

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Christmas Day**  
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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 184. 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**

### **Christmas Day**

Our dearly beloved Savior was born today. Let us be glad! For there isn't a proper place for sadness when we celebrate the birthday of the Life. For this Life destroys our fear of death and brings us the joy of promised eternity. Everyone can share in this happiness. There is the same amount of joy for everyone. For our Lord destroys sin and death and finds everyone guilty but has come to free us all. Let saints rejoice at their nearness to victory.

Let sinners be glad that they are invited to be pardoned. . . . Let us, then, dearly beloved, give thanks to God the Father, through His Son, in the Holy Spirit.

Leo I



**COLLECT**

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 52:7–10

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** - Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a



**To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\***  
**and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.**  
**And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,\***  
**Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**  
**Sing to the Lord a | new song,\***  
**for he has done | marvelous things!**

**EPISTLE** Hebrews 1:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son”?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** John 1:1–14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**G** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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### **The Distribution Hymns:**

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**Hymn #367** – *“Angels from the Realms of Glory ”*

**Hymn #381** – *“Let Our Gladness Have No End”*

### **Individual Prayer for after Communion:**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, Amen.

Martin Luther

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**CLOSING HYMN #382** – *“We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth”*

## 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.

**We have changed Florists for our Altar Flowers. We are now using *Flowers by Myra*, located here in Plymouth – 612-728-0399.** Her card is on the Altar Flower Chart. The 2020 flower chart is now up. Remaining weeks of December are for Poinsettias. **The 2020 Flower chart is up in the Narthex.**

**Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 pm.**

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

**Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study** – *Morning Prayer services are on hold through Advent. They will begin again on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Bible Study will continue through Advent beginning 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 Rev. Lucas Woodford, our District President, and all of our elected officers and board members in the MN South District.

**The Compassion Circle** would like to thank everyone who donated to our clothing drive to Home Free. We were able to collect over 75 clothing items and over \$500 in gift cards! The Compassion Circle appreciates your support and Home Free offers their heartfelt thanks. They also want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Who Got Them?** The abused women & children in their safe houses at the Dwelling Place received 25 quilts in time for Christmas! Also, 10 will be delivered to Trinity First Lutheran School this month. Thanks to all the ladies who diligently worked to get that many quilts done this year!

**Box tops are changing!** You can still clip box tops from participating projects and put them in the jar here at Glory of Christ. Soon, however, all Box Tops will be redeemed by using an app and submitting your receipt via app.

Here are the quick steps:

1. Save your receipt if you purchased any products with the above logo
2. Scan your receipt/snap a photo in the app (you'll create a profile)
3. Select "St. John's Lutheran School" or search by zip code (55340)
4. Submit receipts within 14 days of purchase

What if I hate tech???

Drop your receipts in the jar here at GOC and we'll scan them for you! Just remember to bring them to church within 14 days of purchase.

**Remember in our Prayers:** Sean Breininger, Lee & Doris Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Jared Clark (Brother of Jana Hargreaves), Christy Peterson (Friend of Jon Burns), Elizabeth Ellgen (Friend of Mike Krause), Ryan & Jill Krause (Cousins of Mike Krause), Sandi Olchefski (Friend of Tom and Brenda Richards), Lonnie Fahey (Brother-in-Law to Jim Holthus), Delia Samuel (Friend of Carla Claussen), Jim Small, Daryl Bartz (Brother of Zelda Malo) and Erno Szedlak (Olivia Young's Grandfather)

