

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

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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 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 10:1-30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Good Shepherd Sunday"

Beloved, you are sheep. Christ's sheep. Be sheep. Often it is said we need more leaders and less followers. But in the case of Christ as your Shepherd, what we really need is more followers, more who follow and find delight in submitting to and receiving the Shepherd's voice. Be as sheep. Your shepherd comes into your midst to speak to you in the service of the word and feed you in the service of the sacrament. Christ the Lamb Shepherd's His sheep. Your Shepherd took the mauling of the predator- sin, death and the devil, for you on the shepherd's crook of the cross. God the Father has wakened from death the Shepherd of the sheep, and by the Holy Spirit we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads.

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"Come Thou Almighty King" – Handbell Choir

OPENING HYMN #905 *"Come Thou Almighty King"*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Sung by Gloria Christi Choir*

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path, he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

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COLLECT

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1–30

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

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

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

¹⁹There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” ²¹Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #709 *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING *"My Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" - Buxtehude Gloria Christi Choir*

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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Hymn #683 *"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"*

Hymn #735 *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"*

Hymn #713 *"From God Can Nothing Move Me"*

Hymn #510 *"A Multitude Comes from the East and the West"*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

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CLOSING HYMN #710 *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"*

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 *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 2019 Flower chart is available for you to sign up for Flowers. The following people have signed up through June:***

May 19th – Dan & Joy O'Bresky
May 26th – Travis & Kelly Dorweiler
June 2nd – Tom & Brenda Richards
June 9th – Janet Preus
June 16th – Jim & Jean Small
June 23rd – Open
June 30th - Open

David & Louise Werts gave Altar Flowers today in loving memory of Louise's mother.

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

Monday Evening Divine Service 7:00 PM *No Service on May 27th Memorial Holiday*

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study – Morning Prayer services begin 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 St. Timothy Society for Lutheran Seminary Scholarship, and their Chaplain, Rev. dr. Gordon Bynum.

SAVE THE DATE! Christmas in July party is set for Sunday, **July 21st** from 2:00 to 7:00 at Susan and Pastor Johnson's home. Details to follow.

MissionsFest Website Registration & Donations: The 'internets' enwheel information & summon thy correspondence regarding this year's Missions Fest. Thee may wish to RSVP or ent'r thy donation form on the interwebs, found here: <http://bit.ly/MissionsFest>

SAVE THE DATE! Perspectives Presentation: Suicide – This is a FREE presentation to be held here, at Glory of Christ, on Sunday, September 22nd. The presenter is Rev. Peter Preus, who will be giving a presentation on the Christian response to Suicide. Please place this important event on your calendars.

COMPASSION CIRCLE: Compassion Circle will meet TOMORROW **May 13th at 12:30p.m.** We will be meeting at **Robert's restaurant in Medina.** All are welcome, as we discuss the final plans for our upcoming donation drive for Trinity First Lutheran School's summer program. Details of the donation drive will be coming soon.

Gloria Christi Music Camp: Don't miss Gloria Christi Music Camp this year! Led by experienced music educators, this unique half-day camp is designed to develop children's singing voices and musicianship through choir, Orff instruments, chimes, and games. We aim to foster joyful, faithful, and skillful proclamation of God's Word through music, and the culminating activity will be the camp choir's participation in the Divine Service at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 21.

Visit www.gloryofchrist.org/events/gloria-christi-music-camp for a registration form and to pay online. Registration forms are also on the table in the Narthex. Camp fee is \$50. You may leave a form and your payment on Brenda's desk if you don't register and pay online. Space is limited. Camp will be Monday - Friday, July 15 - 19, from 9:00am - 12:00pm at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Open to students entering grades 2 - 8 in fall 2019. Our 2019 theme is "Magnificat"! With questions about the camp, please contact Alyssa Burdick at alyssa.burdick.mezzo@gmail.com.



Looking for an easy way to support Lutheran education? GOC is now collecting Box Tops for Education. These small rectangles are each worth 10 cents and can be found on tons of General Mills products—everything from Kleenex to dishwasher tabs to cereal. Simply clip and drop into the jar in the narthex to help support St. John's Lutheran School.

VBS 2019 is titled "Out of Egypt I Called My Son" – **June 10-13** (4 days this year) 9am-12pm. **Registration for VBS is now open.** Please register on the GOC website, under the *events* tab. <https://www.gloryofchrist.org/events/vbs-2019>

“Putting the gifts to good use.”

1 Peter 4:10 “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

We would like to introduce you to the **Long Range Planning Committee members:** Mari Houck, Al Lindh, Jill Eickhoff, Laura Thurk, Tyler Gangestad, Travis Dorweiler, Mike Connealy, Chelsie Ofsthun, Christian Preus, Patton Hoffarth, and Kord Brashear. We will be encouraging you to engage in the process of determining the needs and wants of the congregation for 1-5-10-20 years. Do you have any questions or suggestions? Please see one of the committee members. Watch for more news to come!

IT’S OFFICIAL!! Spring is here and so is the date for the **Glory of Christ Golf Event**. We have locked in to the **third Saturday of August** (as it has been the last few years). We will be playing at Shamrock Golf Course in Corcoran and tee times will start at 3:30 PM. We will have dinner and awards following play in the pavilion at the course. It is a great time!! Don’t miss out. All skill levels encouraged. If you have a conflict already this year, mark the third Saturday in August for 2020 – we’ll be there! Questions? See Mike Miller or Naomi Teske

Hey, Moms! The best season in MN is almost upon us--summer time! It's time for **playgroups in the park**. The purpose of these is to get our kids together (all ages are welcome) and play and chat. We meet around **10 am each Wed.** at different parks and go home once the kids need naps or the moms are done talking! If you want to bring a lunch or snacks, please make sure they are nut-free! If you have any questions, let Susan Johnson know (sjhoelz@gmail.com).

Here's our June/July line-up:

June 12th- No Mom's Group-- Come help at VBS!

June 19th- French Park Play Area

June 26th- Heather Ponds Park - 3420 Lawndale Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55447

July 3rd- No Mom's Group

July 10th- Greenwood Elementary Playground - 18005 Medina Rd, Plymouth, MN 55446

July 17th- Plymouth Creek Park- 3625 Fernbrook Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55446

July 24th- Gleason Playfields/Park- 18934 67th Ave N, Maple Grove, MN 55311

July 31st- Baker Park Play Area



SMALL CLASSES HELP KIDS SOAR! Pre-Kindergarten – 8th Grade

Now enrolling **NEW** families for 2019/20 school year!

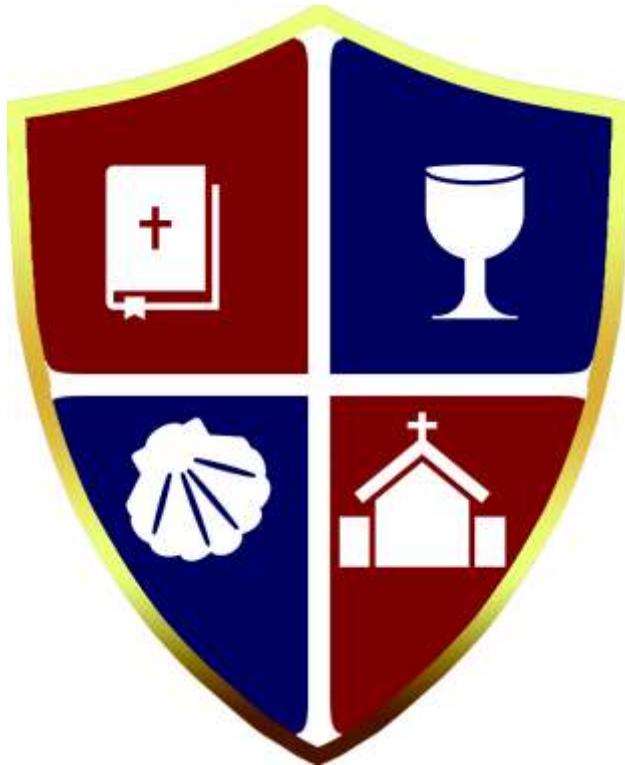
St. John's Lutheran School students...

- Learn to love and trust God's Word
- Are confident participants in small classes
- Discover and use their God-given talents

Play together, encourage each other, and witness to one another

Contact Suzanne Haag to schedule a tour
suzanne.haag@stjlutheran.org 763-420-2426.

Hear ye, hear ye!
Save the Date



Missions Fest
May 18th, 2019
3pm

**Dropeth off thy donations in the room
across from the kitchen!**

Donation forms and sign up forms on the table in the Narthex

Listen to
Pastor Jeremiah Johnson
and host
Pastor Jonathan Fisk

on



Tue., May 14, at 8:00 a.m. CT
for

Sharper Iron
Lectionary study on
“How it Began” Series
Genesis 25:1-18

GLORIA CHRISTI MUSIC CAMP

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN PLYMOUTH

JULY 15 – 19, 2019

9:00 AM – Noon

JULY 21

9:00 AM Divine Service

ABOUT THE CAMP:

Led by experienced music educators, this unique half-day camp is designed to develop children's singing voices and musicianship through choir, Orff instruments, chimes, and games. We aim to foster joyful, faithful, and skillful proclamation of God's Word through music, and the culminating activity will be the camp choir's participation in the Divine Service at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 21st. Our 2019 theme is "Magnificat"!

REGISTRATION:

Open to students entering grades 2 - 8 in fall 2019

Registration deadline: June 17

Camp fee: \$50* per child, with a minimum of \$25 due at the time of registration. Space is limited

Registration form: gloryofchrist.org/events

QUESTIONS:

please contact Alyssa Burdick at alyssa.burdick.mezzo@gmail.com

*Gloria Christi Music Camp wishes for all interested families to participate in the camp, regardless of financial abilities. If you find yourself unable to pay the \$50 registration fee, please contact the Church Office to speak to one of our pastors. We are willing and happy to help financially to make this camp possible for your young musician. Office Phone Number: 763-478-6031 - ask for Pastor Johnson or Pastor Krueger

Magnificat