

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

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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

### The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

#### Mark 1:29-39

#### "For That is Why I Came Out"

Today we come here to the Lord's house for the same reason that "the whole city gathered together at the door" in our gospel text. We have come to see Jesus because we are sick with a sinful fever. He touched you in your baptism, individually, by name. He healed YOU, cleansed YOU, took away your sinful fever, as though He came down from heaven JUST FOR YOU. But you got sick again. And so, you come back to the Doctor to be healed again. "I forgive you all of your sins," and again, you are healed. "Take eat, this is my body given for you." "Take, drink, this is my blood shed for you," and again, you are cleansed. The prophet Isaiah speaks for the Lord saying, "Surely he has taken our illness..." And yet, we still get sick. But the day is coming when we will be well NEVER TO GET SICK AGAIN.



## COLLECT

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:21–31

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows on them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.



<sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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

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

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### **HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 1:29–39

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

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

<sup>29</sup>And immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

<sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

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

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**SERMON HYMN #846** – *“Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”*

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**The Distribution Hymns:**

**Hymn #403** – *“O Savior of Our Fallen Race”*

*Vs. 1, 3, 5 – Small Group*

*Vs. 2, 4, 6, 7 – Congregation*

**Hymn #825** – *“Rise, Shine, You People”*

**Hymn #684** – *“Come unto Me, Ye Weary”*

**Hymn #923** – *“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*

**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 #820** – *“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”*

## 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 for 2018 is in the back of the Sanctuary.**

**Glory of Christ** gave Altar Flowers this week.

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

**Saturday Evening Divine Services 5:00 PM**

**Wednesday morning Bible Study and Prayer services** are continuing at Corner Stone Commons at 9:30; followed by Bible Study at 10:00 **until February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services Schedule:**

Ash Wednesday - February 14<sup>th</sup>

Morning Imposition of ashes: 11:15 am; Service 11:30 am

Evening Imposition of ashes: 6:45 pm; Service 7:00 pm

Lenten Services: February 21<sup>st</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup>

Morning Services – 11:30 am

Evening Service: 7:00 pm

**Lenten Meals:**

Soup lunches - Served after every morning service ***beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>***

Lenten Dinners - Due to Fellowship Hall and Kitchen construction not being totally completed until the end of February, **Lenten dinners will NOT begin until March 7<sup>th</sup>**

They will be provided by the Elders, Council and Choir/Bells beginning at 6:00 pm.

**Groups Serving Dinners during the Lenten Season:**

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Elders - Tacos

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Council – Pulled pork sandwiches

March 21<sup>st</sup> – Choir/Bells – Lasagna, Salad and bread

### **Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Services:**

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We are having an Easter Vigil with Evening Prayer service at 6:00 pm on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>, and two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

**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. **Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, we will be organizing the various rooms.** Please consider helping with this fun and exciting new chapter for our church!

**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 Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center, and Vacancy Pastor Richard Resch.

**Offering Envelopes** – Your 2018 Offering Envelopes are in the back of the Sanctuary. If you do not see a box assigned to you, please let Brenda know.

**2017 Tithing statements have been run and are available along with the Time and Talent Sheets. They are located on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank You!**

**Compassion Circle:** Our next Compassion Circle meeting will be February 12th at 1:00p.m. We will meet at Corner Stone Commons sun room. We will be delivering house goods and baby supplies to a woman's shelter. In addition, we will give the women and children in the shelter a Valentine gift bag. It was nice to see a new face at our last meeting. We hope to see more this month!

**Quilters:** Zion Lutheran Church has invited us to join them again this year tying quilts for "The Orphan Grain Train", on **Wednesday, the 7th of February** starting at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Come in have some fun with our Christian sisters. If anyone would like to car pool let us know. Call Eunice at 763-493-5333 or meet us there.

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**Mom's Group** will meet on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Danielle Woodgate; 18230 - 34<sup>th</sup> Ave N Plymouth: 6:00-8:00 PM

**Youth Group:** On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, the youth group will have Bible Study, lunch and play games following the morning Adult Bible Study. Please mark this date on your calendars!

**VBS – Save the Date!** The dates for VBS have been set for June 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow, but please mark this week down on your calendars!

**Dedication of the new Church Building:** On Sunday, **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our dedication service for the new church building. It will immediately follow the Divine Service. Afterwards, we will have a celebratory luncheon in our new Fellowship Hall! More details to come but save this date to your calendars!

**Update on LCMS Mexico Mission:** Both of our missionaries are based out of Mexico City, and as part of our work, we will be sponsoring a short-term work trip there over Memorial Day weekend this year. Although not all the details have been worked out yet, some of our activities will include doing some general repair and maintenance of one of the church buildings, working with the local musicians, and simply providing Christian encouragement to our brothers and sisters who are there.

**Glory of Christ is having another Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 7:00 pm.** This drive will once again be a bus drive, like we had last August. Signup sheets will be coming soon. We will need 2-3 volunteers to assist on that day for checking in donors. The shifts are 1-3, 3-5 and 5-7. If you can help, please let Brenda know.

**Prayer List:** As a reminder, if you have a friend or loved one that you ask to be on the prayer list, their name will remain for one month and then removed, unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

**Remember in our Prayers:** Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Lee Hart, Velva Kosel, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Becky Fry (Naomi Teske's mother), Dave Teske, Mike Rogers (Cousin of Jen Schaumburg), Gladys Romansky, Robert Presler (Friend of Jerry and Zelda Malo), Zachary Hoffman (friend of Russ and Eunice McBroom), Bertha Oelthke, and Lu Ann Jespersen.

