

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



**Christmas Day**  
December 25, 2018

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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.

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**OPENING HYMN #379** – “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*”

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT** Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 9:6



For 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.

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\***

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

**The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\***

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\***

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.**

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\***

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**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.**

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**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.



## **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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**SERMON HYMN #384** – *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

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## **OFFERING**

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### **The Distribution Hymns:**

**Hymn #624** – *“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”*

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

**Hymn #368** – *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

### **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 #387** – *“Joy to the World”*

## 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 now available for you to sign up for Flowers.***

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

**Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM**

**Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study** – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am. ***NO Bible Study or Prayer Service on Wednesday December 26th. Prayer Services will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15.***

**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.

**New Church Photo Directory:** We will be doing a new church photo directory in 2019! Look for more information and sign-up sheets right after the first of the year!

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are now available on tables in the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. If you do not see a box for you, please let Brenda know.

**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 January 14<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am. Please feel free to attend this service.



**COMPASSION CIRCLE:** We meet the second Monday of the month at 1:00 for dessert, devotion, and fellowship. **Our next meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup>.** We always welcome new members and ideas for ways in which we can show compassion to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hope to see you there!

**A Big Thank You!** From the compassion circle for your generous contributions to Trinity First School, of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. Also for the 10 large bags of toys for the Battered Women's shelter. May you be blessed over the Christmas season!

**Quilting:** Make a New Year's resolution to come once a month to help make quilts for the unfortunate! QUILTING will begin again in January. Starting on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. February 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. We start at 9:00am. Please bring your lunch along. We would appreciate any time you could give us, if only an hour or two! Thank You!

**St. John's Calendar Sale:** St. John's Lutheran School is having a calendar sale fundraiser to send the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class on a field trip to Washington DC. The church council supports the placing of this announcement in this and upcoming bulletins and newsletters. Please see either William or Henry Rolf to purchase a calendar. Thank You!

**St. John's Lutheran School in Corcoran** is in the process of calling a new administrator/principal for the Pre K-8<sup>th</sup> grade school. If you know of any qualified candidates that the call committee should consider, please contact the chairman of the call committee, Brian Callahan, at [brian.callahan@centurylink.com](mailto:brian.callahan@centurylink.com) or contact the school at 763-420-2426. Two Glory of Christ members also serve on this committee, so you can contact Josh Christian [joshua.d.christian@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.d.christian@gmail.com) or Dawn Rolf [dawnrolf@gmail.com](mailto:dawnrolf@gmail.com) with candidate names. Please keep this committee and the school in your prayers as they move forward to find the next administrator for the school.

**Voters Meeting Results:** Our Annual Voters Meeting took place on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The selected new officers, Elders and Church Council Members are:

President – Josh Christian

Treasurer – Jesse Huber

Secretary – Bill Anderson

Elders - 1 More Term - Nate Burdick, Mark Swenson, Andy Madson, Todd Schoolman

Newly elected Elders - Paul Koosman, Ben Rolf, Kord Brashear, Mike Lindh

Church Council – 1 more term: Mari Houck, Bill Anderson, Jonathan Schultz, Rebecca Neumann

Newly Elected Council Members – Jeremy Eickhoff, Todd Palmer, Patton Hoffarth, Kim Bonine.

