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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.

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Worship Notes

Mark 7:1-13

"Tradition... It really does matter!"

The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not "[reject] the commandment of God" in order to establish or hold to "the tradition of men" (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord "with their mouth" and to honor Him "with their lips," while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is "the Holy One of Israel," who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, "the wisdom of their wise men shall perish," but "the deaf shall hear" and "the eyes of the blind shall see" (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He "gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word" (Eph. 5:25–26).

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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 29:11–19

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
"He did not make me";
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
"He has no understanding"?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:1–13

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

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

¹ When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,
²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.
³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,
“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Hymn #575 – *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

Hymn #585 – *“Lord Jesus Christ, with us Abide”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour

In this ordinary sign.

On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,

Bidden by His gracious call.

Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

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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 ***now 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 September:

September 2nd – Jeremy & Jill Eickhoff
September 9th – Jerry & Zelda Malo
September 16th – Heath & Danielle Broisma
September 23rd – Leonard Albers
September 30th – Craig & Charlotte Smith

Rev. John and Carol Fehrmann gave Altar flowers today in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary. May God Bless them on this special occasion!

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

Monday Evening Divine Service 7:00 PM - No Service on Monday September 3rd
Last Monday Service will be on Monday September 24th

Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM – *Beginning Saturday September 29th*

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am.

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 Rev. Dean Nadasdy, our current District President, and Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, our newly elected District President, and all our elected officers and board members in the MN South District.

Women of Glory of Christ: Save the Date for Saturday September 15th for a Ladies Coffee. From 9-11 am we will meet in the Fireside Room here at church for coffee, fresh pastries and Christian Fellowship! More to come but place this on your calendars!

Confirmation parents: We would like to invite you to our annual Confirmation meeting on **Wednesday, September 5th from 5:30-6:00pm**. We ask that *all* Confirmation students and at least one parent would be in attendance. The goals of this meeting are to welcome in the new sixth grade students, to explain what you can expect from Confirmation this year, and to answer any questions you might have.

Everyone Welcome! Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger are doing **monthly Chapel Services** at Cherrywood Pointe in Plymouth (Where Arta Walter now lives) 18405 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth, MN 55446. The next one will be on **Monday September 10th** at 11:30 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

Compassion Circle meets the second Monday of the month at **1:00** for dessert, devotion, and fellowship. **Our next meeting will be September 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.

Perspectives: Mental Health – This is a FREE presentation to be held here, at Glory of Christ, on Sunday, September 30th from 12:30–3:30. The presenter is Dr. Stephen Saunders, a professor of Psychology at Marquette University in Milwaukee WI and author of the two-volume book, “A Christian Understanding of Mental Illness”. All materials provided and light refreshments will be served. To register, you will find forms in the Narthex, or you can register on the church’s website: Gloryofchrist.org/events. Please see the insert in today’s bulletin for more information as well, or ask Pastor Krueger.

Rally Day will soon be here! Please join us on Sunday, September 9th for Rally Day. Sunday school will officially kick off for fall and we will have a picnic lunch at 11:30 right after Bible Study and Sunday school; followed by outdoor games and a bouncy castle. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, so we can know how much food to order. Please sign up and join in the fun!

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, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Allen Yount, Aaron Klein (Nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Connie Klein (Sister of Cheryl McCreary), Erik Bunger (nephew of Carla Claussen), Janel Koosman, Jack Hammang (Friend of Becky and Kelly Lane), John Mundt (Friend of Becky & Kelly Lane), Lisa Condon (Friend of Jen & Ben Schaumburg), Elizabeth Stark (Sister of Josh Christian), Marcia Richards (Sister-in-law to Tom & Brenda Richards), Leroy Reinke, Mark Desch (Father of Heather Brashear) and for celebration of marriage for Matt and Kara Houck.

Serving This Sunday:

Coffee Servers:	Leonard Albers & Gayle Barnaby
Acolyte:	Isabel Schaumburg
Elders:	Roger Hargreaves & Paul Koosman
Ushers:	Jim Fahnhorst & Chris Houck
Tech Duty:	Josh Christian
Altar Guild:	Karen Swenson & Brenda Richards
Offering Counters:	Heath & Danielle Broisma
Bread Baker:	Emily Merkle
Bread Deliverer:	Beth Schoolman

Serving Sunday (September 2, 2018):

Coffee Servers:	Gary & Mary Peterson
Acolyte:	Tyler Dorweiler
Elders:	Nate Burdick & Todd Schoolman
Ushers:	Steve Rains & Bruce Larson
Tech Duty:	Travis Dorweiler
Altar Guild:	Beth Schoolman & Julie Anderson
Offering Counters:	Craig & Charlotte Smith
Bread Baker:	Janelle Franzmeier
Bread Deliverer:	Lori Beck

Last Week's Attendance:

Sunday:	171
Monday:	28
Total:	199
Bible Class: Wed/Sun	22/47
Sunday School:	21