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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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Mark 11:1-10

That's right, Palm Sunday. The reading for the first Sunday in Advent is the reading for Palm Sunday. Seems odd to hear a Holy Week reading, right? But there's a method to the madness.

Advent (which means coming) prepares us for the coming of the King. So, it's fitting to start with Jesus coming into Jerusalem as king even as the crowds shout “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

As Christmas draws near, it's easy to focus on the baby king who coos in his manger-cradle with adoring parents and awkward shepherds and the Magi on their way. but Palm Sunday connects us directly to Holy Week, where we see our king crowned with thorns, enthroned on a cross. This link anchors the birth of Jesus to his death and resurrection. There is no cute baby Jesus who doesn't set his face towards Jerusalem to suffer and die for His own people. The Jesus of the manger is the Jesus of the cross.

So, whether it seems odd or not, when we start with Palm Sunday, it keeps us from floating off into sentimentality. It grounds us in the only Jesus who does come to us—the one who dies and rises for us.

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OPENING HYMN #332 – “*Savior of the Nations, Come*”

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 25:1–3; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

To you, | O LORD,*

I lift | up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.**

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**

**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.**

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

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COLLECT

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

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

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 11:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

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

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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SERMON HYMN #341 – *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

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OFFERING – *"Just as I Am, without One Plea"* – *Woodwind Ensemble*

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #350 – *“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”*

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

Hymn #619 – *“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”*

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!

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CLOSING HYMN #349 – *“Hark the Glad Sound”*

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 ***near the organ speaker to the right of the Altar***. 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 Flower chart is not displayed now due to construction. Please see the schedule for the remainder of 2017 below:

Dan & Barbie Gruenhagen gave Altar Flowers today in loving memory of Barbie's grandmother.

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

Saturday Evening Divine Services 5:00 PM

Wednesday morning Prayer services will not take place now until after Christmas because of the morning Advent services, but Wednesday morning Bible study will begin at 10:00 at Corner Stone Commons. Next week, December 6th, Bible Study will be in the Chapel of Corner Stone Commons.

Advent Services: Begin on Wednesday December 6th at **11:30 am at the Corner Stone Commons Chapel** and at 7:00 pm at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church.

Christmas Services: *NO Saturday Evening service on December 23rd*, 9:00 am Divine Service on December 24th, 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on December 24th and 9:00 am Christmas Day Service on December 25th. There will be a normal 5:00 pm Divine service on Saturday, December 30th and a normal 9:00 am Divine Service on Sunday, December 31st.

Volunteers Needed for Setting Up the church Post-Construction: Construction on the church is tentatively scheduled to be completed by end of January. There will be a lot of work to do to unload the storage pods and to set up all the new rooms. Signup sheets for volunteers are on the back table of the Sanctuary. Please consider helping with this fun and exciting new chapter for our church!

The next Compassion Circle meeting will be December 11th, at 1:00p.m. in Corner Stone's Commons sun room. We will be packaging cookies for shut-ins.

Next Youth Group TODAY, December 3rd: We will meet after Bible Study for lunch and devotions, then go to Zero Escape Room to see who can figure a way out! Return to church by 2:30 pm for parent pick up.

The call of Advent is a call to slow down. It is not Christmas—at least not yet. Advent bids us patience, to slow down our hectic pace, even to trust in the Lord when dark is our road and confusing our path. Advent is a call, not to push the Lord along, but to wait on Him and await His revelation at the right time. The midweek Advent sermon series will have us wait in the Bible's songs that preceded and tell of Christ's Birth. Songs directly from the Bible are sometime called "Canticles" (Latin for "song"). In this series, we will explore the scriptural songs revolving around the coming of Christ for our very salvation:

"The Canticles of Christmas"

Dec 6th : Mary's Song, the *Magnificat*

Dec 13th : Zechariah's Song, the *Benedictus*

Dec 20th : The Song of the Angels, the *Gloria*

Annual Voters Meeting: Please join us on Sunday, December 10th right after Bible Study for the annual Glory of Christ Voters Meeting. There will be a new President, new Council Members and Elders to vote in, a review of the 2018 budget will be voted on and also there will be an update to the building project. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Thank You!

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 prayers for St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Corcoran, and Pastor Steven Briel, Pastor Matthew Johnson and Pastor Matthew Moss.

Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17th after the Divine Service. Practices Saturday, December 9th and 16th from 9-11 am. Thank You!

Mom's Group: Mom's group is going to look a little different this year with the construction. We will be meeting monthly in different people's homes. December's meeting will take place **TODAY! December 3rd** at the home of JoAnne Christensen: 2015 Vagabond Ln N Plymouth from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you are a mom of any age, YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME!

Update on LCMS Mexico Mission: For several years now, we have been partnered with the Lutheran Synod of Mexico, supporting their efforts to train local pastors. Now, this next summer, we will have the opportunity to put our hands to work too! We are planning a work trip down to Mexico City sometime next May or June. If you are *potentially* interested, please contact pastor Johnson, and he'll keep you informed about further developments.

