

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 1-2, 2017

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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.

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 on the kitchen counter. In order 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’. Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests, please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. **If you take the black “liners” home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday. Thank You!**

2017 Altar Flower Chart: The Flower chart for 2017 is now up. *Please be sure to sign up for the dates you want to give Altar Flowers.*

Nora Bell’s Family gave Altar Flowers this morning in celebration of her birthday. May God Bless her on this special occasion!

Lenten Services: 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM March 1 – April 5. *Because of this, the Wednesday 9:15 am Prayer Services will not take place again until after Easter. Wednesday morning Bible Class will still continue.*

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM – *Last one for this spring will be on April 8th as there will be NO Saturday Evening Divine Service on Easter weekend, April 15th.*

Monday Evening Divine Services will begin on April 24th

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

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 New Life (Neej Tshiab) Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Yia Lo and Pastor Jonny Vang.

Lenten Services: We will once again have Mid-Week Lenten Services at 11:30 am, with a soup lunch following and a 7:00 pm evening Lenten service every Wednesday through April 5th. Dinners will be provided by various groups from our congregation each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on April 13th and 14th at 7:00 pm with two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 16th. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

Groups Serving during the Lenten Season:

Lenten Lunches: Compassion Circle is providing desserts and helps with set up and clean up.

THANK YOU!!!!

April 5th – Altar Guild – Hot dishes, Salads

April Youth Event – Indoor Paintball on Sunday, April 30th: We are lining up our next Youth Group Event to take place after bible study on Sunday April 20th with lunch, devotions and then PAINTBALL ! Youth Group and their family members aged 9 and up are invited. Fees for Youth Group members are covered, family members will receive the group rate. May be room for extras from the congregation, but I have to see how full the booking is getting first. Planning is in the works – more details to come. Contact Julie Anderson 612-791-0163 julesanders@live.com to sign up.

Save the Date! Saturday, May 20th will be **The Liturgy Workshop for Lay People**. Our Guest Speaker this year is Rev. Heath Curtis. Rev. Curtis is pastor of Trinity and Zion Lutheran Churches in Worden and Carpenter, IL. In his spare time, he is an assistant editor for Gerhard's Theological Commonplaces, a Latin and Greek instructor for Wittenberg Academy, and serves as adjunct faculty in the Biblical studies department of Morthland College. **He will be speaking on The Sacraments: Their Essence and Embodiment.**

Summary: An examination of the theology and history of the Sacraments within the Lutheran Church with a special emphasis on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. One of the familiar phrases of Lutheranism is "Word and Sacrament" - but what do we mean by that? What is a sacrament? What makes a sacrament valid? How many are there? When it comes to administering the Sacraments - does anything go? Or do the nature of the sacraments themselves dictate how they are to be embodied among us?

Workshop with Dr. David Adams: Last summer, Glory of Christ hosted a Concordia Seminary Summer Workshop with Dr. David Adams, but his computer crashed and he was unable to present on his original topic. But good news! He is returning on May 22-24 to give his *original* presentation, so we all have a second opportunity to hear him present on "The Present God: Exploring a Major Biblical Theme." In this presentation Dr. David Adams will explore the major theological motif of the presence of God and show how it shapes the faith of the Old Testament and the fulfillment of that faith in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Please note that this presentation is for both clergy *and laity*. If you would like to attend, you can contact Pastor Jeremiah Johnson at jeremiahdj@gmail.com. Or better yet, register directly online at <http://www.csl.edu/resources/continuinged/summer-workshop-series/>.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 **John 11:17-27, 38-53**

God's word is a word of power and resurrection! It is the very power that sustains us in this dying world. It carries with it both the presence and the promise of eternal life. Jesus is the LORD of life. He has loosed the pangs of death. A man, four days' dead, was walking and breathing again because Jesus simply called out His name. Even death must give way to life at His Word. Dear Christians, don't let your sinful distracted ears gloss over this! This is the God whom you worship this morning! *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."* Your life in Christ comes from the water and word spoken on you in the miracle of Baptism. God calls out His name, so your name is incorporated into His, His words give way to a blessed end!

Divine Service, Setting Three (page 184)

April 2, 2017

OPENING HYMN #420 – “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Vs. 1-4

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Ps. 116:15



Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*

"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

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.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

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COLLECT

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | **Jesus,***
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the
shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

EPISTLE Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 11:17-27, 38-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

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

¹⁷When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREED

Nicene Creed – page 191

SERMON HYMN #552 - *"O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life"*

Vs. 1, 9, 10, 4

SERMON

OFFERTORY – page 192

OFFERING – *"O, Bread of Life From Heaven"* - Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

Hymn #575 – *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

Hymn #430 – *"My Song Is Love Unknown"*

Hymn #622 – *"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

We thank you, almighty Lord God, that you have refreshed us with this precious gift, and we ask for your mercy that you would let it nurture in us strong faith toward you and intensive love among us all, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

Martin Luther

NUNC DIMITTIS – page 199

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SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS – page 201

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO ANN OLSON (*Moving to Houston, TX*)

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CLOSING HYMN #420 – *“Christ, the Life of All the Living”*
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SAVE THE DATE!

Workshops on Lutheran Liturgy for Lay-People

May 20, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Registration fee: \$25.00 per person

Registration information will be forthcoming

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The Topic for this year's Workshop is:

“The Sacraments: Their Essence and Embodiment”

“Workshops of Lutheran Liturgy” are intended primarily for lay-people of the Lutheran church. The Christian in the pew is most affected by the worship forms and liturgies employed in the chancel. These Christians would be well served to attend these stimulating and informative workshops.

MissionsFest: At The Hop!

Rockin' Around
the Clock!

Let's go to
the hop!



Save the date and join us on
April 22nd, 2017!

Social hour starts at 3 PM

Dinner starts at 6 PM



MissionsFest – April 22nd “At the Hop”! Update:

Tickets to participate in the drawings for Pastor Wiebel's hand-carved figure and the opportunity to have one made based on your input will be \$50.00 each. The drawings for both items will be the night of MissionsFest. This is a great way to participate if you can't make it on April 22nd.

Sunday mornings can be crazy! Do you keep forgetting to pick up registration and donation forms? Now you can go online to let us know you are coming. You can [register](#) or share the details of your [donation](#) anytime.

Visit the [MissionsFest](#) page on our website for more information about the event.