

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Welcome all in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshipping 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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Matthew 4:12-25

When Jesus told Peter and Andrew, "follow me," He spoke as a king, not a salesman. Jesus didn't flash His credentials or give the disciples a pitch about how much better their lives would be if they just got on His wagon. Jesus did not make a tear-jerking emotional appeal or a carefully-reasoned argument. He simply said, "follow me," and thereby called these men into His service. The same applies to us. We're not here because we test drove all the religions and found that we liked Christianity the best. Jesus did not come to guilt or persuade us into becoming citizens of His kingdom. He simply *called* us. As Luther reminds us in the explanation to the third article of the creed, "I believe that I *cannot* by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him..." We have not been persuaded; we have been *confiscated* by Jesus. And now we belong to him. We're not His people because we signed up for it. *He* did it. And that's why our calling is sure.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 9:1–4

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #839 *"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"*

SERMON

CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING *"Doxology of Praise"* *Clarinet Solo*

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #826 *“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”*

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

Hymn #583 *“God Has Spoken by His Prophets”*

Hymn #643 *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev’ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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Nunc Dimittis

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

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.

We have changed Florists for our Altar Flowers. We are now using *Flowers by Myra*, located here in Plymouth – 612-728-0399. Her card is on the Altar Flower Chart. The following people have signed up through February:

February 2nd Tom & Brenda Richards
February 9th Bill & Julie Anderson
February 16th David & Louise Werts
February 23rd Betty Reinke

Ruth Decker gave Altar Flowers today in loving memory of Warren Decker.

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 pm.

Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM; followed by Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:40.

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 Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath.

Save the Date! Missions Fest 2020 will be on April 25th. Mark this important date down in your calendar!

2020 Offering Envelopes & 2019 Tithing Statements/Time & Talent Sheets are now available on the table in the Narthex. Questions? Please let Brenda know. Thank You!

Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Seminary Kantorei will be visiting Glory of Christ and will be part of our Mid-Week Lenten service on Wednesday March 4th! We need host family volunteers to host 17 men for that Wednesday night and then serve breakfast on Thursday morning of March 5th. If you can assist with this, please let Pastor Johnson know. Thank You!

New dates for Quilting in February!! Feb. 4th & 18th. We start at 9:00 and bring a bag lunch. We can use more help sewing tops!! We have squares cut out for you. You will be blessed for you work! Any questions? Please call 612-801-8677.

The Compassion Circle is asking for donations for the homeless in our area. Through LOA (Love One Another) and Samaritan's Outreach Program, we are told there is an urgent need for clean, gently used blankets, coats, mittens, hats and warm clothing. This will be for adults. We will collect until Sunday, Feb. 2.

Young Adults: The following events are on the Calendar for Young Adults in the coming months. Please make these on your calendar now and look for emails with reminders and RSVP information as they get closer: February 2nd - Bible Study - 3:30 PM, Followed immediately by a SUPER BOWL Party in the Fellowship Hall! February 17th - Bible Study - 7:00 PM

Sr. High Youth Event: With our youth numbers growing here at Glory of Christ, we are exploring the possibility of breaking off the high school age group as a separate youth group. We are planning on an initial event tentatively set for Sunday, January 26th. The time is yet to be determined. If you haven't done so already, please talk with Pastor Johnson or Pastor Krueger about your availability that day and your thoughts on what you'd like to do for our activity.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study! Sunday School--All Grown Up: Do you remember Sunday mornings with flannelgraphs, cross stickers, cassette players, and orange drink? For most of us, Sunday School was a long time ago, when we heard the stories of Noah's ark, the covenant with Abraham, Solomon's wisdom, and Daniel and the lion's den. Chances are however, we haven't heard them since. But beginning this Sunday, we have the opportunity to go back, only this time, as grownups (and without the orange drink). During Bible Study hour, we're going revisit all the old Sunday School stories, but this time around, we'll be able to dive deeper and make the connections that the six-year-old version of ourselves never would have understood. So, join us as we hear all the old stories and we see how they fit together to tell the bigger picture of God's salvation. Even if you can't make them all, don't worry. Each Sunday is a stand-alone lesson.

VBS Save the Date! VBS will be the week of June 8th and will be 4 days again this year; June 8-11 from 9-12 am. More info to follow but please place this fun event on your calendar!

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breininger, Lee & Doris Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Jared Clark (Brother of Jana Hargreaves), Christy Peterson (Friend of Jon Burns), Delia Samuel (Friend of Carla Claussen), Erno Szedlak (Olivia Young's Grandfather), Tina Houck (Chris & Mari Houck's cousin), Rev. Marvin Ahlborn and his family (Kim Neuman's uncle), Mark Skau (Kevin Skau's Father), Enya Abel and Justine Swanson (Mary Swanson's mother).

Serving Today:

Coffee Servers:	Todd & Cendee Palmer
Acolyte:	Maya Breininger
Elders:	Mike Lindh & Ben Rolf
Ushers:	Travis Dorweiler & Roger Hargreaves
Tech Duty:	Josh Christian
Altar Guild:	Debbie Cheek
Offering Counters:	Carl Hartness & Rhea Schulz
Bread Baker:	Elena Roemen
Bread Deliverer:	Beth Schoolman

Serving Sunday (February 2, 2020):

Coffee Servers:	Leslee Cady & Brenda Richards
Acolyte:	Jonathan Thurk
Elders:	Paul Koosman & Phillippe DeBlois
Ushers:	Jerry Malo & Brian Malo
Tech Duty:	Travis Dorweiler
Altar Guild:	Mike Krause & Brenda Richards
Offering Counters:	Tim Lavanger & Russ McBroom
Bread Baker:	Emily Merkle
Bread Deliverer:	Lori Beck

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday:	30
Sunday:	214
Total:	244
Bible Class: Wed/Sun	28/61
Sunday School:	34



Annual Youth Group Lock-In

Friday, January 31st 6pm to 8am Saturday, February 1st

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or email Julie Anderson
julesanders@live.com.

We will begin at 6pm with a pizza dinner, followed by devotions, games, Nerf Gun War, movies and more.

Bring a pillow, sleeping bag, a snack and drink to share.

You are welcome to bring your own Nerf Gun for our Nerf War - otherwise I will have standard issue Nerf Guns available! Also, if you have any G rated DVD movies, bring them along. We like to have 2-3 movies going during the wee hours to have a choice to watch one or nap.

This year we need adults to assist. I am hoping to have 4-5 volunteers so we can take a shift to be fresh for the youth and so we don't wear ourselves out. Please respond to sign up for this. So fun to be a fly on the wall and observe the youth interact, learn and have fun! (Background check is required - Brenda has a simple form to help us coordinate this function)

Call Julie's cell 612.791.0163 with any questions.

Sign up soon for planning purposes!!



**You are invited to:
Circuit Convocation**

Saturday, February 8, 2020

at

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church
4040 Highway 101
Plymouth, MN



GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
SCRIPTURE, BAPTISM, COMMUNION, WORSHIP. **CHRIST.**

Speaker: Rev. Fred Hinz, Public Policy Advocate
for the MN South District of the LCMS

Schedule:

8:15 am Registration

8:30 am Worship

9:15 am Presentation One – Parental Choice
in Education

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Presentation Two – Current State of the
Creation vs. Evolution Debate

12:00 pm Lunch

*No cost to attend. Kindly email Brenda Richards at
brenda@gloryofchrist.org for planning purposes.





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Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes

Professor of Theology and Philosophy,
Grand View University, Des Moines, Iowa
Scholar and translator of Luther
Author of *Luther's Theology of Beauty: A Reappraisal*

**7 PM | TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

GRAEBNER MEMORIAL CHAPEL
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
*Please join us for a dessert reception
following the presentation*



2020 Congress on the Lutheran Confessions

**April 22 - 24, 2020
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Bloomington, Minnesota**

**THEME: The Second Luther / Matthias Flacius and the
Continuance of the Lutheran Reformation**

Watch for further information coming soon.