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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

Mark 9:14-29

"I believe; help my unbelief!"

Can you imagine? This poor father had watched helplessly for years as his son was tormented mercilessly by this demon. The son's body still likely bore all the scars and burns from week after week of this demonic self-mutilation. And perhaps worst of all: he knew he couldn't do anything about it. ... But Jesus could.

So the father cried out to Jesus as a desperate man, full of both faith and doubt. For all these years, nothing had deterred this demon, so could he even imagine what it would be like for his son to be whole again? But here was Jesus, who was said to have authority, and he *wanted* to believe it. So in the end this father ends up like us: even when we look to Jesus, our doubts do not magically dissolve. So we pray each day, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" Which is really nothing other than a prayer for the Holy Spirit.

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☒ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them.

¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him.

¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #731 – *“O God, forsake Me Not”*

SERMON

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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

Hymn #754 – *“Entrust Your Days and Burdens”*

Hymn #620 – *“Jesus comes Today with Healing”*

Hymn #559 – *“Oh, How Great Is Your compassion”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Thank the Lord

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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. Please see the schedule below through October:

September 23rd – Leonard Albers
September 30th – Craig & Charlotte Smith
October 7th – Ben & Jen Schaumburg
October 14th – Josh & Alicia Christian
October 21st – Garry & Cheryl McCreary
October 28th – Bill & Julie Anderson

Heath & Danielle Broisma gave Altar flowers today in celebration of their 18th Wedding Anniversary. May God Bless them on this special occasion!

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

Monday Evening Divine Service 7:00 PM - *Last Monday Service will be on Monday September 24th*

Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM – *Beginning Saturday September 29th*

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 Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, IN) and Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO).

Everyone Welcome! Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger are doing **monthly Chapel Services** at Cherrywood Pointe in Plymouth (Where Arta Walter now lives) 18405 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth, MN 55446. The next one will be on **Monday October 1st** at 11:30 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

Compassion Circle meets the second Monday of the month at **1:00** for dessert, devotion, and fellowship. **Our next meeting will be October 8th**. We always welcome new members and ideas for ways in which we can show compassion to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hope to see you there.

Warm your heart, by helping keep others warm: Soon the weather will be getting cool and we pull covers over us at night. Some people are not as fortunate as we are! Please come and help the quilters fill the needs of the unfortunate! We will begin our projects on September 11th. We start at 9:00am. we enjoy our fellowship and share our life experiences over our coffee break and lunch break. We would love to have you come and share with us also. Please bring a bag lunch. We usually work until around 3:00pm. If you could come just part of the day, it would be much appreciated and you would be helping reach those in need. Mark your calendar for Sept. 25th, Oct. 9th & 23rd, Nov. 13th & 27th. Any questions call anyone of the quilters, or if you don't know who they are, call Eunice at 763-493-5333. Hope to see you there. **Thanks to our 12 busy Bee Quilters we completed 12 quilts on Tuesday. Please think about joining us on Sept. 25th!**

Perspectives: Mental Health – This is a FREE presentation to be held here, at Glory of Christ, on Sunday, September 30th from 12:30-3:30. The presenter is Dr. Stephen Saunders, a professor of Psychology at Marquette University in Milwaukee WI and author of the two-volume book, "A Christian Understanding of Mental Illness". All materials provided and light refreshments will be served. To register, you will find forms in the Narthex, or you can register on the church's website: Gloryofchrist.org/events. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information as well, or ask Pastor Krueger.

Congregation Informational Meeting: There is a need for a part time position due to our recent expansion. This person would report monthly to the council and present needed work and expenditures. The Council has decided to start a pilot program to track our needs. This program overview will be presented at a Congregation informational meeting on Sunday September 23rd to give everyone a chance to express their thoughts. The meeting will start at 11:45 AM, after Adult Bible Study and Sunday School. No Vote will be taken. The meeting will last about 45 minutes.

Youth Group: Save the dates for our next Youth Group Event, look ahead at events on the horizon and reply to your availability and preferences!! We are off to a terrific start! Sunday October 28th 12-3pm. Lunch, devotion and shut-in visits. Sunday November 11th 12-? Lunch, devotion and FUN EVENT (Paintball, bowling, whirly-ball, etc.) - Send me your vote and I will look into possibilities! Sunday December TBD; January - Youth Lock-In Date TBD ~ Julie Anderson julesanders@live.com 612.791.0163. Thank You!

