

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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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 9:38-50**

#### **"Jesus Lovingly Warns of Hell"**

Luther says that one of the best parts of this episode is that "they," whomever "they" are, brought this man to Jesus. "By this both faith and love are shown to us." They believed what they heard about Jesus. And their faith shows itself in love by bringing him to Jesus. "So also, faith by itself, if it does not have good works, is dead." Here though is a great example of 'LIVING FAITH.'

Mark's report of the miracle that Jesus does is meant to convince us that this Jesus is who He says He is. He is the Son of God whose Word is the very Word of God that always does what it says. And so, we should HEAR HIM with our ears and CONFESS HIM with our tongue.

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**OPENING HYMN #524 – “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”**

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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT** Ps. 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8



The LORD is the strength of his | people,\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | noointed.

**To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\*  
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.  
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\*  
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.**

**Blessèd | be the LORD!\***

**For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*  
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The LORD is the strength of his | people,\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | noointed.

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## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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**COLLECT**

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 35:4–7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.



**Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*  
for those who fear him lack | nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*  
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

## **EPISTLE** James 2:1–10, 14–18

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it...

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

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## **HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 7:31–37

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

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

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.

<sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON HYMN #841 – "O Son of God, in Galilee"**

**SERMON**

***Presentation of Bibles to 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders***

***Installation of Sunday School Teachers***

**CREED**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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## **THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

**Hymn #849** – *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

**Hymn #851** – *“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”*

**Hymn #528** – *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

## **Individual Prayer for after Communion:**

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

O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.  
Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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**Thank the Lord**

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**CLOSING HYMN #834** – *“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”*

## 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 September:

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Heath & Danielle Broisma

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Leonard Albers

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Craig & Charlotte Smith

**Jerry & Zelda Malo** gave Altar flowers today in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM – Beginning Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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 To All Generations District Campaign and Concordia University, St. Paul.

**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 September 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 TOMORROW September 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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. 11th & 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.

**Perspectives: Mental Health** – This is a FREE presentation to be held here, at Glory of Christ, on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://Gloryofchrist.org/events). Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information as well, or ask Pastor Krueger.

**Rally Day Is TODAY!!** Please join us TODAY, September 9<sup>th</sup> for Rally Day. Sunday school will officially kick off for fall and we will have a picnic lunch at 11:30 right after Bible Study and Sunday school; followed by outdoor games and a bouncy castle. **Please come and join in the fun!**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Women of Glory of Christ:** Save the Date for Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> for a Ladies Coffee. From 9-11 am we will meet in the Fireside Room here at church for coffee, fresh pastries and Christian Fellowship! More to come but place this on your calendars!



# **RALLY DAY 2018**

Let's get the year off to a great start!

**Rally Day is September 9<sup>th</sup>!**

What can you expect for the day?

## **During the Divine Service**

- Bibles will be distributed to all second graders
- Sunday school teachers will be installed

## **During Education Hour**

- After church, grab a quick snack
- All Congregation Bible Study in the Fellowship hall
- Introduction to Glory of Christ Activities
- Parents and kids, meet your teacher, find your classroom, and enjoy an activity together in the classroom

## **After Sunday School**

- Join the congregation for lunch
- Enjoy the bouncy house, outdoor activities, and games on the lawn

**Listen to**  
**Rev. Jeremiah Johnson**  
**and Host**  
**Pastor Jonathan Fisk**

**on**



**Tue., Sept. 11, at 8:00 a.m. CT**  
**for**  
**Sharper Iron**  
**Lectionary study on**  
**Hebrews 11:5**  
**“Heroes of the Faith Alone” Series**