

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 25, 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.

Worship Notes

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Mark 13:24-31

"Stay Awake"

Today is the last Sunday of the church year, and that means we are on the lookout for Jesus' return. But waiting is a dangerous business. The longer we wait, the sleepier we usually become. So Jesus tells us to stay awake. It's all too easy to become lulled asleep by the nodding rhythm of our lives.

To fall asleep is to fall into the pattern of this world, to become lost to its ways. So stay awake, for our Lord has promised to return. He is the master who will come back to the vineyard for the harvest. He is the bridegroom who will suddenly arrive at the wedding feast. He is the master who will return from his journey. So stay awake in the Scriptures and diligent in prayer and wait by the door eagerly for our Lord to return.

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OPENING HYMN #336 - "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV



We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;*
hold not your peace | at my tears!

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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 51:4–6

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

**Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.**

EPISTLE Jude 20–25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24–37

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

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

²⁴[Jesus said:] “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.

³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—
³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #509 - *“Christ Is Surely Coming”*

CREED

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #515 - *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*

Hymn #639 – *“I Wide Open Stand the Gates”*

Hymn #516 – *“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”*

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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CLOSING HYMN #337 - *"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"*

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. Please see the schedule below through December:

December 2nd – Garry & Cheryl McCreary
Remaining December weeks: Poinsettias

Janet Preus gave altar flowers this week in loving remembrance of their 21st Wedding Anniversary.

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

Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM – *NO Saturday Evening Diving Service on December 22nd.*

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am.

Advent Services: Begin on Wednesday December 5th at 11:30 am and at 7:00 pm and will follow weekly on December 12th and 19th.

Christmas Services: 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on December 24th and 9:00 am Christmas Day Service on December 25th.

Christmas Decorating! CHANGE OF DATE! Please join us on **Saturday, December 1st** to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will meet **at 9:00** and go until approximately 11:00 or 11:30.

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 St. John Ev. Lutheran, Corcoran and school, and Pastor Matthew Moss and Pastor Matthew Johnson.

Youth Group: Save the date 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! January - Youth Lock-In Date TBD ~ Julie Anderson julesanders@live.com 612.791.0163.

Youth Bake Sale: Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group Bake Sale After Divine Service on Sunday, December 16th! Bake, buy or both to support our Youth Group. **[Nut free recipes only please]**. Questions, contact Julie Anderson 612-791-0163. julesanders@live.com.

Everyone Welcome! Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger are doing **monthly Chapel Services** at Cherrywood Pointe in Plymouth - 18405 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth, MN 55446. The next one will be on **Monday December 10th** at 11:00 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

COMPASSION CIRCLE: We meet the second Monday of the month at 1:00 for dessert, devotion, and fellowship. **Our next meeting will be December 10th**. 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!

Quilting: We will be quilting only 2 more dates this year, please make note of dates: Nov. 27th and Dec. 4th. Beginning at 9:00am. We will resume in Jan. Dates to be determined later. Thanks to all the quilters for your help!

FABRIC ---- Please do not drop off any fabric or sheets for the quilters until further notice!!!! We have enough supply for now and thank you to all who have donated so far! We will let you know in the future when additional supplies are needed! Thanks, from the quilters.

Hi Sunday School Families! The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16th during the education hour. There will be 2 practices prior to that - Saturday, December 8th from 9-11, and a SHORTENED practice on Saturday, December 15th from 10-11. There are sign-up sheets outside of your children's classrooms. They will be up through November 11th. Please mark if your child(ren) will be in the program, if they would like a speaking part, or if they are unable to attend. We are looking forward to another wonderful Christmas program this year! Thank you! Elizabeth, Kelly and Kodi.

St. John's Calendar Sale: St. John's Lutheran School is having a calendar sale fundraiser to send the 8th grade class on a field trip to Washington DC. The church council supports the placing of this announcement in this and upcoming bulletins and newsletters. Please see either William or Henry Rolf to purchase a calendar. Thank You!

St. John's Lutheran School in Corcoran is in the process of calling a new administrator/principal for the Pre K-8th grade school. If you know of any qualified candidates that the call committee should consider, please contact the chairman of the call committee, Brian Callahan, at brian.callahan@centurylink.com or contact the school at 763-420-2426. Two Glory of Christ members also serve on this committee, so you can contact Josh Christian joshua.d.christian@gmail.com or Dawn Rolf dawnrolf@gmail.com with candidate names. Please keep this committee and the school in your prayers as they move forward to find the next administrator for the school.

Annual Voters Meeting: Please join us on Sunday, December 9th right after Bible Study for the annual Glory of Christ Voters Meeting. There will be a new President, new Council Members and Elders to vote in, and a review of the 2019 budget will be voted on. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Information for the meeting will be sent out the preceding week. Thank You!

Concordia University St. Paul 2018 Fine & Performing Arts Christmas Concert:

Friday, December 7th – 7:30 pm, Saturday December 8th – 4:30 pm and Sunday, December 9th – 3:00 pm. Buetow Music Center Auditorium 300 Hamline Ave N, St. Paul.

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Lee Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Aaron Klein (Nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Connie Klein (Sister of Cheryl McCreary, Arlene Finke (Janice Hartness's mother), Carol Bartz (Zelda Malo's Sister-in-Law), Mara Gosch (Friend of the Eickhoff Family), Jennifer Thiesse (Cousin of Jerry Malo), Marietta Sylvester (Mother of Joy O'Bresky), Eric Lavanger (Tim & Peggy Lavanger's son), a young friend of the Merkle Family, and John Entrikin (Father of Megan Swenson).



Women of Glory of Christ Advent by Candlelight

December 2, 2018 6:30 to 8 pm, Women of Glory of Christ are celebrating Advent with an evening of dessert and entertainment in the Fellowship Hall.

Who does this include? Women who are in high school on up! For planning purposes, we need you to sign up. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. We have some volunteers to help drive those who don't feel comfortable driving. Please indicate on the sign up if you need transportation.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Schoolman 612-518-9744 or beth.schoolman@gmail.com or you can call Brenda at the church office.

BACHMAN'S

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**Holiday 2018 Poinsettia Program
Fundraiser for the Glory of Christ Youth Group**

Help decorate our church for Christmas! We had so many poinsettias last year and the church looked beautiful! ***This year, our Poinsettia sales will once again be part of a Fundraising Program for our Youth Group.*** We are partnering with Bachman's Direct Farm Products to supply our Poinsettias and there are two sizes to choose from. You can also order other items for your home or as gifts and they can be delivered here at church. Any questions, call Brenda Richards at 763-478-6031. **Ordering Deadline is Nov. 18th for the planters and Wreaths** with delivery scheduled for Friday November 30th. **Ordering deadline is Nov. 25th for Poinsettias** with delivery scheduled for Friday, December 7th. Please leave this form and a check made out to Glory of Christ on Brenda's desk in the office.

**please see order form on the next page.

Poinsettias

6.5" Single	Red, White, Pink	\$13.00
8" Double	Red, White, Pink	\$20.00

Holiday Planters and Wreaths

10" Norfolk Island Pine	\$25.00
12" Spruce Top Planter w/Mixed Greens	\$50.00
24" Balsam Wreath W/Bow & Cones	\$20.00
24" Premium Decorated Wreath	\$50.00
Spruce Top Bundle (10 per bundle)	\$25.00

ORDER FORM

Family Name: _____

Given in memory or celebration of:

I would like to order:

<u>Item Name</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>
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******You may take your poinsettia home anytime after the Christmas Day Service. Thank You!***

Total Price: \$ _____



BACH'S *Christmas* Oratorio

The *Lyra*
BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
JACQUES OGG, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



MATTHIAS MAUTE, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Sarah Brailey, *soprano*
Clara Osowski, *mezzo-soprano*
Nicholas Chalmers, *tenor*
Jonathan Ten Brink, *baritone*

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Parts I, II, IV, and VI
of Bach's beloved
story of Christmas.
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TICKETS AND INFO
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DECEMBER 7-9, 2018

Friday, December 7 | 7:30 PM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester

Saturday, December 8 | 7:30 PM

St. Mary's Chapel, University of St. Thomas,
St. Paul

Sunday, December 9 | 3:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church, Corcoran

Pre-concert talk begins 30 minutes
before each performance.



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For more information and for purchasing tickets, please see the links below:

<http://bachsocietymn.org>

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3555512>