

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Third Sunday in Lent March 18-19, 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 gave Altar Flowers this morning in loving memory of Duane Bell.

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

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 Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth, and Pastor Jeremiah Johnson and Pastor Kyle Krueger.

March Quilting Date: Tuesday March 21st at 9:00 am. Please bring your own lunch. Thank you to all who have donated material to the quilters! We have enough now to last until after the remodel project.

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!!!!

March 22nd – Choir/Bells – Lasagna, Salad and bread

March 29th – Sunday School Teachers & Families – Bake Potatoes/Fixins

April 5th – Altar Guild – Hot dishes, Salads

POBLO International: The NW Suburban Circuit of the Twin Cities is exploring opportunities for mission work in the inner ring suburbs. POBLO International, a Mission society of the LCMS, will be assisting our circuit churches in the possibility of establishing an International Friendship Center in the Western Suburbs. Please see the flyers in the Narthex regarding an informational event on March 25th at 9:00 am to be held here at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church. Questions? Please ask Pastor Krueger.

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?

The Third 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 4:5-26

"Water, Water, Everywhere"

Our Old Testament and our Gospel lessons both feature water prominently. In Exodus 17, as the Israelites are trudging through the wilderness, they grumble that they can't find anything to drink. With *some* sympathy for the Israelites, we should remember that the Sinai Peninsula (where they're wandering) is an arid region with very few sources of fresh water. And wandering around in the desert for a few days with no drinking fountains in sight is bound to make any of us a little panicky. But with laser precision, Moses diagnosed their problem. It's not just that they were thirsty. They were doubting whether or not God was really with them. But the Lord had mercy on them, told Moses to go hit a rock, and it gushed enough water for thousands upon thousands (millions perhaps) of Israelites to drink.

In John 4, Jesus bumps into a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asks her for a drink. But even though he's asked *her* for a drink, Jesus says reveals that he is able to give her *living* water. Still thinking about the stuff in the well, the woman basically says, "but you don't have a bucket." But Jesus isn't talking about the kind of water that came from the well or the rock, but the water of eternal life.

As we thirst in the wilderness of our world, we may be tempted to ask the very same question as the Israelites: is God among us or not? The Lord may have provided water for the Israelites from the rock, but Jesus offers us water that will well up to eternal life. Is God really among us? Yes. The waters of baptism affirm it.

COLLECT

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 4:5–26

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

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

⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?”

(For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREED

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SERMON HYMN #699 - *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

Vs. 1, 2 – Men's Group

Vs. 3 – Congregation

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #423 – *“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”*

Hymn #637 – *“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”*

Hymn #535 – *“How Wide the Love of Christ”*

Hymn #437 – *“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav’nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

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CLOSING HYMN #429 – *“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”*

Congregational Voters Meeting: There is a congregational voters meeting **TODAY** after Bible Study, regarding the building project and costs. Pizza will be served. ***Please read the following Resolution in preparation for the meeting:***

***Revised Resolution of the Glory of Christ Lutheran Church
Voter’s Assembly
3/19/2017***

WHEREAS, the membership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church desire to pursue expansion and remodeling of its facility located at 4040 Hwy 101 North, Plymouth, MN 55446; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2016 the Voters Assembly approved the following resolution: *Glory of Christ Lutheran Church approves the Addition and Remodel Project substantially inline as presented by Station Nineteen. In doing so, we give the Church Council authority, within its fiduciary duty, to select a mortgage lender and loan terms most suited to the needs of the project and the congregation. Additionally, Church Council is given authority to hire the general contractor and make all other necessary contracts and expenditures to complete this building program within the \$2M dollar cap. Expenditures in excess of \$2M dollars would come back to the voters for approval*

WHEREAS, circumstances require changes to the approval given by the Voters Assembly.

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the voting membership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church authorizes the Church Council and Building Committee of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church to proceed with final design documents by Station 19 and to direct Watson-Forsberg (the “Contractor”) to obtain final bids for the scope of work in order to present a Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) not to exceed \$3 million; and

RESOLVED, the voting membership of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church authorizes the Church Council and Building Committee to obtain the needed project financing from Farmers State Bank of Hamel to complete the project based upon higher financing requirement as a result of increase in project cost, but in no event to exceed \$2 million.

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: We do our best to incorporate feedback into our planning each year for MissionsFest. We would like to briefly update you on two items from last year, as we prepare for another great event! There have been requests to have babysitting provided in the past. After much consideration and research, we will not be providing any babysitting services during the event. Please plan to make other arrangements as you consider attending MissionsFest.

Also, we have received a great deal of feedback about the Lightening Rounds from the last two years. We will be modifying them to allow for the events of the evening to flow more smoothly. Rather than interrupt the live auction items, we will start MissionsFest with all the silent auction items displayed and open for sealed bids. We will stagger the closing of the tables to allow for those who do not win an item to bid on other items. Thank you for your continued support of missions at Glory of Christ. We look forward to seeing you again this year, **“At the Hop”!**

Tickets to participate in the drawings for Pr. 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.