

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2019

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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 167. 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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Luke 16:1-15

"Mismanagement and Mercy"

Our parable moves from the lesser to the "much greater", that is, the much greater than us. If this parable was actually about Jesus Himself who is telling the story, if this were the story of God the Father almighty who has entrusted to His only Son the management of all that belongs to Him, well then this parable will not only get off the ground but will reach all the way to heaven and take us with it.

Through the mismanagement in the parable we see God's mercy. If a rich landowner commends his manager for his shrewdness, how much more does the God the Father almighty, commend His honest manager, Jesus Christ, for managing all that has been entrusted to Him exactly according to God's will? So much more in fact that the Father raises the Son from the dead! It is the will of God that the manager of His mercy be ridiculously generous and reckless with it in order to win friends for Himself. For whoever is a friend of Jesus is a friend of God.

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OPENING HYMN #732 *"All Depends on Our Possessing"*

Baptism of Quinn Maxwell & Quaid Zander Brannon page 268

Parent: Amanda Jo Brannon

God Parents: Travis & Kelly Dorweiler

Baptism of Gertrude Annabelle Marshall page 268

Parents: Ryan & Maddie Marshall

God Parents: Philippe & Sarah DeBlois

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: Ps. 119:144



Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever,*
give me understanding that | I may live.

Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness*
and in all | faithfulness.

My zeal con- | sumes me,*
because my foes for- | get your words.

Your promise is | well tried,*
and your servant | loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,*
and your | law is true.

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.
Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever,*
give me understanding that | I may live.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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COLLECT

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.



**Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrel; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 16:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN #557 *"Seek Where You May to Find a Way" – Intro by Woodwinds*

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #730 *"What Is the World to Me"*

Hymn #637 *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*

Hymn #566 *"By Grace I'm Saved"*

Hymn #567 *"Not What These Hands Have Done"*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened

With heav'nly food, while here

My course on earth is lengthened,

To serve with holy fear.

And when You call my spirit

To leave this world below,

I enter, through Your merit,

Where joys unmingled flow.

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CLOSING HYMN #707 *"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

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. ***The 2019 Flower chart is available for you to sign up for Flowers. The following people have signed up through October:***

September 29th Craig & Charlotte Smith
October 6th Josh & Alisha Christian
October 13th Dan & Barbie Gruenhagen
October 20th Garry & Cheryl McCreary
October 27th Janet Preus

Dawson & Enya Abel gave Altar Flowers today in celebration of their 1st wedding anniversary. May God Bless them on this special occasion!

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

Monday Evening Divine Service 7:00 PM

Saturday Evening Divine Services will begin on October 5th at 5:00 pm.

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

Bible Study Today: Rev. Peter Preus will be presenting the Bible Study today, titled:

God's People Grieve

A Survey of Those from Scripture Who Despaired.

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. Timothy Society for Lutheran Seminary Scholarship, and their Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Gordon Bynum.

SAVE THE DATE! Perspectives Presentation: Suicide – This is a FREE presentation to be held here, at Glory of Christ, **TODAY!** Sunday, September 22nd. The presenter is Rev. Peter Preus, who will be giving a presentation on the Christian response to Suicide. Please place this important event on your calendars. More information below in this bulletin and on the table in the Narthex.



Looking for an easy way to support Lutheran education? GOC is now collecting Box Tops for Education. These small rectangles are each worth 10 cents and can be found on tons of General Mills products—everything from Kleenex to dishwasher tabs to cereal. Simply clip and drop into the jar in the narthex to help support St. John's Lutheran School.

"Putting the gifts to good use."

1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Hello Glory of Christ Lutheran Church members. **Thank you for taking time to submit surveys to us!** We are compiling the results now and an Informational meeting will be held on Sunday, September 29th at 11:45 am (After Bible Study) to present the results to the congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Mari Houck, Al Lindh, Jill Eickhoff, Laura Thurk, Tyler Gangestad, Travis Dorweiler, Mike Connealy, Chelsie Ofsthun, Christian Preus, Patton Hoffarth, Kord Brashear, Pastor Johnson, or Pastor Krueger. Thank you and have a blessed day!

Main Street Living is an hour-long Lutheran television program that airs new episodes each Sunday morning. The Twin Cities program is broadcast at 10 a.m. Central time on WFTC channel 29/9-2. Each Sunday, viewers enjoy a 30-minute remastered episode of "This is the Life," a popular Lutheran Hour Ministries series from the 70s and 80s. The episode is followed by a modified Lutheran worship service—led by a different local pastor each week. Main Street Living (Twin Cities) is endorsed by the [Minnesota South District](#) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; however, the program receives no funding from the District. It is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the WFTC viewing area.

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 October 14th** at 11:00 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

Quilting Announcement: The leaves are falling! It is that time of the year to start Quilting! Our mission is to help those people who are less fortunate than we are. We would love to have a few more helping hands come and work with us. If you can come for only a few hours that would be appreciated. **Our next quilting dates will be Tuesday October 1st and Tuesday October 22nd beginning at 9:00 am.** Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay for the afternoon. Any questions call Eunice or text to 612-801-8677.

Online Giving: Did you know that you make your church offering electronically? It's a simple way to practice the discipline of generosity. Setting it up is both easy and secure, and Just ask Brenda, and you will be sent an invitation to set up your own online giving account through Realm, the church database.

Capital Campaign: It may be hard to believe, but our Capital Campaign is drawing to a close at the end of this year. If you would like the joy of getting in on the Capital Campaign, it's not too late. You can still submit your pledge. For those of you who have already pledged, Brenda has run year to date tithing statements which show your current 2019 offering totals, as well as your Capital Campaign pledge amount and the status of your pledge payments. If you would like a copy of your report, please let Brenda know. It can be mailed to you or emailed to you. Thank You!

COMPASSION CIRCLE: We will have our next meeting on Monday October 14th. We will begin at 9:00a.m, and make cards for the congregation, and sandwiches for the homeless. Our regular meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. Anyone is invited to attend!

Children's Music programs have begun! Musical opportunities for students in grades 4 - 8 have begun at new times:

--Children's Chimes and Orff Ensemble, taught by Abby Hoselton, meets Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

--Gloria Christi Choir, directed by Barbara Resch, meets Wednesdays from 5:15 - 6 p.m.

Both groups provide musical instruction that prepares the children for joyful musical participation in the services at Glory of Christ. New members are welcome in both groups!

Adult Choir Rehearsals have begun – The Adult Choir, directed by Carla Claussen, have begun rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Thinking about joining the Adult Choir? Please plan to attend a rehearsal!

Handbell Choir, directed by Brenda Richards, has begun rehearsals and will continue Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Please let Brenda know if you are interested in playing!

Confirmation class and Mom's Group have begun as well and will continue Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

Have you ever considered becoming a Pastor or Deaconess? If so, Rev. Scott Holder from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Woodbury Lutheran – 7380 Afton Road in Woodbury on Tuesday October 15th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm OR at Concordia St. Paul – 1282 Concordia Ave St. Paul on Wednesday October 16th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Rev. Holder will be located in a "Family Room" in the Winget Student Life Center.

Missions Fest Flight Around the World! Even if you couldn't attend Missions Fest this year, there is an opportunity to join us on October 5th for the Flight Around the World beer tasting event. We will start at 2:00 pm. Enjoy beer from around the world along with food and fun! The auction bid was \$75.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Please see Travis Dorweiler if you have any questions. Payment will be accepted on the night of the event, all money going towards Missions.

Adult Bible Study- The Smalcald Article: The Unity of the Church.

In 1537, Martin Luther was asked to prepare a statement of Lutheran belief for use at a church council, if it was called. Luther's bold and vigorous confession of faith was later incorporated into the Book of Concord. It was presented to a group of Lutheran rulers meeting in the town of Smalcald hence the name, **The Smalcald Articles**. These articles are very much Luther's theological "last will and testament." He knew precisely what he was doing when he wrote them, how significant they were and how seriously they would be regarded by friends and foes alike. Given Luther's health difficulties at this time, which he and his friends regarded as life-threatening, he did regard the Smalcald Articles to be his last chance in a public statement to testify to what he believed, taught and confessed.

Starting Sunday October 13th we will begin studying these articles in Adult Bible Class. We will consider their use for today and how important they still are to the church's unity in doctrine.

perspectives:

Suicide

How Shall I Comfort Christians Grieving for a Suicide or Who Have Thoughts of Suicide?

Where? This FREE PRESENTATION will be at Glory of Christ Lutheran 4040 County Rd. 101 Plymouth, MN 55447. Church office: 763-478-6031 Website: www.gloryofchrist.org

When? Sunday September 22nd, 2019 from 12:30pm-3:30pm. All materials provided. Light refreshments will be served. To learn more and to register please see the registration form below. Walk-ins welcome.

Why? About two thirds of depressed people think about suicide and between 10 and 15 percent of those being treated for major depression [severe enough to be hospitalized] eventually complete suicide. A key symptom of depression is the loss of hope. Unfortunately, hopelessness is frequently diagnosed as the loss of faith. Consequently, many who suffer from depression doubt whether they are worthy of being loved, even by God. Whereas the loss of hope is also misdiagnosed by people following a suicide, grieving Christians doubt whether their loved one is in heaven. Churches are in urgent need, therefore, of receiving assistance on how to provide Christian comfort and relief both to the suicidal (those with thoughts of suicide) and the suicided (those affected by a suicide).

Who? Pastor Peter Preus graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana in May of 1982. After serving congregations in Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan, he most recently served The Lutheran Church of the Triune God in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota from August of 1999 until August of 2017, when he retired. Pastor Preus's first wife, Jean, committed suicide in September of 1994. He remarried in May of 1997 to Julie Lams. Julie, in addition to serving as a loving wife and mother, recently retired from teaching at St. John's, Corcoran MN. In the fall of 2011 Pastor Preus's book: "And She Was a Christian – Why Do Believers Commit Suicide?" was published by Northwestern Publishing House. Pastor Preus has also written various articles on grieving for the suicide and ministering to the despairing Christian.

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This Seminar is especially suited for:

- Those who have lost a family member or friend to suicide
- Those who feel with one who is chronically depressed or suffering from hopelessness and possibly thoughts of suicide
- Church leaders who have the opportunity to offer Christian comfort or relief to those grieving for a suicide or who are suffering from depression or suicidal thoughts

What you will learn:

- Basic skills for speaking to grieving individuals following a suicide
- Personal skills for working one-on-one with the severely depressed and the despairing

DID YOU KNOW?

Among young people 15-24 with the suicide is the third leading cause of death.

From 2008 to 2013 suicide increased 33 percent among teens between 17 and 19.

Suicide takes the lives of over 10,000 Americans every year.

To learn more and to register, visit GloryOfChrist.org/events

This presentation is designed to help you gain a better understanding of the Christian faith and how to help the despairing and suicidal. These presentations are intended for the convenience of large and small churches.

Fall workshop opportunity: On Saturday, October 12th, Dr. David Maxwell from Concordia Seminary will join us here at Glory of Christ for a theological workshop. The topic is: "Justification from Scripture to Sermon: a Cross-Disciplinary Study on the Central Doctrine of the Faith." Don't let the title scare you, it will be very accessible to anyone who is willing to roll up their sleeves and do a little intellectual labor. There is a link on the GoC website under the events tab that will give more specific details about this opportunity.



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Louis A. Fincke and Anna B. Shine
Professor of Systematic Theology

OCTOBER 12, 2019
9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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REGISTRATION: \$40
Deadline: Sept. 23, 2019

Register online at
csl.edu/summerworkshops
or call 314-505-7286.

JUSTIFICATION FROM SCRIPTURE TO SERMON: A Cross-Disciplinary Study on the Central Doctrine of the Faith

This workshop will explore the doctrine of justification from multiple angles. In so doing, it attempts to answer the following questions:

- What are the foundations of the doctrine of justification in both the Old and New Testaments?
- What aspects of this biblical foundation are emphasized in the Lutheran Confessions?
- What did the early church have to say about justification?
- Is the Lutheran understanding something entirely new?
- What are the contemporary challenges to justification? How might we respond?
- How can we preach justification in a way that is fresh and compelling?



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