

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019

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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 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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 14:25-35

“The Love and Hate That Jesus gives”

A disciple of Jesus Christ will *“bear his own cross”* (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with *“all that he has”* (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple hates (disavows) *“his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life”* (Luke 14:26), in reverence to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as *“life and good, death and evil”* (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to *“choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him”* (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, *“that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord”* (Philemon 14). And in the final calculus, God simply regards us with respect to our relationship to Christ.

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OPENING HYMN #644 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 119:28–32; antiphon: Ps. 119:27



Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

My soul melts away for | sorrow;*
strengthen me according | to your word!

Put false ways | far from me*
and graciously teach | me your law!

I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.

I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD;*
let me not be | put to shame!

I will run in the way of your com- | mandments*
when you en- | large my heart!

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.

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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COLLECT

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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 Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our
fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your
love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray
that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every
good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort
from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed
through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do
what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and
now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose
father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is
indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very
heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me
on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing
without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of
your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that
you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a
beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and
in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.
¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I,
Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me
even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh
my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will
do even more than I say.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:25–35

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

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

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them,
²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.
²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.
³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN #853 *"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"*

SERMON

Presentation of Bibles to 2nd Graders

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #688 *“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake”*

Hymn #848 *“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”*

Hymn #631 *“Her, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”*

Hymn #685 *“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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CLOSING HYMN #783 *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

Vs. 1 & 3 – Duet

Vs. 2 & 4 - Congregation

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 15th Bob & Arlene Strom
September 22nd Dawson & Enya Abel
September 29th Craig & Charlotte Smith
October 6th Josh & Alisha Christian
October 13th Dan & Barbie Gruenhagen
October 20th Garry & Cheryl McCreary
October 27th Janet Preus

Tim Sr. and Carol Beach gave Altar Flowers today in celebration of their 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.

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 Concordia University, St. Paul.

SAVE THE DATE! Perspectives Presentation: Suicide – This is a FREE presentation to be held here, at Glory of Christ, on 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!

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 September 9th** at 11:00 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

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.

Rally Day! Rally Day is **TODAY! Sunday September 8th**. Incoming 2nd Graders are receiving their bibles, and Sunday school teachers are being installed. Along with Sunday school beginning, we have many fun events planned for today including a bouncy castle and Dunk Tank as well as lunch being served right after Bible Study. Glory of Christ will also be hosting a Time and Talents Fair. This fair will give members, both new and old, a chance to see all the opportunities for fellowship and service that we have to offer.

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. We start on September 17th 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!

Ladies Luncheon: Please join us on **Saturday, September 14th at 11:30 am-1:30 pm** at church for good food, fellowship and a chance to meet your Sister in Christ. Please bring a dish to pass or a dessert to share. Hosted by Marilyn Scharlau and Pauline Hemingway.

COMPASSION CIRCLE: We are excited to start a new season of Compassion Circle! We will have our next meeting on Monday September 9th at 1:00 pm. Anyone is invited to attend!

Presentation on Bullying: Isabel Schaumburg will be giving a presentation on bullying as part of her Girl Scout Silver Award project. Come and learn about how to prevent bullying in schools, sports, friend groups etc. During this time, there will be time to have fun, and a time to listen. She hopes that you will join her on **September 15th at 12:15**, to learn about how bullying can affect you and others around you. Bullying has become a really big issue lately, because everyone thinks that it never happened or know that it did happen but choose to do it anyways. It is a free class in the fellowship hall, so if you want to come, please feel free to come in. If you need any more information or have questions, please email her at isabel.schaumburg@gmail.com.

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Lee & Doris Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Mark Skau (Kevin Skau's father), Scott Flugum & Tina Houck (Chris & Mari Houck's cousins), LeRoy Reinke, Shirley Holthus (Mother of Jim Holthus), Kelly Cargill (Friend of Becky Lane), Jack Hammang (Friend of Becky Lane), Hazel Schweiger (Mother of Becky Lane), Terry Brusacorom (Son of Sandi Brusacorom), Dawn Wolter (Mother of Erin Klemz), Jim Small, and Marvin Bimberg.

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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Join us for a FREE Presentation
Sunday, September 22, 2019, 12:30 - 3:30 PM

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 suicidal 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:

- Skills skills for assisting in grieving those who following a suicide
- Pastoral care for coping who survive with the severely depressed and the despairing

DO YOU KNOW?
About 10% of people who are depressed think about suicide
About 10% of people who are depressed complete suicide

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

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.



DR. DAVID MAXWELL
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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