

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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 203. 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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Ephesians 2:1-10

"You were *dead* in your trespasses and sins."

This is the first thing we need to know about ourselves: we were dead. Dead as a doornail, dead as roadkill. We were not a little dead, but completely dead in our trespasses and sins. And we need to know this about ourselves because it makes it clear who does what when it comes to our salvation. What can dead things do? Nothing. They just lie there and attract flies. So it shouldn't surprise us that when God talks about saving us, it's not something that we *do*, but something that is done *to* us. "God...even when we were dead in our trespasses, *made us alive* together with Christ." Dead things can't make themselves alive again, but God can ... and does. *He* makes us alive, *He* gives us new birth, *He* raises us from the dead.

And that is what it means to be saved by grace—because dead things don't do or deserve any of it.

COLLECT

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 Numbers 21:4–9

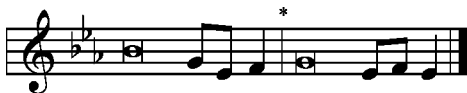
⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."

⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – Heb. 12:2



[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 Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14–21

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED

Apostles' Creed – page 207

SERMON HYMN #571 – *“God Loved the World So That He Gave”*

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING – *“What Wondrous Love is This”* – Vocal Duet

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #556 – *“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*

Hymn #614 – *“As Surely as I Live,” God Said”*

Hymn #337 – *“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

O my God, I am a sinner, and yet I am not a sinner. Alone and apart from Christ, I am a sinner. But in my Lord Jesus Christ and with him, I am no sinner. I firmly believe that he has destroyed all my sins with his precious blood. The sign of this is that I am baptized, cleansed by God's word, and declared absolved and freed from all my sins. In the sacrament of the true body and blood of my Lord Jesus Christ, I have received as a sure sign of grace, the forgiveness of sins. This he has won and accomplished for me by the shedding of his precious blood. For this I thank him in eternity. Amen.

Martin Luther

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CLOSING HYMN #702 – *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

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 ***now 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 Flower chart for 2018 is in the back of the Sanctuary.**

Nora Bell gave Altar Flowers this week in loving memory of Duane Bell.

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 begins at 10:00 here at Glory of Christ. Morning Prayer services will not take place, due to morning Lenten services, until after Easter.

Lenten Services Schedule:

February 21st – March 21st

Morning Services – 11:30 am

Evening Service: 7:00 pm

Lenten Meals:

Soup lunches - Served after every morning service. Lenten Dinners - **Lenten dinners begin March 7th**. They will be provided by the Elders, Council and Choir/Bells beginning at 6:00 pm.

Groups Serving Dinners during the Lenten Season:

March 14th – Council – Pulled pork sandwiches

March 21st – Choir/Bells – Lasagna, Salad and bread

Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Services:

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on March 29th and 30th at 7:00 pm.

We are having an Easter Vigil with Evening Prayer service at 6:00 pm on Saturday March 31st, and two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 1st. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

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 New Life (Neej Tshiab) Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Yia Lo and Pastor Jonny Vang.

VBS – Save the Date! The dates for VBS have been set for June 11th through the 15th. More details to follow, but please mark this week down on your calendars!

Youth Group Tubing, March 18th! Youth please join us for lunch, devotions then carpooling to go tubing. **Permission forms are required.** I have attached the form and will have printed copies available to pick up at Glory of Christ. **Bring appropriate outer wear to keep warm and dry!**

Getting back into the rhythm: With all of the construction going on, many of our usual, churchly rhythms have been disrupted over the last few months. Thankfully, we've still had use of the sanctuary, so the Divine Service hasn't been interrupted (even if it has been a little dusty). But Bible Class has been a little more challenging without our usual space, and Sunday School has been reduced to a 10-minute opening. But the fellowship hall will be done soon, and Sunday School will be starting again in full on March 5th, so we're getting ready to step back into the rhythm. So now is the time to make Bible Class a priority again and talking with your kids about Sunday School. Every change takes a little bit of effort, but the effort to get back into step with Sunday morning education is more than worth it!

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. **We need to have final numbers for our Mexico mission trip over Memorial Day weekend. If you're interested but you haven't spoken with Pastor Johnson yet, please contact him by this next Sunday.**

Save the Date! Pastor and Susan Johnson's Christmas in July Party is set for Sunday July 22nd (weather permitting). Please mark your calendars!!!

Prayer List: As a reminder, if you have a friend or loved one that you ask to be on the prayer list, their name will remain for one month and then removed, unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breiningner, Arta Walter, Lee Hart, Velva Kosel, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, Becky Fry (Naomi Teske's mother), Mike Rogers (Cousin of Jen Schaumburg), Robert Presler (Friend of Jerry and Zelda Malo), Zachary Hoffman (friend of Russ and Eunice McBroom), Bertha Oelthke, Allen Yount, Aaron Klein (Nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Jill Larson, Rachael (Friend of Andrea Neumann), Leba Jelinek (Friend of Jana & Roger Hargreaves), the Family of Rick Schoolman (Todd Schoolman's father) and the Family of Marv Marohn (Brother of Nora Bell).



Liturgy Workshop 2018

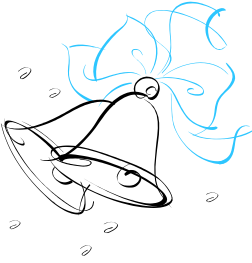
The Lord's Divine Service: *A Matter of Life and Death*

Saturday May 19th, 2018. Office of Matins 8:30am. Workshop begins at 9am. Closing devotion at 3pm.

The Lord's Divine Service to us prepares and equips us to die - to self, in service to the neighbor, and when our last hour comes. This workshop will consider how the gifts of Christ to us in the Divine Service strengthen us in faith toward God and love toward the neighbor both in our living and our dying. In God's giving and our receiving, we learn what it means to be truly human and, having seen the Lord's salvation, to depart in peace according to His Word.

Rev. Peter Brock is pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Decatur, IN and an adjunct instructor for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He teaches Theological Ethics at the seminary in Fort Wayne, and has taught courses on the Pentateuch, Prophets, and John at the seminaries in Tanzania and Ghana. Rev. Brock also serves as the Indiana District Secretary.

Registration fee: \$25.00 per person. Registration forms are in the Narthex. You can also register online at www.gloryofchrist.org



Pre-Marriage Retreat, 2018

The couples that will be married during the 2018 wedding season are participating in a day retreat here at church. The retreat is **Saturday March 17th from 9:00am-4:00pm.** Pastor Krueger is looking for married couples in the congregation to participate in a **question and answer session from 1:00-2:00pm** on that Saturday. The questions will give you opportunity to share the joys and challenges you have experienced in Christian marriage. You will be encouraged to share words of practical wisdom, and perhaps things that have helped you in your own marriage to walk together in love with Christ.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Many Blessings,

-Pastor Krueger

Listen to
Pastor Jeremiah Johnson
and Host
Pastor Jonathan Fisk

on



Tues., March 13, at 8:00 a.m. CT
for
Sharper Iron
(Lectionary Study)



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)	7.75
Tulips: (red, purple, yellow or an assortment)	7.25
Mums: (purple, yellow, white or an assortment)	7.75
Hydrangea (Pink)	15.00

LAST DAY TO ORDER Sunday, March 11th

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!