

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Circumcision and name of Jesus (Observed)

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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

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"The Lord Jesus is Circumcised to Fulfill the Law and Shed His Blood For Us"

Circumcision, the covenant God made with Abraham and his Seed, sealed His promises and blessings in the flesh, but it also signified the burden of the Law. When the Lord Jesus came in the flesh to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to that Law in order to fulfill the Law and release all people from its bondage. "He was called Jesus" (Luke 2:21), because He came to save His people from their sins. Jesus first shed His blood on our behalf when "He was circumcised" (Luke 2:21), thus foreshadowing His shedding of blood as He sacrificed Himself upon the Cross. We are "justified by faith" in His blood (Gal. 3:24). Therefore, we "are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise" (Gal. 3:29), not by the circumcision of our flesh, but in the flesh and blood of Christ Jesus, the true Seed of Abraham. "Baptized into Christ," we belong to Him and are clothed and covered by His righteousness (Gal. 3:27). Holy Baptism is the true circumcision made without hands, by which the Lord Jesus puts His Name on us and blesses us (Num. 6:22, 27).

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OPENING HYMN #900 – *“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 40:6–8; antiphon: 40:16



May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the LORD!”

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.*

Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.

Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;*”

in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God;*

your law is with- | in 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.

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the LORD!”

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A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:21

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

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

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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SERMON HYMN #898 – *“The Ancient Law Departs”*

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #590 – *“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”*

Hymn #528 – *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

Hymn #725 – *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

Hymn #832 – *“Jesus shall Reign”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

We thank you, almighty Lord God, that you have refreshed us with this precious gift, and we ask for your mercy that you would let it nurture in us strong faith toward you and intensive love among us all, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

Martin Luther

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CLOSING HYMN #743 – *“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”*

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. ***Prayer Services will resume on January 2nd 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. John Fehrmann and his work with Confessional Lutheran Educational foundation (CLEF) in other nations.

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 14th** 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 14th.** 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 8th & 22nd. February 5th & 19th. 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 8th 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-8th 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 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 or Dawn Rolf 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 9th. 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.

