

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018

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Welcome all in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshipping 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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Luke 19:28-40

Jesus doesn't just come as a baby. He comes as heir to the throne.

Being so far removed from the days of royal courts and dynasties, it can be difficult for us to grasp the brilliant joy of Jesus coming as our *king*. Kings are an embodiment of the people. They are the living hope of a nation. Everything hinges on the king. He is ruler and defender and savior. This is all the truer with Jesus.

So today, we see him riding into Jerusalem as our long-awaited king. We have not been left to ourselves; our king is coming to save us. The days of darkness and chaos are coming to an end. The light of the world is dawning.

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

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.



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

Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD? *

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?

**Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne; *
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.**

**Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout, *
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,**

**who exult in your name | all the day *
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.**

**For our shield belongs | to the LORD, *
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.**

**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 Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

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 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹ What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God,

¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 19:28–40

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

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

²⁸ When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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SERMON HYMN #357 – *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

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SERMON

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OFFERING - *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* – *Woodwind Quintet*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #341 – *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

Hymn #620 – *“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”*

Hymn #334 – *“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”*

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 #357 - *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

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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. Please see the schedule below through December:

Remaining December weeks: Poinsettias

Garry & Cheryl McCreary gave altar flowers this week in celebration of Caleb's Birthday. May God Bless him on the special occasion!

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

Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM – *NO Saturday Evening Diving Service on December 22nd.*

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am. ***NO Prayer services during Advent.***

Advent Services: Begin on Wednesday December 5th at 11:30 am and at 7:00 pm and will follow weekly on December 12th and 19th.

Christmas Services: 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on December 24th and 9:00 am Christmas Day Service on December 25th.

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.

Youth Group: Save the date for our next Youth Group Event, look ahead at events on the horizon and reply to your availability and preferences!! We are off to a terrific start! January - Youth Lock-In Date TBD ~ Julie Anderson julesanders@live.com 612.791.0163.

Youth Bake Sale: Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group Bake Sale After Divine Service on Sunday, December 16th! Bake, buy or both to support our Youth Group. **[Nut free recipes only please]**. Questions, contact Julie Anderson 612-791-0163. julesanders@live.com.

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 December 10th** 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 December 10th**. 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!

Quilting: We will be quilting one more time this year, on Dec. 4th, beginning at 9:00am. We will resume in Jan. Dates to be determined later. Thanks to all the quilters for your help!

FABRIC ---- Please do not drop off any fabric or sheets for the quilters until further notice!!!! We have enough supply for now and thank you to all who have donated so far! We will let you know in the future when additional supplies are needed! Thanks, from the quilters.

Hi Sunday School Families! The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16th during the education hour. There will be 2 practices prior to that - Saturday, December 8th from 9-11, and a SHORTENED practice on Saturday, December 15th from 10-11. There are sign-up sheets outside of your children's classrooms. They will be up through November 11th. 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.

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.

Annual Voters Meeting: Please join us on **Sunday, December 9th** 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, and a review of the 2019 budget will be voted on. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Information for the meeting will be sent out the preceding week. Thank You!

Concordia University St. Paul 2018 Fine & Performing Arts Christmas Concert:

Friday, December 7th – 7:30 pm, Saturday December 8th – 4:30 pm and Sunday, December 9th – 3:00 pm. Buetow Music Center Auditorium 300 Hamline Ave N, St. Paul.

Assistance Needed for Christmas Program Costumes! We need a person or persons to assist with the washing and mending of the costumes for the Sunday School Christmas Program. If you can help with this, please talk to Elizabeth Madson. Thank You!

Assistance Needed for Poinsettias! The poinsettias will be delivered on Friday afternoon, December 7th sometime between 1:00 and 5:30. Travis will be here to accept the delivery, but we need some volunteers to assist with the placement of them in the Sanctuary on that day. Also, if you can help with the watering of them in the following weeks that would be very much appreciated! Please talk to Brenda or Travis if you can assist with either of these requests. Thank You!

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Lee Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Aaron Klein (Nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Connie Klein (Sister of Cheryl McCreary, Arlene Finke (Janice Hartness's mother), Jennifer Thiesse (Cousin of Jerry Malo), Marietta Sylvester (Mother of Joy O'Bresky), a young friend of the Merkle Family, and The Family of Leo Esget (former member of Glory of Christ).



BACH'S *Christmas* Oratorio

The *Lyra*
BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
JACQUES OGG, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



MATTHIAS MAUTE, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Sarah Brailey, *soprano*
Clara Osowski, *mezzo-soprano*
Nicholas Chalmers, *tenor*
Jonathan Ten Brink, *baritone*

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Parts I, II, IV, and VI
of Bach's beloved
story of Christmas.
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TICKETS AND INFO
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DECEMBER 7-9, 2018

Friday, December 7 | 7:30 PM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester

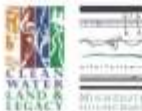
Saturday, December 8 | 7:30 PM

St. Mary's Chapel, University of St. Thomas,
St. Paul

Sunday, December 9 | 3:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church, Corcoran

Pre-concert talk begins 30 minutes
before each performance.



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For more information and for purchasing tickets, please see the links below:

<http://bachsocietymn.org>

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3555512>