMON HYMN #708** - *“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”*

## **SERMON**

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## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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**The Distribution Hymns:**

**Hymn #596** – *“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”*

**Hymn #627** – *“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”*

**Hymn #628** – *“Your Table I Approach”*

**Individual Prayer for after Communion:**

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

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love’s treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav’n receive me.

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**CLOSING HYMN #571** – *“God Loved the World So That He Gave”*

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**Congregational Voters Meeting:** There is a congregational voters meeting on **Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>** after Bible Study, regarding the building project and costs. ***Please read the following Resolution in preparation for the meeting:***

**Resolution of the Glory of Christ Lutheran Church  
Voter's Assembly  
3/19/2017**

The voting membership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church authorizes the Church Council, Building Committee and Senior Leadership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church to proceed with final design documents related to the scope of the facility expansion as described in the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 informational meeting held at Glory of Christ;

The voting membership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church further authorizes the Church Council, Building Committee and Senior Leadership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church to direct Watson-Forsberg (the "Contractor") to obtain final bids for the scope of work in order to present a Guaranteed Maximum Price ("GMP");

The voting membership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church authorizes the Church Council, Building Committee and Senior Leadership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church to proceed with the proposed facility expansion if GMP presented by the Contractor is within +5% of the project cost as described in the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 informational meeting held at Glory of Christ;

The voting membership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church authorizes the Church Council, Building Committee and Senior Leadership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church to obtain the needed project financing from Farmers State Bank of Hamel to complete the project based upon higher financing requirement as a result of increase in project cost.



**MissionsFest – April 22<sup>nd</sup> “At the Hop”! Update:** We do our best to incorporate feedback into our planning each year for MissionsFest. We would like to briefly update you on two items from last year, as we prepare for another great event! There have been requests to have babysitting provided in the past. After much consideration and research, we will not be providing any babysitting services during the event. Please plan to make other arrangements as you consider attending MissionsFest.

Also, we have received a great deal of feedback about the Lightning Rounds from the last two years. We will be modifying them to allow for the events of the evening to flow more smoothly. Rather than interrupt the live auction items, we will start MissionsFest with all the silent auction items displayed and open for sealed bids. We will stagger the closing of the tables to allow for those who do not win an item to bid on other items. Thank you for your continued support of missions at Glory of Christ. We look forward to seeing you again this year, **“At the Hop”!**

Tickets to participate in the drawings for Pr. Wiebel's hand-carved figure and the opportunity to have one made based on your input will be \$50.00 each. The drawings for both items will be the night of MissionsFest. This is a great way to participate if you can't make it on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.