

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



**Second Sunday in Advent**

December 9, 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**

### **Second Sunday in Advent**

#### **Luke 3:1-20**

#### ***"Prepare to Meet your Maker"***

We do not like change. We confess that we are 'sinful and unclean' and therefore not 'holy' as 'God is holy.' But that doesn't mean we want to be changed. We've learned to adapt to our environment and survive in sub-standard world. So, when we hear that our maker is coming into this world to change us and change this world, we wonder, 'where's the good news in that?' We think it would be a whole lot better and a whole lot easier if the Lord would change and lower His expectations and accept reality.

The God of unchangeable justice is also the God of unchangeable grace. By confessing our sin and trusting in His grace, we not only "*endure the day of His coming, and stand when He appears*" but we eagerly look forward to it and pray.

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**December 9, 2018**

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

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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT – *Sung by Gloria Christi Choir***

Antiphon:

Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

Is now and will be forever. Amen

Antiphon:

Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

**COLLECT**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Malachi 3:1–7b

<sup>1</sup>Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'

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

**G** Thanks be to God.



<sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation and be content with your wages.” <sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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

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

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**SERMON HYMN #344** – *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

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**Hymn #345** – *“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”*

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**Hymn #354** – *“Arise, O Christian People”*

**Individual Prayer for after Communion:**

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

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love’s treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav’n receive me.

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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. ***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** – *NO Saturday Evening Divine Service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**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:** Have begun and will be held each Wednesday at 11:30 am and at 7:00 pm and will follow weekly through December 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin Sr.

**Youth Group:** Next Youth Group: Sunday, December 16th after the Sunday School Christmas Program. Lunch, devotions and game/activity at church. Please RSVP for planning purposes. [julesanders@live.com](mailto:julesanders@live.com).

**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](mailto: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 10<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 December 10<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!

**Quilting:** Monica from the Dwelling Place (Christian women's Safe Place) came this week and picked up 15 beautiful quilts for Christmas. She was thrilled! Our next quilting date will be Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am. We will resume after the Holidays. Thanks to our quilting team for a job well done!

**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 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!

**Calling All Instrumentalists!** Glory of Christ will once again have pre-Christmas Eve Service music played in the Narthex beginning at 4:30. If you play an instrument (of any kind!) and would like to join us, please let Brenda know. We do a warm up and play that night, no rehearsals needed! If you would like music in advance, let Brenda know also. 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](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.

**Annual Voters Meeting:** Our 2018 voters' meeting is **TODAY** Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon. A light lunch will be served. Because council was unable to reach quorum at its last meeting, the motions are not yet available. We will be compiling all the pertinent information and sending it out via email prior to the meeting. In addition to voting on 2019 Elders, Council members and Church President, it will include information regarding the following:

- 2019 budget
- Nominations for synodical offices
- Nomination for president of Concordia, St. Paul
- Motion to create a part-time maintenance position (per informational meeting on 9/23/2018)

Please review this information so that you can come to the meeting well-informed.

**Assistance Needed for Poinsettias!** If you can help with the watering of poinsettias 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), Arlene Finke (Janice Hartness's mother), Jennifer Thiese (Cousin of Jerry Malo), Marietta Sylvester (Mother of Joy O'Bresky), and a young friend of the Merkle Family.





# 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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**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.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> PERFORMANCE IS SOLD OUT!**

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

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