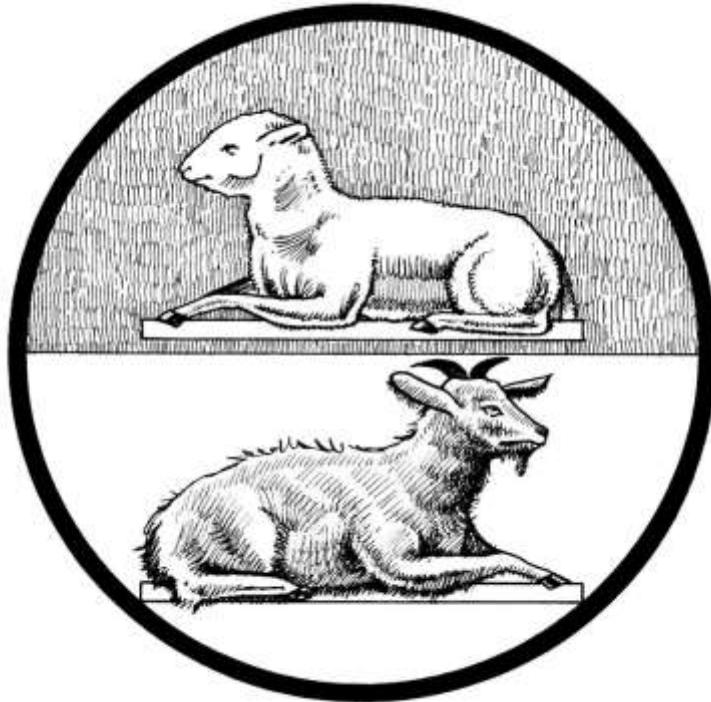


GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



Last Sunday of the Church Year

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Last Sunday of the Church Year

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

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father"

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, "he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats" (Matt. 25:32). "To those on his right," who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But "those on his left," who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart "into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep "as a shepherd seeks out his flock" (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, "the fat and the strong," but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds "the lean sheep" (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that "in Christ shall all be made alive" by his resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26

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COLLECT

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through 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 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31–46

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

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

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #509 – *“Christ is Surely Coming”*

SERMON

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #639 - *“Wide Open Stand the Gates”*

Hymn #621 – *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

Hymn #511 – *“Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment”*

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 #534 - *“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”*

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'. *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. The Flower chart is not displayed now due to construction. Please see the schedule for the remainder of 2017 below:

December 3rd – Barbie & Dan Gruenhagen
Remaining weeks in December - Poinsettias

Garry & Cheryl McCreary gave Altar Flowers today in celebration of Caleb's Birthday. May God Bless him on this special occasion!

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

Saturday Evening Divine Services 5:00 PM

Wednesday morning Prayer services begin at 9:30 AM; followed by Wednesday morning Bible Study. **BACK AT CORNER STONE COMMONS**

Advent Services: Begin on Wednesday December 6th at 11:30 am at the **Corner Stone Commons Chapel** and at 7:00 pm at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church.

Christmas Services: *NO Saturday Evening service on December 23rd*, 9:00 am Divine Service on December 24th, 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on December 24th and 9:00 am Christmas Day Service on December 25th.

Christmas Decorating! Please join us on Saturday, December 2nd to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will meet at 9:00 and go until approximately 11:00. We will only be decorating the Sanctuary this year, but we have a new Christmas tree for the Altar! Come join the fun!

Next Youth Group on Sunday, December 3rd: We will meet after Bible Study for lunch and devotions, then go to Zero Escape Room to see who can figure a way out! Return to church by 2:30 pm for parent pick up. Contact Julie Anderson julesanders@live.com 612-791-0163  by Monday, November 27th to reserve your spot.

The call of Advent is a call to slow down. It is not Christmas—at least not yet. Advent bids us patience, to slow down our hectic pace, even to trust in the Lord when dark is our road and confusing our path. Advent is a call, not to push the Lord along, but to wait on Him and await His revelation at the right time. The midweek Advent sermon series will have us wait in the Bible's songs that preceded and tell of Christ's Birth. Songs directly from the Bible are sometime called "Canticles" (Latin for "song"). In this series, we will explore the scriptural songs revolving around the coming of Christ for our very salvation:

"The Canticles of Christmas"

Dec 6th : Mary's Song, the *Magnificat*

Dec 13th : Zechariah's Song, the *Benedictus*

Dec 20th : The Song of the Angels, the *Gloria*

Annual Voters Meeting: Please join us on Sunday, December 10th 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, a review of the 2018 budget will be voted on and also there will be an update to the building project. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Thank You!

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 Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Rev. Dan Matasovsky (vacancy pastor).

Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17th after the Divine Service. Practices Saturday, December 9th and 16th from 9-11 am. 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. December's meeting will take place on Sunday, December 3rd at the home of JoAnne Christensen: 2015 Vagabond Ln N Plymouth from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you are a mom of any age, YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME!

Update on LCMS Mexico Mission: For several years now, we have been partnered with the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, supporting their efforts to train local pastors. Now, this next summer, we will have the opportunity to put our hands to work too! We are planning a work trip down to Mexico City sometime next May or June. If you are *potentially* interested, please contact pastor Johnson, and he'll keep you informed about further developments.

Listen to

Pastor Jeremiah Johnson

on



Mon., Nov. 27, at 8:00 a.m. CT

for

**Sharper Iron
(Lectionary Study)**

and again during

**Morning Prayer
with a sermonette**

between 9 and 9:30 a.m. CT



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Holiday 2017 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. 26th for Poinsettias** with delivery scheduled for Friday, December 8th. Please leave the order form and a check made out to Glory of Christ in the folder on the back table of the Sanctuary. You may use the order form on the back of your bulletin. Order forms are also on the back table. Questions? Please see Brenda.

Poinsettias

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

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******You may take your poinsettia home anytime after the Christmas Day Service. Thank You!***