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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

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Philippians 2:1-18

At first read, the epistle lesson today seems like an odd hodgepodge of topics: unity, humility, Jesus' incarnation, the cross, grumbling, this depraved world, Paul's suffering, and strangely, joy. But what pulls all these different strands all together are these two simple words, "in Christ." Paul exhorts the Philippians to unity and humility (rather than jealous rivalry) because they are *in Christ*. Christ, who although he had every right to claim power and status as the Son of God, didn't do that. Instead, he humbled himself by being born and dying and was exalted then by the Father. Since *this* is the Christ that we are *in*, we will stand out in "this crooked and twisted generation," because, like Christ, we aren't just looking to get higher in the world by stepping on others. Paul himself was a living example of this as he sat in prison for preaching the word of life. He was glad to empty himself and become nothing so that the people of Philippi might hear the Good News. Should this remarkable kind of self-sacrifice surprise us? Of course not. Sacrifice and humility is the way of Christ and the way for all those who are *in Him*. Even you.

COLLECT

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:23–27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #549 - *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

SERMON

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #600 - *“Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering”*
Vs. 1 - Choir

Hymn #512 – *“At the Name of Jesus”*

Hymn #628 – *“Your Table I Approach”*

Hymn #704 – *“Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

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 #857 - *“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”*

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:

October 8th – Kim & Jan Diemand
October 15th – Josh & Alisha Christian
October 22nd – Garry & Cheryl McCreary
October 29th – Reformation – GOC
November 5th – Julie Anderson
November 12th – Janet Preus
November 19th – David & Louise Werts
November 26th – Garry & Cheryl McCreary
December 3rd – Barbie & Dan Gruenhagen
Remaining weeks in December - Poinsettias

Becky Johnson-Lane gave Altar Flowers this morning, in loving memory of Marshall Handberg.

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

Monday Evening Divine Services 7:00 PM - Last one for 2017!

Saturday Evening Services will begin on October 7th at 5 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 Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath.

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!

Mom's Group: Mom's group is going to look a little different this year with the construction. We will be meeting monthly in different people's homes. If you are a mom of any age, YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME! Our October meeting will be at Sara DeBlois' home on Friday October 13th from 6-8pm. More details to follow soon!

Next Compassion Circle Meeting will take place on Monday October 9th at 1:00 pm and **will be at Cornerstone Assisted Living** (the same room as Wednesday morning Bible Study). Location for the room is clearly marked in the lobby.

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL MINNESOTA LUTHERAN FALL CONFERENCE will be held Saturday, October 21st at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2819 3rd St N St. Cloud, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Registration opens at 8"30. The theme is: "What...the Church Is Good?" The speakers will be Rev. Dr. Alvin Schmidt from St. Louis, MO, Rev. James Strawn from Archbold, OH and Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders from Cedar Falls, IA. Registration is \$25, which includes coffee, rolls and lunch (\$10 for high school and college students). Though pre-registration is not required, **a non-monetary pre-registration is required if you plan to eat.** So, for the meal, please call (320) 252-8171 or email office@redeemerstcloud.org by Oct. 12th.

GoC Chili Cookoff Sunday, October 15th! – Yes, it's still on for this year! We have rented the Hamel Community Building for this year's cookoff. It will once again begin at 5:00 pm. Signup sheets are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Make your best (and/or hottest) chili, most delicious pie or cornbread. Awesome prizes will be given for hottest chili, best tasting chili, pie or cornbread and best presentation for chili, pie and cornbread. Please join us for great food and fellowship!

