

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



**First Sunday in Advent**  
December 1, 2019

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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**

### **First Sunday in Advent**

### **Matthew 21:1-11**

It seems that we’re moving in reverse.

Last week, Jesus was on the cross. This week, Jesus is entering Jerusalem. Next week, John the Baptist is preparing the people for Jesus, and it won’t be long until Jesus is born. But all this driving in reverse has a purpose. It begins at the cross, because that’s where it all hangs together. We can’t have cute baby Jesus “safe” from the horror of the cross. This is why He is born. He is born to be the king and the sacrifice. Christmas without Good Friday isn’t really Christmas. It’s the whole package, from birth to death to resurrection to ascension. Jesus doesn’t just come to bring us part of the gift; it’s the whole thing. And only the whole gift can save us.

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**OPENING HYMN #343 – “Prepare the Royal Highway”**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT** Ps. 118:25–28; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.



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

**Save us, we pray, | O LORD! \***

**O LORD, we pray, give | us success!**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD! \***

**We bless you from the house | of the LORD.**

**The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us. \***

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!**

**You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you; \***

**you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.**

**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.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1–5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.



**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** Romans 13:11–14

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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

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**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 21:1–11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

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

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

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**SERMON HYMN #332** – *"Savior of the Nations, Come"*

## **SERMON**

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## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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## **THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

**Hymn #516** *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"*

**Hymn #639** *"Wide Open Stand the Gates"*

**Hymn #341** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

**Hymn #350** *"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"*

## **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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***Farewell and Godspeed to Garry & Cheryl McCreary***

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**CLOSING HYMN #333** *"Once He Came in Blessing"*

## 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 will be up next week. Remaining weeks of December will be for Poinsettias.

**Garry and Cheryl McCreary** gave Altar Flowers today in celebration of Caleb's Birthday. May God Bless him on this special occasion!

**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 begin at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am.

**Advent Services:** Begin on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am and at 7:00 pm and will follow weekly on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Services:** 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 9:00 am Christmas Day Service on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Quilting Announcement:** Mark your calendars for 1 more Quilting day before Christmas: It will take place on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come and see what we do and lend a helping hand to make a quilt for the unfortunate! Hope to see you there, the Quilters of GOC.



**Compassion Circle:** The next Compassion Circle meeting will be on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. They will be doing the cookie pack for the homebound.

**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 St. Paul Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns

**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.

**Youth Bake Sale:** Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group Bake Sale After Divine Service on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>! Bake, buy or both to support our Youth Group. **[Nut free recipes only please]**. Questions, contact Julie Anderson 612-791-0163. [julesanders@live.com](mailto:julesanders@live.com).

**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 Jonathan Thurk or Henry Rolf to purchase a calendar. Thank You!

**Bach Society of Minnesota** presents Bach's Christmas Oratorio: Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1079 Summit Ave in St. Paul and on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 9141 Cty Rd 101 in Corcoran. Tickets prices are \$30 for regular, \$25 for seniors and \$5 for students. See the poster below in the bulletin and on the bulletin board leading into the Fellowship Hall for more information. Our own Congregational Member, Alyssa Burdick is in this amazing choir!

**The Young Adults Group:** The following is the schedule of bible study/outreach events for the months of November and December. Please place these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. Look for an email with more details to follow. Bible Studies on December 1<sup>st</sup> at noon and December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Social/Outreach events: December 15<sup>th</sup> – Young Adults Christmas Party at Pastor Krueger’s 4:00pm-8:00pm.

**Hi Sunday School Families!** The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during the education hour. There will be 2 practices prior to that - Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-11, and a SHORTENED practice on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-11. There are sign-up sheets outside of your children's classrooms. They will be up through November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please mark if your child(ren) will be in the program, if they would like a speaking part, or if they are unable to attend. We are looking forward to another wonderful Christmas program this year! Thank you! Elizabeth, Kelly and Kodi.

**Annual Voters Meeting:** Please join us on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> right after Bible Study for the annual Glory of Christ Voters Meeting. There will be selections for a new President, new Council Members and Elders, and a review of the 2020 budget will be voted on. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Information for the meeting will be sent out the preceding week. A light lunch will be provided. Thank You!

**Trinity First Lutheran School:** Members of the Compassion Circle had the opportunity to present personalized Catechisms to eighteen 7th & 8th graders at TFLS this past week. We experienced seeing the joy in these children when they were receiving a book of their very own! Then we brought out the twenty NIV Study Bibles and they were ecstatic! We got a big thank you from each & everyone when we left. The Compassion Circle is thankful for the opportunity to purchase and present these wonderful books to the children!

**Remember in our Prayers:** Sean Breining, 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) and Delia Samuel (Friend of Carla Claussen).





**Compassion Circle is hosting a clothing drive for Home Free which is a women's shelter for abused women and children.**

Below is a list of items that they need the most.

Women- sleepwear (S, M and 3X) sweat suits, sweaters, jeans (all sizes) slippers, socks, underwear (all sizes).

Teens- sportswear gear (sweatshirts, hats, etc.) pajamas (women's S or M) or (men's M to XL).

Children- new clothing (18mos-3T for girls and 6mos-5T for boys) Snow pants and boots for school age children.

Infants- new clothing (newborn to 12mos) baby monitors, 8 ounce bottles and teethers.

All items should be new and gift certificates are always appreciated (Target, Wal-Mart, Kohls, Cub and Walgreens)

**We will collect until December 8th and all donations are greatly appreciated by Home Free and the Compassion Circle.**



*Women of Glory of Christ*  
*Save the date!*  
*Advent by Candlelight Is Back!*

*Mark your calendars for Sunday December 8, 2019 from 6:30-8:00 pm.*

*The Women of Glory of Christ are celebrating Advent with a social evening of dessert and a performance by a string trio in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex.*

*Questions? Please contact Beth Schoolman*

*612-518-9744 or [beth.schoolman@gmail.com](mailto:beth.schoolman@gmail.com)*



Scan the QR code to learn more about this concert!



**Matthias Maute**

*Artistic Director*

# Bach's

# Christmas

# ORATORIO

**Cantatas I, V, VI & Cantata BWV 91**

With Christmas right around the corner, join BSM for an unforgettable experience with Bach's Christmas Oratorio!

**Dec. 6 | Friday**

7:30 p.m.  
Mount Olive Lutheran  
Church  
2830 18th Avenue NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

**Dec. 7 | Saturday**

7:30 p.m.  
Saint Thomas More  
Catholic Church  
1079 Summit Ave  
St Paul, MN 55105

**Dec. 8 | Sunday**

3:00 p.m.  
St. John's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
9141 County Rd 101  
Corcoran, MN 55340



Sarah Brailey, *soprano*

Clara Osowski, *alto*

Nicholas Chalmers, *tenor*

Jonathan Ten Brink, *bass*

Regular \$30 | Senior \$25 | Student \$5 | Kids under 12: Free Admission

Tickets and info: [bachsocietyofmn.org](http://bachsocietyofmn.org) | 612-440-6219