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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

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John 1:43-51

“We hold these truths to be self-evident...” Thus the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence begins. But when Philip, upon recognizing Jesus to be the Messiah, invites Nathaniel to “come and see,” he is not inviting Nathaniel to witness a self-evident truth. The true identity and work of Jesus is something that can only be *believed*. Nor is it self-evident when God speaks directly to Samuel in the temple (our Old Testament lesson today). *Three times* Samuel mistakes the voice of Eli for the voice of God.

And nor are the truths that we proclaim here in the church self-evident. It is not as if when we confess the Christian faith that anyone is compelled to smack themselves on the forehead and cry out, “of course—it all makes sense!” On the contrary, it takes divine intervention to believe. Samuel needed God to call on him, and Nathaniel only believed after encountering the Son of God himself. And we too need God Himself to send the Spirit so that we might believe these truths, which are anything but self-evident.

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"The Lord's My Shepherd" (Based on the tune Brother James Air) – Hand Bell Choir

OPENING HYMN #402 – "The Only Son from Heaven"

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 40:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 40:10a, b



I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart,*

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;

I waited patiently | for the LORD;*

he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,*

and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.*

Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,*

who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

**You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts
toward us; none can com- | pare with you!***

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.

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.

I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart,*

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation.

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 1 Samuel 3:1–10

¹Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:43–51

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

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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SERMON HYMN #830 – *"Spread the Reign of God the Lord"*

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #634 – *“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”*

Hymn #827 – *“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”*

Hymn #533 – *“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”*

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 #825 – *“Rise, Shine, You People”*

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.**

Garry & Cheryl McCreary gave Altar Flowers this week in celebration of their granddaughter, Sawyer’s, first Birthday. May God Bless her on this special occasion!

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 have begun again at Corner Stone Commons at 9:30; followed by Bible Study at 10:00.

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. 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 To All Generations District Campaign and Concordia University, St. Paul.

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 will be run and available by Mid-January along with the Time and Talent Sheets. Thank You!

Compassion Circle: Some people have asked what we do. Our group is the main community outreach for the church. Along with making quilts, we have contributed to Women's shelters, food banks, disaster relief, LCMS schools and missions, and taking care of our own members with emergency assistance, shut-in visits and funerals. As we start a New Year, please consider volunteering with your time and talent sheets for help with funerals. We are in urgent need for help to prep, serve, and clean up. Even an hour of your time will help. We also would welcome volunteers to donate food (a salad or bars) which can be delivered a day ahead if it is more convenient. These are only a few of our compassionate efforts, but we hope it may inspire you to join us or volunteer. Any comments or questions are gladly welcomed to Louise Werts or Zelda Malo. Hope to hear from you or see you at our next meeting!

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.

Zion Lutheran Church
241 5th St. N
Hopkins, MN

Mom's Group will meet in February, at the home of Danielle Woodgate; 18230 - 34th Ave N Plymouth: 6:00-8:00 PM

Update on Construction/Restrooms: We now have 2 separate restrooms for men and women! The prior women's restroom is now the men's restroom and new women's restroom, located just outside the Sanctuary on the Hand Bell Choir side, is operational! So....no more switching of signs! Demo on the prior women's restroom will begin soon. But.....there is another new restroom that will be operational for the men and it is located at the end of hall down by where the prior men's restroom was. This is a single stool restroom, but will have to do until the construction on the new men's restroom is completed. Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding during this entire project! We are getting so close to completion!

Dedication of the new Church Building: On Sunday, **February 25th**, 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.

January Youth Event! Saturday, January 27th the Youth and hopefully parents, attend the 5:00 pm Divine Service at church. We will have a quick meal before the service – Julie will keep you posted on this and then, leave around 6:15 pm for: Feed My Starving Children, in Eagan. **We may need parent drivers depending on the number of people attending. We will be at FMSC from 7:00 to 9:00 and be back to church by 9:30 pm. There are 12 spots reserved, and we must have the name, email and phone number of every person attending in advance to complete our reservation. We will invite parents, or other GOC church members to fill in the remaining spots - **so reply to me quickly**, to give enough time for others to plan to join. I sure hope those that indicated Jan 20th was their preference for this event can still come!! Let me know! **Julie Anderson – 612-791-0163 – julesanders@live.com**

**Listen to
Pastor Jeremiah Johnson**

on



**Mon., Jan. 15, at 8:00 a.m. CT
for
Sharper Iron
(Lectionary Study)**

**and again during
Morning Prayer
with a sermonette**

between 9 and 9:30 a.m. CT