

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

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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 151. 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 3:1-7

"Born From Above"

It is only by the Spirit that anyone born of the flesh is able to "*see the Kingdom of God*" and "*enter the Kingdom of God.*" Jesus would have left the door open for other options for seeing and entering the Kingdom of God if only He hadn't used that little word "unless." "UNLESS one is born again..." "UNLESS one is born of water and the Spirit..." Baptism is necessary for seeing and entering the Kingdom of God. It is only by the Spirit that anyone born of the flesh is able to learn what Jesus would teach us, which is, to believe that His Word is true and trust it. And the Spirit is given through Holy Baptism.

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OPENING HYMN #708 *"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 105:4–7; antiphon: Ps. 105:8 *Sung by Gloria Christi Choir*

Accompanied by the Children's Chimes

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
He is the | LORD our God;*
his judgments are in | all the earth.
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.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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COLLECT

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Genesis 12:1–9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Heb. 12:2 *Sung by Gloria Christi Choir*



[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 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1–17

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

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

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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SERMON HYMN #599 *"O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near"*

Stanzas 1 & 3 Duet

Stanzas 2, 4-6 Congregation

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OFFERING *"God So Loved the World"* Gloria Christi Choir

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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

Hymn #798 *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

Hymn #629 *"What Is This Bread"*

Hymn #627 *"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"*

Hymn #555 *"Salvation unto Us Has Come"*

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

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CLOSING HYMN #571 *"God Loved the World So That He Gave"*



Lent

The Forty days before Easter

Lenten Services Schedule:

Lenten Services: March 4th – April 1st

Morning Services – 11:30 am

Evening Service: 7:00 pm

Lenten Meals:

Soup lunches - Served after every morning service ***beginning February 26th***

*****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:

March 11th – Sunday School Teachers & Families – Pasta Bar, Salads & Bread

March 18th – Altar Guild – Hot dishes, Salads

March 25th – Choir/Bells – Lasagna, Salads and Breads

April 1st – 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 9th and 10th at 7:00 pm. We are having an Easter Vigil with Evening Prayer service on Saturday April 11th at 7:00 pm and two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 12th. 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.

We have changed Florists for our Altar Flowers. We are now using *Flowers by Myra*, located here in Plymouth – 612-728-0399. Her card is on the Altar Flower Chart. The following people have signed up through March:

March 15 th	Andrea Neumann
March 22 nd	Josh & Alisha Christian
March 29 th	Carl & Janice Hartness

An anonymous family gave Altar Flowers today to thank GoC Greeters Ruth Decker, Sandi Brusacorum and Mike Krause, Treasurer Jesse Huber and organists Carla Claussen, Zelda Malo and Sarah Miller. THANK YOU!!!

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 pm.

Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM; followed by Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:40.

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study –Bible Study at 10:00 am. *When Lent begins, Morning Prayer services will be suspended until after Easter Sunday.*

VBS Save the Date! VBS will be the week of June 8th and will be 4 days again this year; June 8-11 from 9-12 am. More info to follow but please place this fun event on your calendar!

Save the Date! Missions Fest 2020 will be on April 25th. The theme this year is the Wild Wild West! Sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the table in the Narthex and will be on the Church Website soon. Mark this important date down in your calendar!

Gloria Christi Music Camp Save the Date! The Gloria Christi Music Camp will be the week of July 6th – 10th. More info to follow but please place this fun event on your calendar!

Eyes on Jesus Lenten Calendars available for all families with Sunday School children on the table leading into the Fellowship Hall.

St. John's Lutheran School will host its annual Family FUNDay on Saturday April 18th. Funds raised this year will go towards remodeling the lobby area. If you are willing to donate any goods or services that could be used in the silent auction, please reach out to Barbie Gruenhagen via email at bgruenhagen9@gmail.com, phone at 203-435-6171 or in person.

Compassion Circle will, at their March 9th meeting, hear from Dennis Vanden Heuvel, the Director of Development from Bethesda Lutheran Communities and supported by LCMS. Dennis will tell about the work they do for the disabled in our community. Our meeting starts at 1:00 with dessert, a short devotion by Pastor and then our speaker. Anyone is welcome to come and hear what Dennis has to say about the work they do and join us at our meeting.

Next Quilting Dates: March 17th & 31st. Also, April 21st and May 5th. We have some new faces at quilting. We have some fascinating conversations over our coffee breaks and lunch, where we get to know them personally. Hope to see more friendly faces. We start at 9:00am. and bring a bag lunch. Any questions call or text: 612-801-8677.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study! Sunday School--All Grown Up: Do you remember Sunday mornings with flannelgraphs, cross stickers, cassette players, and orange drink? For most of us, Sunday School was a long time ago, when we heard the stories of Noah's ark, the covenant with Abraham, Solomon's wisdom, and Daniel and the lion's den. Chances are however, we haven't heard them since. But beginning this Sunday, we have the opportunity to go back, only this time, as grownups (and without the orange drink). During Bible Study hour, we're going revisit all the old Sunday School stories, but this time around, we'll be able to dive deeper and make the connections that the six-year-old version of ourselves never would have understood. So, join us as we hear all the old stories and we see how they fit together to tell the bigger picture of God's salvation. Even if you can't make them all, don't worry. Each Sunday is a stand-alone lesson.

THANK YOU to Pastor Johnson and Krueger for all the prayers after my surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Krueger and Weibel for their home visits. Also, thanks to all those who sent cards, made phone calls, prayed for me and brought meals over when I was unable to cook. God is healing me one day at a time, as I continue to gain strength in my arm. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Your sister in Christ, Eunice McBroom.

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 Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones & SMP vicar Martin Cornes.

Scientific Evidence for the Inspiration of the Bible

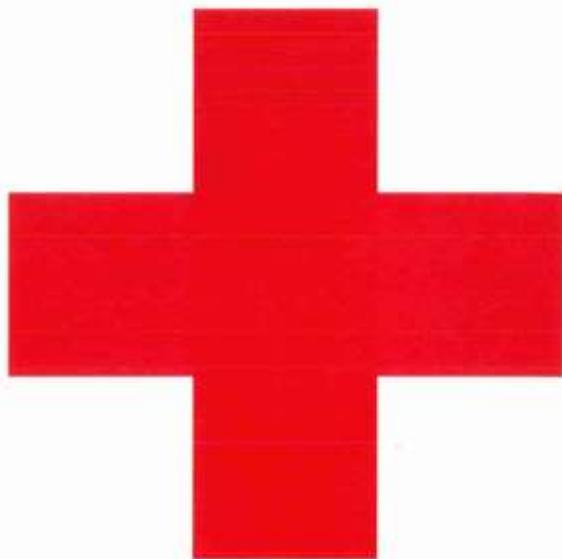
Jay Seegert of The Starting Point Project will be presenting on scientific evidence for Biblical inspiration. With reports of “alternate Gospels” and widespread skepticism about the scriptures, this is truly a timely topic. The presentation will be on Tuesday March 17, 7:30 PM, **Nazareth Hall Great Room**, Univ. of Northwestern, 3003 N Snelling. Check him out at www.thestartingpointproject.com

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breininger, Lee & Doris Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Jared Clark (Brother of Jana Hargreaves), Christy Peterson (Fiancé of Jon Burns), Delia Samuel (Friend of Carla Claussen), Erno Szedlak (Olivia Zange’s Grandfather), Tina Houck (Chris & Mari Houck’s cousin), Mark Skau (Kevin Skau’s Father), Enya Abel, Mike Richards (Tom Richards Brother) and Sarah Wippich (Principal of Trinity First Lutheran School).

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Lutheran Church

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55446

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: GLORYOFCHRISTPLYM to schedule an appointment or sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Brenda at 763-478-6031.



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**April 22 - 24, 2020
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Bloomington, Minnesota**

**THEME: The Second Luther / Matthias Flacius and the
Continuance of the Lutheran Reformation**

Watch for further information coming soon.



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:	\$8.00 (purple, yellow, white)
Hydrangea (Pink)	\$15.00
Pansy Bowl (10")	\$10.00 (assorted colors)
Pansy Bowl (12")	\$15.00 (assorted colors)

LAST DAY TO ORDER Sunday, March 29th

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>	_____	_____	_____
<u>10" Pansy Bowl</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>12" Pansy Bowl</u>	_____	_____	_____

TOTAL PRICE \$ _____

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

Additional order forms on the table in the Narthex.