

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Third Sunday in Lent

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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

The Third Sunday in Lent

Luke 13:1-9

All the lessons today share one common theme: *warning*. We have a complicated relationship with warnings. Sometimes we're grateful for warnings, like when someone warns us that this mechanic will rip you off or you don't want to go *there* for vacation. Other times, we take offense at warnings, like when our parents said, "if you do that, you'll be grounded for a week." Some of the folks in Jerusalem were musing about how the victims of the Siloam tower collapse must have been getting what they deserved. But Jesus warns the people that this is the kind of punishment we *all* deserve. "Do you think they were worse sinners than all of you? Unless you repent, you too will all perish." Seems harsh, doesn't it? But here's the point: Jesus *doesn't* want us to perish. He warns us because He doesn't want us to become the victims of our own stubborn lack of repentance. He loves us. That's why he calls us to repentance, lest something far worse than stones fall on our head.

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.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 33:7–20

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ¹⁰"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

¹There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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OFFERING *"Gethsemane" Hand Bell Choir*

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #614 *""As Surely as I Live," God Said"*

Hymn #619 *"Thy Body, Give for Me, O Savior"*

Hymn #611 *"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*

Hymn #760 *"What God Ordains Is Always Good"*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, Amen.

Martin Luther

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CLOSING HYMN #704 *"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"*



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:

March 27th – Altar Guild – Hot dishes, Salads and breads

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:***

March 31st – Open

April 7th – Garry & Cheryl McCreary

April 14th – Tom & Brenda Richards

April 21st – Easter Flowers

April 28th – Easter Flowers

Nora Bell gave Altar flowers today in loving memory of Duane.

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

Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM

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 St. Paul's Lutheran, Osseo, and Pastor Daniel Burns.

COMPASSION CIRCLE: Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 9th. 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 9th** 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.

Missions Fest – Save the Date! Missions Fest will be held on Saturday May 18th. Please place this on your Calendar. The theme this year is Medieval Times and the Renaissance. More information regarding times to follow. Please join us for fun and festivities!



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.

BIBLES & BREWS: Join St. John's Lutheran for our next installment of theology on tap which will take place on **Monday, March 25th, at Under Pressure Brewing**, 8806 7th Ave N, Golden Valley. No reservation or RSVP required. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The topic will be "Curses & Blessings: The Spiritual Power of Speech", bring your Bible and get ready to explore the actual effects that God's Word can have in the mouth of God's people.

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Lee & Doris Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Peggy Snustad (Friend of Tom and Brenda Richards), Paul Richards (Brother of Tom Richards), Sara Tibbets (Niece of Tom and Brenda Richards), 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), and Henry & Carl Burmeister (Brothers of Charlotte Smith).

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."



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 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.