

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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.

Following along with the Service: 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 151. 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.

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Worship Notes

John 15:1-8

"Abide in the Vine"

Jesus promises "*I am the vine,*" "*and you are the branches.*" There cannot be branches without a vine. And any branch that does exist, exists only because of the vine and that which the vine provides. All the branch is and all the branch has it receives from the vine. Jesus very clearly says- a branch cannot bear fruit by itself. It must abide in the vine. Apart from the vine a branch can do nothing. The fruit the branch produces it produces because the vine provides. And a branch that abides in the vine really cannot do anything else than produce fruit. Jesus is the vine. God the Father is the vinedresser. You are the branches. And this is good news.

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COLLECT

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 8:26–40

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL



Christ has risen | from the dead.*

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

EPISTLE 1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL John 15:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #691 – *"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"*

SERMON

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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

Hymn #540 – *“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”*

Hymn #544 – *“O Love, How Deep”*

Hymn #632 – *“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”*

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 #919 – *“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 ***now in the kitchen on the shelf above the triple sink***. 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'. *If you take the black liners home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday.* Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests, please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. **The Flower chart for 2018 is in the back of the Sanctuary.**

Janet Preus gave Altar flowers this week in memory of her Mother and Father's 104th Birthdays and in memory of Donna Preus.

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

Monday Evening Divine Service 7:00 PM

Ascension Service: Thursday, May 10th 7:00 PM

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 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 Rev. Dean Nadasdy, our District President, and all our elected board members in the MN South District.

VBS – Save the Date! The dates for VBS have been set for June 11th through the 15th. More details to follow, but please mark this week down on your calendars!

Save the Date! Pastor and Susan Johnson's Christmas in July Party is set for Sunday July 22nd (weather permitting). Please mark your calendars!!!

Mom's Group Playgroups in the Park are back for the summer! Every Wednesday (weather permitting), beginning at 10 am, we'll rotate to different parks to bring our kids to play and have some much-needed mom social time. Please remember that these events are "nut-free" to keep them safe for several who have nut allergies.

Here's where we'll meet:

June 20th: Greenwood Elementary Playground

June 27th: Heather Ponds Playground, Plymouth- 3420 Lawndale Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55447

July 4th-- OFF

July 11th- Gleason Lake Playfields/Playground -- 18815 67th Ave N., Maple Grove, MN-- this is located on County Road 101 North

July 18th- Baker Park Playground

July 25th- Greenwood Elementary

August 1- Heather Ponds

August 8- Gleason Lake Playfields/Playground

August 15- Baker Park

August 22nd-Greenwood Elementary

Questions--Please ask Susan Johnson-- sjhoelz@gmail.com, 816-517-0155

Missions Fest Donations: Please register for Missions Fest 2018 as soon as possible. Missions Fest is [Saturday, May 12th at 3pm](#) - right here at GOC! Registration envelopes can be completed at church. Find them on the table next to the kitchen door, near the other Mission Fest paperwork, and place them in the white wooden basket. Registration can also be completed online at www.gloryofchrist.org/events/registration. Tickets for Mission Fest are \$30 each. Payments can be submitted before the event in a registration envelope (memo: MissionsFest) or at the end of the event when you are "checking out" on your auction items.

Summer Sunday School June 17-August 26: We are looking for teachers and helpers this summer! If you've taught before, or are new, we'd love to have you help us this summer! If you can help out for three to four weeks, please email Kelly Dorweiler: kjdorweiler@gmail.com. Thank You!

Summer Music Camp at Glory of Christ! We are thrilled to launch a week-long half-day church music camp this summer. Gloria Christi Music Camp is set for July 16 - 20, 2018, from 8:45am - 11:45am, and is open to children entering grades 2 - 8. Registration forms can be found in the narthex or on the church website, and the deadline to register is June 17. With questions please contact Alyssa Burdick at alyssa.burdick.mezzo@gmail.com.

Prayer List: As a reminder, if you have a friend or loved one that you ask to be on the prayer list, their name will remain for one month and then removed, unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breining, Arta Walter, Lee Hart, Velva Kosel, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Robert Presler (Friend of Jerry and Zelda Malo), Zachary Hoffman (friend of Russ and Eunice McBroom), Allen Yount, Aaron Klein (Nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Rachael Masters (Friend of Andrea Neumann), Liba Jelinek (Friend of Jana & Roger Hargreaves), Bill Hoffarth (Patton Hoffarth's Father), Chris Emley (Friend of Dan & Linda Corey), Lisa Paradis, Jeff Milford (Mari Houck's Brother) and Wally (Jill Eickhoff's Father).



Liturgy Workshop 2018

The Lord's Divine Service: *A Matter of Life and Death*

Saturday May 19th, 2018. Office of Matins 8:30am. Workshop begins at 9am. Closing devotion at 3pm.

The Lord's Divine Service to us prepares and equips us to die - to self, in service to the neighbor, and when our last hour comes. This workshop will consider how the gifts of Christ to us in the Divine Service strengthen us in faith toward God and love toward the neighbor both in our living and our dying. In God's giving and our receiving, we learn what it means to be truly human and, having seen the Lord's salvation, to depart in peace according to His Word.

Rev. Peter Brock is pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Decatur, IN and an adjunct instructor for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He teaches Theological Ethics at the seminary in Fort Wayne, and has taught courses on the Pentateuch, Prophets, and John at the seminaries in Tanzania and Ghana. Rev. Brock also serves as the Indiana District Secretary.

Registration fee: \$25.00 per person. Registration forms are in the Narthex. You can also register online at www.gloryofchrist.org



Birthday Bash for Janet Preus

Come one, come all to help Janet celebrate her 70th birthday!

When: Sunday, May 6th at 6 pm

Where: Fireside Room/ Fellowship Hall at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

We'll have a Nacho Bar, beer, wine, and water. Janet would love your presence, rather than presents- she's downsizing!

RSVP to Karen at karensvenson53@gmail.com.

Hope you can join us! Jana, Lori, Charlotte, and Karen

No need to go up north...
Up North is coming to you.



What:

An evening of fun and fellowship to support our missions, featuring a silent auction followed by a live auction.

When:

Saturday May 12th 3pm

Where:

Glory of Christ

Why:

The money raised at MissionsFest goes to support our mission efforts in America and across the world. Check out www.gloryofchrist.org/missions/supported-ministries/ for a complete list!

Ticket Prices:

\$30

Includes dinner & drinks!

Attire:

Your best Up North garb!

What to Bring:

Money/Checkbook

Registration:

Forms at church or online:

www.gloryofchrist.org/events/missionsfest

Compassion Circle

In an effort to help Trinity Lutheran School (LCMS), prepare for their summer school, the Compassion Circle will be collecting the following list of items:

Multi-color tissue paper packs
Glue dots
Fun Scrapbook paper packs (12x12)
Velcro strips
Crayola Marker Packs
Watercolors
Lots of white Poster Board
Gallons of Elmer's white glue or clear glue
Bottles of Elmer's glue glue
Stikkiwax Clips
Mavalus Tape
Crayola Watercolor Pens
Balloons
Baking Soda
Craft Wire
Salt

A tote marked Trinity First will be in the entry of the church for collecting the items. We thank you for your help with this project, and the staff and students at Trinity First thank you also!