

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

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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

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Luke 15:1-3A, 11-32

"The Father's Foolish Love"

The parable of the Prodigal Son is a picture of how God welcomes us back. He does so extravagantly. Lavishly does he shower his love and his grace on us, and we surely don't deserve it. In our baptism, God clothes us with the robe of Christ's righteousness. He restores us to back to the household with the signet ring of the cross. Our feet are shod with the gospel of peace. And notice, at the center of this prodigal celebration, this lavish, extravagant celebration, there is a feast. And in this feast, the feast of salvation, it is not a fattened calf that is slaughtered. Rather, it is the Lamb of God who is slain and sacrificed. It is Christ Jesus, God's own Son, his beloved Son in whom he is well pleased—it is Jesus who is sacrificed for sinners.

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OPENING HYMN #420 *"Christ the Life of All the Living"*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 51:2–6; antiphon: Ps. 51:1



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

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COLLECT

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 12:1–6

¹You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CREED

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SERMON HYMN #612 *"As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered"*

SERMON

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OFFERING *"Just as I Am, without One Plea" Wind Quintet*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #570 *"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"*

Hymn #571 *"God Loved the World So that He Gave"*

Hymn #423 *"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"*

Hymn #615 *"When in the Hour of Deepest Need"*

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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CLOSING HYMN #569 *"In Adam We Have All Been One"*

Vs. 1-3 – Men's Group

Vs. 4-6 – Congregation



Lent

The Forty days before Easter

Lenten Services: March 13th – April 10th
Morning Services – 11:30 am
Evening Service: 7:00 pm

Lenten Meals:

Soup lunches - Served after every morning service ***beginning March 6th***

*****Compassion Circle is providing bars for all Lenten lunches. Thank You Ladies!!***

Lenten Dinners - Served every Wednesday evening prior to the Mid-Week Lenten Services, beginning at 6:00 pm. The following groups will be providing the meals:

Groups Serving Dinners during the Lenten Season:

April 3rd – Choir/Bells – Lasagna, Salad and breads
April 10th – Young Adults – Homemade Soups



Easter

Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Services:

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on April 18th and 19th at 7:00 pm. We are having an Easter Vigil with Evening Prayer service on Saturday April 20th at 7:00 pm and two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 21st. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

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. The following people have signed up through April:***

April 7th – Garry & Cheryl McCreary

April 14th – Tom & Brenda Richards

April 21st – Easter Flowers

April 28th – Easter Flowers

Glory of Christ gave Altar flowers today.

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

Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM – LAST ONE ON APRIL 13TH

Monday Evening Divine Service 7:00 PM – Begins on April 29th

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study – Morning Prayer services WILL NOT take place again until after Easter. Bible Study is 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 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr.

COMPASSION CIRCLE: Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 8th. Anyone is welcome to join us!

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 April 8th** at 11:00 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

Quilting: We are winding down on quilting dates. Just 1 date left to work, April 2nd. We have sent 19 quilts to Orphan Grain Train, along with 48 Hygiene kits made by our Circle. Pastor Fehrmann took 12 quilts for his trip to Africa. We will begin at 9:00am and work till mid-afternoon.

Gloria Christi Music Camp: SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for the 2019 Gloria Christi Music Camp: July 15 - 19. Details to follow.

Save the date! VBS 2019 is titled "Out of Egypt I Called My Son" – June 10-13 (4 days this year) 9am-12pm.



Looking for an easy way to support Lutheran education? GOC is now collecting Box Tops for Education. These small rectangles are each worth 10 cents and can be found on tons of General Mills products—everything from Kleenex to dishwasher tabs to cereal. Simply clip and drop into the jar in the narthex to help support St. John's Lutheran School.

"Putting the gifts to good use."

1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

We would like to introduce you to the **Long Range Planning Committee members:** Mari Houck, Al Lindh, Jill Eickhoff, Laura Thurk, Tyler Gangestad, Travis Dorweiler, Mike Connealy, Chelsie Ofsthun, Christian Preus, Patton Hoffarth, and Kord Brashear. We will be encouraging you to engage in the process of determining the needs and wants of the congregation for 1-5-10-20 years. Do you have any questions or suggestions? Please see one of the committee members. Watch for more news to come!

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breining, Arta Walter, Lee & Doris Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Kevin Gruenhagen (Dan Gruenhagen's Father), Enya Abel, Dorita Uhler (Janet Preus's sister), Mac (The son of a good friend of Dave & Naomi Teske), Henry & Carl Burmeister (Brothers of Charlotte Smith) and Sandy McCoy (Friend of Tom and Brenda Richards).

Youth Group!

On March 17th, our Youth Group was invited to an informal Volleyball Tournament with several other LCMS churches at the new field house at Mayer Lutheran. There were more than 30 youths playing, competing, and praying together. We look forward to more gatherings in the future with nearby Youth Groups!

Next Youth Group: Sunday, April 14th - Palm Sunday after Bible Study for lunch, devotions and a mission project.

We will be preparing materials for **Sole Hope** for shoes to be made to protect the feet of children and adults alike from jiggers and their injuries which prevents the people of Uganda from walking to school and work.

Everyone should bring an old pair of jeans & heavy fabric scissors to cut according to the stencils provided. These plus a few simple materials will become new shoes! Once finished, we will mail them to Sole Hope for stitching, finishing and distributing! Sign up with Julie Anderson julesanders@live.com



Please check out their website www.solehope.org to learn more.

ANNOUNCING!

A Congress on the Lutheran Confessions

May 8 - 10, 2019

Crowne Plaza Aire*

Bloomington, Minnesota

THEME

ANTINOMIANISM New & Old:

The Return of Seminex theology in Light of the Lutheran Confessions

Presentation Topics:

- The Third Use of the Law: Seminex and Today
- The Atonement: When did Lutherans Start Denying It?
- Gerhard Forde and the Theology of Radical Lutheranism
- Hermeneutics & Textual Criticism: Seminex and Today
- The Death of the Word of God
- Lutheran Pastoral Practice: Avoiding Law-Gospel Reductionism
- Preaching Antinomianism (banquet)
- Gender Theology and the Splitting of the ELCA
- Drums, Saxophones & Bouncing Balls
- Trinity and the Amoral God / and Surviving the Storms
- Drums, Saxophones, and Bouncing Balls

Registration Fees:

ACL Member - \$80.00 / spouse - \$60.00

Banquet: \$30.00 ca.

Non-ACL Member - \$90.00 / spouse - \$70.00

Banquet: \$30.00 ca.

* The cut-off date for accepting reservations into the special Congress room block is Tuesday, April 16, 2019. The special room rate (single and double) is \$125.00 per night (plus tax). To make room reservations, please call the hotel directly at 952-854-9000 or toll-free at 1-800-227-6963 and reference "Congress on the Lutheran Confessions."



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Contact Suzanne Haag to schedule a tour
suzanne.haag@stjlutheran.org 763-420-2426.

Hear ye, hear ye!
Save the Date



May 18th, 2019
3pm



Easter Flowers

Help decorate the church for Easter. There are several flowers to choose from. You may take them home after the Easter Service.

Easter Lilies (5 or more flowers)	\$8.00	
Tulips:	\$7.50	(red, purple, yellow)
Mums:	\$7.75	(purple, yellow, white)
Hydrangea (Pink)	\$15.00	

**LAST DAY TO ORDER
TODAY! Sunday, March 31st**

Family Name: _____

I would like to order:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>Easter Lily</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Tulips</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Mums</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>Hydrangea</u>	_____	_____	_____

TOTAL PRICE \$ _____

Please place your order on Brenda's desk with payment. Thank You!

*****Additional order forms on the table in the Narthex.**