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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

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Matthew 25:14-30

"Faithful and Wicked Servants"

In the Gospel lesson today, Jesus tells yet another parable about His kingdom, with an eye towards His second coming. The master gives various numbers of talents, that is, large sums of money, to three of his servants and then goes on a long trip. When he returns, he wants to know how each servant has fared. At first blush, this all sounds quite legalistic, like the master is doing rigorous performance reviews. But there are a few details to keep in mind. First, all of the resources come from the master. Second, the first two servants did not earn the same amount, but were given the same reward--"enter into the joy of your master." Third, the wicked servant is not punished because he doesn't earn anything, but because *he didn't even try*. He himself admits that he knew what kind of master he was, and loved his master so little that he didn't even take the effort to put it in a savings account. The parable does not teach us that we will be judged on our comparative performance but *warns* us against wickedness and sloth in light of the last day.

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"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" - Hand Bell Choir

OPENING HYMN #338 - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Ps. 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: Ps. 143:1*



Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*

I ponder the work | of your hands.

I stretch out my | hands to you;*

my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*

Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

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.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

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COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zephaniah 1:7–16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,

those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL



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 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14–30

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

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

¹⁴"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'

²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #508 - *"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"*

SERMON

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #845 - *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

Hymn #627 - *"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"*

Hymn #730 - *"What Is the world to Me"*

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 blessèd comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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CLOSING HYMN #659 - *"Lord of Our Life"*

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:

November 26th – Garry & Cheryl McCreary

December 3rd – Barbie & Dan Gruenhagen

Remaining weeks in December - Poinsettias

David and Louise Werts gave Altar Flowers today in loving memory of Louise's Father.

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

Saturday Evening Divine Services 5:00 PM

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service: Wednesday November 22nd at 7:00 pm.

NO Wednesday morning Prayer service or Bible Study, Confirmation or music rehearsals next week, November 22nd.

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!

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 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 Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones.

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.



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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. 19th for the planters and Wreaths with delivery scheduled for Friday December 1st. **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

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)	\$22.00



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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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Total Price: \$ _____

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