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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.

Worship Notes

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Matthew 18:1-20

Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, "you will never enter the kingdom of heaven," but whoever is humbled like a little child will be "the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3-4). Though in our sin we deserve to be "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned ("buried") with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity, but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7-9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which "is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we "pay to all what is owed to them" (Rom. 13:7) and we "owe no one anything, except to love each other" (Rom. 13:8).

EPISTLE Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN #820 - *“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”*

SERMON

Presentation of Bibles to 2nd Graders

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #867 – *“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”*

Hymn #625 – *“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”*

Hymn #614 – *“As Surely as I Live,” God Said”*

Vs. 1-6

Hymn #617 – *“O Lord, We Praise Thee”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev’ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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CLOSING HYMN #614 – *“As Surely as I Live,” God Said”*

Vs. 7,8

Bible Class/Sunday School Today

Most years, Rally Day would be our opportunity to kick off Sunday School and Bible Class for the fall. Unfortunately, with the building all torn up, we can't do that. So instead, immediately following announcements this morning, we will have a brief presentation and Bible Study: *These Words Shall be On Your Heart*, based on Deuteronomy 6:6-9. This short study will be for *all* ages, because we all need the Lord's words imprinted on our hearts. The presentation should only take about fifteen minutes, so please plan on staying after service. Our picnic and other activities will follow.

Rev. Jeremiah Johnson

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 ***near the organ speaker to the right of the Altar***. 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. The Flower chart is not displayed now due to construction. Please see the schedule for the remainder of 2017 below:

September 17th – Dennis & Andrea Neumann

September 24th – Craig & Charlotte Smith

October 1st – Becky Johnson – Lane

October 8th – Kim & Jan Diemand

October 15th – Josh & Alisha Christain

October 22nd – Garry & Cheryl McCreary

October 29th – Reformation – GOC

November 5th – OPEN

November 12th – OPEN

November 19th – David & Louise Werts

November 26th – Garry & Cheryl McCreary

December 3rd – Barbie & Dan Gruenhagen

Remaining weeks in December - Poinsettias

Curt & Sharla Woolfolk gave Altar Flowers this morning, in thankfulness to God for Ava and her Forever Family Day **and also, Esther Lund** gave Altar Flowers this morning in thankfulness to God for Blessing her with two faithful Pastors who preach God's word as it is written and for her sisters and brothers in Christ here at Glory of Christ. God willing, Esther plans to move to Fairmont, MN soon to live near her daughter and son-in-law.

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

Monday Evening Divine Services 7:00 PM

Wednesday morning Prayer services begin at 9:30 AM; followed by Wednesday morning Bible Study. **NEW LOCATION!** – **Corner Stone Commons** – 3750 Lawndale Ln N Plymouth. Please use the North Entrance and look for signs as to where the service will be held.

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. John Fehrmann and his work with Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation (CLEF) in other nations.

2017 Glory of Christ Men's Retreat: The Men's Retreat has been set for September 15th-17th. 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 back of the Sanctuary. 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!

Acolytes & Processional Cross Bearers: The signup sheet for both Acolytes and Processional Cross Bearers is on the table in the back of the Sanctuary for September through Easter. Thank You!

Compassion Circle will meet on Monday, September 11th at 1:00 pm at the home of Louise Werts: 18105 34th Ave N Plymouth, MN 55391. They will be making sandwiches for the homeless.

Rally Day! – Please join us **TODAY** Sunday, September 10th for Rally Day. We will have a bouncy castle and food from Famous Dave's. It will be here at church, in the grassy area on the west side of the church (By CVS). After the Divine Service that day, the pastors are planning on doing a presentation for the whole congregation encouraging participation in Sunday School and Bible Class. The picnic will then start at approximately 11:00.

2nd Annual Glory of Christ Microbrewery Tour! About 20 spots remain. We will depart from Glory of Christ promptly at 7:00PM on **Friday, September 22nd**. Please plan on being at church by 6:30PM. We will proceed to Twin Cities microbreweries to sample their finest creations. Cost is \$100 per person which will go to our church Missions. Checks should be made out to Glory of Christ, and can be given to Brenda Richards. Cost of admission includes transportation only, all food and beverage at each brewery will be each individual's responsibility. We have reserved a 56-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.

Music Rehearsals begin on Wednesday September 13th! Children's Choir will rehearse at 4:30 pm, Adult Hand Bell Choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm and Adult Choir will rehearse at 7:30 pm. Please join us!



The Northwest Suburban circuit of the Minnesota South District invites your congregation members and family to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation!

When: Saturday, September 30, 2017 -- Starting at 10:00 am

Hosted at: St. John's Lutheran Church & School
9141 County Road 101
Corcoran, MN 55340

The day will begin at 10:00 am with an opening service of prayer and praise, followed by a Reformation lecture delivered by Professor Charles Wokoma who teaches at the Obot Itim Seminary in Nigeria. Lunch will be served with indoor and outdoor seating, including a beer truck with other refreshments available.

The afternoon will have fellowship time including an adult/youth softball game, a kids' kickball game, and areas for adults who would like to play a card game.

** Kindly RSVP to your Church Secretary by September 20th

