

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Advent

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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

Second Sunday in Advent

Matthew 3:1-12

We who give ear to the voice of John, we who follow the pointing finger of John, that great Advent preacher, can never take Christ for granted, can never grow casual about Him and His mercy. Nor can we who have heard the Baptist's Advent cry ever think of repentance as a placid, pious exercise, a sort of routine religious daily dozen. It is the death of the old man and the creation of the new man as God's own.

-Martin Franzmann

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 Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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 15:4–13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

Hymn #359 *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

Hymn #337 *"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"*

Hymn #621 *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

Hymn #346 *"When All the World Was Cursed"*

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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CLOSING HYMN #936 *“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jaakob & Grace Manuula

Marvin Manuula

Aaron Halverson

Charlie Xu

Hannah Lange

Scott Yelle & Lindsay Fenrich

Chris & Erika Harman

Gary & Marilyn Gangelhoff

Jared, Meghan & Griffen Gangelhoff

Craig & Laurie Burfeind

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 2020 Flower Chart is now up in the Narthex.

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 is now up. Remaining weeks of December are for Poinsettias. The 2020 Flower chart is up in the Narthex.

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 pm. *Due to a wedding on December 21st, the Saturday Evening Divine Service will begin at 7:00 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 are on hold through Advent. They will begin again on January 8th. Bible Study will continue through Advent beginning at 10:00 am.*

Advent Services: Have begun on Wednesdays at 11:30 am and at 7:00 pm and will follow weekly on December 11th and 18th.

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

Compassion Circle: The next Compassion Circle meeting will be on Monday December 9th 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 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr.

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 15th! Bake, buy bake or both to support our Youth Group. **[Nut free recipes only please]**. Questions, contact Julie Anderson 612-791-0163. julesanders@live.com.

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 Jonathan Thurk or Henry Rolf to purchase a calendar. **This is the last Sunday for the Calendar Sale.** Thank You!

Bach Society of Minnesota presents Bach's Christmas Oratorio: TODAY! Sunday December 8th, 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!

Youth Group will meet Sunday, December 15th after the Sunday School Christmas Program for lunch, devotions and games at church! Please email your replies to me so I can better plan food needed and appropriate games for the number of participants. 😊

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 1st at noon and December 16th at 7:00pm. Social/Outreach events: December 15th – Young Adults Christmas Party at Pastor Krueger's 4:00pm-8:00pm.

Hi Sunday School Families! The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15th during the education hour. There will be 2 practices prior to that - Saturday, December 7th from 9-11, and a SHORTENED practice on Saturday, December 14th from 10-11. There are sign-up sheets outside of your children's classrooms. They will be up through November 10th. 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 TODAY! Sunday, December 8th 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. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. 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!

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!

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), Delia Samuel (Friend of Carla Claussen), The Family of Bart Bonine (Brother of Bret Bonine) and Jim Small.



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



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 | 612-440-6219