

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



## The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Confirmation Sunday)

May 6, 2018

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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.

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Confirmation Sunday) Worship Notes John 15:9-17 "Friends"**

In the Facebook-era where friend can merely mean "electronic acquaintance," Jesus' words may ring strangely: "... but I have called you friends ..." But friendship with Jesus is not forged by the click of a button but his trek to Calvary. His friendship with you means that he shares His Father's words with you and leads you in His way--the way of sacrifice. You are not *merely* a friend, but a blood-brother to Him. And this is a friendship that will bear fruit into eternity.



**COLLECT**

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 10:34–48

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 98 - *Choir*

### EPISTLE 1 John 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

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

### ALLELUIA and VERSE – page 156

### HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9–17

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

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

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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

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

**SERMON HYMN #556** – *“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*

*Vs. 5-10*

**SERMON**

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION** – page 272

*Jack Benjamin Teske, Cailin Rose Argent, William Patrick Brolsma*

**CREED**

**Nicene Creed** – page 158

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING** – *“He Which Hath Begun a Good Work in You” - Choir*

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### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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**THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

**Hymn #602** – *“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”*

**Hymn #430** – *“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

**Hymn #628** – *“Your Table I Approach”*

**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!

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** – page 164

**Thank the Lord**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT** – page 166

**BENEDICTION** – page 166

**CLOSING HYMN #845** – *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

## **Confirmands:**

**Jack Benjamin Teske**

**Parents: David & Naomi Teske**

**Date of Baptism: 8-29-04**

**Sponsors: David & Michele Frick, Scott and Rhonda Teske**

**Confirmation Verse:**

James 1:12

"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."

**Cailin Rose Argent**

**Parent: Stephanie Weeks**

**Date of Baptism: 7-13-03**

**Sponsor: Dean Eberle**

**Confirmation Verse:**

Psalm 27:1

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

**William Patrick Brolsma**

**Parents: Heath & Danielle Brolsma**

**Date of Baptism: 12/2003**

**Sponsors: Mark & Jodi Hawkins, Todd & Melanie Anderson**

**Confirmation Verse:**

Proverbs 2:6

"For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

## 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 for the Month of May:

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Chuck & Marilyn Scharlau & Confirmation Parents

May 13<sup>th</sup> – David & Louis Werts

May 20<sup>th</sup> – David & Gayle Barnaby

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Open

**Chuck & Marilyn Scharlau** gave Altar flowers this week in celebration of their 8<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. May God Bless them on the special occasion!

**The chancel flowers** are given today by the parents of the confirmands in celebration of their public profession of faith, and with gratitude to the Pastors for their dedication in teaching them.

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

**Monday Evening Divine Service 7:00 PM**

***Ascension Service: Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM***

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

**Save the Date!** Pastor and Susan Johnson's Christmas in July Party is set for Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> (weather permitting). Please mark your calendars!!!

**VBS:** VBS is coming up in just over 1 month! This year's theme is "Faithfulness Through the Flood" and we look forward to welcoming children to our new and improved educational space!

**VBS Meeting:** We are having a VBS planning meeting this Sunday, May 6, immediately following Bible class/Sunday School, approx 11:30-noon. If you are interested in helping out with VBS this year and want a bit more information about how the week works to determine how best you can help, please attend. Talk to Dawn Rolf if you have any questions [dawnrolf@gmail.com](mailto:dawnrolf@gmail.com), 612-296-9479

**Mom's Group Playgroups in the Park are back for the summer!** Every Wednesday (weather permitting), beginning at 10 am, we'll rotate to different parks to bring our kids to play and have some much-needed mom social time. Please remember that these events are "nut-free" to keep them safe for several who have nut allergies.

Here's where we'll meet:

June 20th: Greenwood Elementary Playground

June 27th: Heather Ponds Playground, Plymouth- 3420 Lawndale Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55447

July 4th-- OFF

July 11th- Gleason Lake Playfields/Playground -- 18815 67th Ave N., Maple Grove, MN-- this is located on County Road 101 North

July 18th- Baker Park Playground

July 25th- Greenwood Elementary

August 1- Heather Ponds

August 8- Gleason Lake Playfields/Playground

August 15- Baker Park

August 22nd-Greenwood Elementary

Questions--Please ask Susan Johnson-- [sjhoelz@gmail.com](mailto:sjhoelz@gmail.com), 816-517-0155

**Missions Fest Donations:** Please register for Missions Fest 2018 as soon as possible. Missions Fest is [Saturday, May 12th at 3pm](#) - right here at GOC! Registration envelopes can be completed at church. Find them on the table next to the kitchen door, near the other Mission Fest paperwork, and place them in the white wooden basket. Registration can also be completed online at [www.gloryofchrist.org/events/registration](http://www.gloryofchrist.org/events/registration). Tickets for Mission Fest are \$30 each. Payments can be submitted before the event in a registration envelope (memo: MissionsFest) or at the end of the event when you are "checking out" on your auction items.

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**Summer Sunday School June 17-August 26:** We are looking for teachers and helpers this summer! If you've taught before, or are new, we'd love to have you help us this summer! If you can help out for three to four weeks, please email Kelly Dorweiler: [kjdorweiler@gmail.com](mailto:kjdorweiler@gmail.com). Thank You!

**Summer Music Camp at Glory of Christ!** We are thrilled to launch a week-long half-day church music camp this summer. Gloria Christi Music Camp is set for July 16 - 20, 2018, from 8:45am - 11:45am, and is open to children entering grades 2 - 8. Registration forms can be found in the narthex or on the church website, and the deadline to register is June 17. With questions please contact Alyssa Burdick at [alyssa.burdick.mezzo@gmail.com](mailto:alyssa.burdick.mezzo@gmail.com).

**Prayer List:** As a reminder, if you have a friend or loved one that you ask to be on the prayer list, their name will remain for one month and then removed, unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

**Remember in our Prayers:** Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Lee Hart, Velva Kosel, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Robert Presler (Friend of Jerry and Zelda Malo), Zachary Hoffman (friend of Russ and Eunice McBroom), Allen Yount, Aaron Klein (Nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Rachael Masters (Friend of Andrea Neumann), Liba Jelinek (Friend of Jana & Roger Hargreaves), Bill Hoffarth (Patton Hoffarth's Father), Chris Emley (Friend of Dan & Linda Corey), Lisa Paradis, Jeff Milford (Mari Houck's Brother), Wally (Jill Eickhoff's Father) and Marty Lubbers (Friend of Tom and Brenda Richards).





# Liturgy Workshop 2018

## **The Lord's Divine Service: *A Matter of Life and Death***

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Office of Matins 8:30am. Workshop begins at 9am. Closing devotion at 3pm.

The Lord's Divine Service to us prepares and equips us to die - to self, in service to the neighbor, and when our last hour comes. This workshop will consider how the gifts of Christ to us in the Divine Service strengthen us in faith toward God and love toward the neighbor both in our living and our dying. In God's giving and our receiving, we learn what it means to be truly human and, having seen the Lord's salvation, to depart in peace according to His Word.

Rev. Peter Brock is pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Decatur, IN and an adjunct instructor for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He teaches Theological Ethics at the seminary in Fort Wayne, and has taught courses on the Pentateuch, Prophets, and John at the seminaries in Tanzania and Ghana. Rev. Brock also serves as the Indiana District Secretary.

**Registration fee: \$25.00 per person. Registration forms are in the Narthex. You can also register online at [www.gloryofchrist.org](http://www.gloryofchrist.org)**



## **Birthday Bash for Janet Preus**

Come one, come all to help Janet celebrate her 70th birthday!

When: **TODAY!** Sunday, May 6th at 6 pm

Where: Fireside Room/ Fellowship Hall at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

We'll have a Nacho Bar, beer, wine, and water. Janet would love your presence, rather than presents- she's downsizing!

RSVP to Karen at [karensvenson53@gmail.com](mailto:karensvenson53@gmail.com).

Hope you can join us! Jana, Lori, Charlotte, and Karen

No need to go up north...  
Up North is coming to you.



What:

An evening of fun and fellowship to support our missions, featuring a silent auction followed by a live auction.

When:

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> 3pm

Where:

Glory of Christ

## Why:

The money raised at MissionsFest goes to support our mission efforts in America and across the world. Check out [www.gloryofchrist.org/missions/supported-ministries/](http://www.gloryofchrist.org/missions/supported-ministries/) for a complete list!

## Ticket Prices:

\$30

Includes dinner & drinks!

## Attire:

Your best Up North garb!

## What to Bring:

Money/Checkbook

## Registration:

Forms at church or online:

[www.gloryofchrist.org/events/missionsfest](http://www.gloryofchrist.org/events/missionsfest)

# Compassion Circle

In an effort to help Trinity Lutheran School (LCMS), prepare for their summer school, the Compassion Circle will be collecting the following list of items **through Sunday May 13th:**

Multi-color tissue paper packs  
Glue dots  
Fun Scrapbook paper packs (12x12)  
Velcro strips  
Crayola Marker Packs  
Watercolors  
Lots of white Poster Board  
Gallons of Elmer's white glue or clear glue  
Bottles of Elmer's glue glue  
Stikkiwax Clips  
Mavalus Tape  
Crayola Watercolor Pens  
Balloons  
Baking Soda  
Craft Wire  
Salt

A tote marked Trinity First will be in the entry of the church for collecting the items. We thank you for your help with this project, and the staff and students at Trinity First thank you also!