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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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Luke 7:18-28

“Don’t be Offended”

The truth is God does not make you any promises of worry-free living or miraculous healings of cancer or disease. This life will bring disappointment and death. It did for John, who was one of the most dedicated and faithful followers of Jesus. And this is, in part, why Jesus says, “*And blessed is the one who is not offended by me*”. So often we wish for a miracle worker messiah who will cure what ails us. And this is where the scandal of Jesus is pressed into our minds by Satan. He wants us to think Jesus can’t really help you.

But Jesus has a refreshing word for you this day! Jesus comes not just to give extended or healthy or worry-free worldly life that will end, but He comes to grant an everlasting life that will put this life to shame. Don’t be offended. Don’t look for another! Jesus is the real deal.

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

EPISTLE Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 7:18–28

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

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

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight.

²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you."

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #347 – *“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”*

Hymn #618 – *“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”*

Hymn #333 – *“Once He Came in Blessing”*

Hymn #348 – *“The King Shall come When Morning Dawns”*

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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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.***

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

Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM – *NO Saturday Evening Divine Service on December 22nd.*

Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am. ***NO Prayer services during Advent.***

Advent Services: Have begun and will be held each Wednesday at 11:30 am and at 7:00 pm and will follow weekly through December 19th.

Christmas Services: 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on December 24th and 9:00 am Christmas Day Divine Service on December 25th.

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 Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod President and all our elected officers and board members in the LCMS.

Youth Group: Next Youth Group: TODAY! Sunday, December 16th after the Sunday School Christmas Program. Lunch, devotions and game/activity at church. Please RSVP for planning purposes. julesanders@live.com.

New Church Photo Directory: We will be doing a new church photo directory in 2019! Look for more information and sign-up sheets right after the first of the year!

2019 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick up on Sunday December 23rd and following. If you do not see a box for you, please let Brenda know.

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 January 14th** at 11:00 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

COMPASSION CIRCLE: We meet the second Monday of the month at 1:00 for dessert, devotion, and fellowship. **Our next meeting will be January 14th.** We always welcome new members and ideas for ways in which we can show compassion to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hope to see you there!

Quilting: We will resume after the Holidays. Thanks to our quilting team for a job well done in 2018!

The Sunday School Christmas Program is TODAY during the education hour and will be in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend!

St. John's Calendar Sale: St. John's Lutheran School is having a calendar sale fundraiser to send the 8th grade class on a field trip to Washington DC. The church council supports the placing of this announcement in this and upcoming bulletins and newsletters. Please see either William or Henry Rolf to purchase a calendar. Thank You!

Calling All Instrumentalists! Glory of Christ will once again have pre-Christmas Eve Service music played in the Narthex beginning at 4:30. If you play an instrument (of any kind!) and would like to join us, please let Brenda know. We do a warm up and play that night, no rehearsals needed! If you would like music in advance, let Brenda know also. Thank You!

Assistance Needed for Poinsettias! If you can help with the watering of poinsettias in the following weeks that would be very much appreciated! Please talk to Brenda or Travis if you can assist with either of these requests. Thank You!

St. John's Lutheran School in Corcoran is in the process of calling a new administrator/principal for the Pre K-8th grade school. If you know of any qualified candidates that the call committee should consider, please contact the chairman of the call committee, Brian Callahan, at brian.callahan@centurylink.com or contact the school at 763-420-2426. Two Glory of Christ members also serve on this committee, so you can contact Josh Christian joshua.d.christian@gmail.com or Dawn Rolf dawnrolf@gmail.com with candidate names. Please keep this committee and the school in your prayers as they move forward to find the next administrator for the school.

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Lee Hart, Velva Kosel, Jack Jakupciak, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Aaron Klein (Nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Arlene Finke (Janice Hartness's mother), Jennifer Thiesse (Cousin of Jerry Malo), Marietta Sylvester (Mother of Joy O'Bresky), a young friend of the Merkle Family, LeRoy Reinke and Bruce Richards (Tom Richards' brother).

