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## The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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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

### The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

#### "The Subject of Zechariah's Song"

St. John the Baptist is not the Christ, only His Forerunner (Acts 13:25). He was called from the womb to bring Jacob back to God through his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Is 49:5), just as Christ was the true Servant of the Lord. Miraculously conceived by Zechariah the priest of barren Elizabeth, John was marked to be the greatest born of women (Matt. 11:11). The Church rejoices over the Lord's mercy just as Elizabeth's neighbors and relatives did at John's birth. But when Zechariah's tongue was loosed, John was not the subject of his song. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed His people. John is the voice preparing the way of the Lord (Isa. 40:3); Jesus, the virgin-born Son of God, is that Lord. John is the prophet of the Most High. He is born to give knowledge of salvation to God's people by the forgiveness of their sins, because Christ the Dayspring is visiting (Luke 1:76-79). Thus, what John preaches is the comfort of iniquity pardoned by Jesus, the promised Savior of Israel (Acts 13:23) and the nations, that His salvation may reach to the end of the earth (Isa. 49:6).



**COLLECT**

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 40:1–5

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 1:5-24a; 57-80*

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

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

<sup>5</sup>In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup>And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

<sup>8</sup>Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, <sup>9</sup>according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup>And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup>And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup>And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup>And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup>and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

<sup>18</sup>And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." <sup>19</sup>And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup>And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." <sup>21</sup>And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup>And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. <sup>23</sup>And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

<sup>24</sup>After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden...

<sup>57</sup>Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup>And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup>And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup>but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." <sup>61</sup>And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." <sup>62</sup>And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup>And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup>And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup>And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup>and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. <sup>67</sup>And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, <sup>68</sup>"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people <sup>69</sup>and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup>as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup>that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; <sup>72</sup>to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup>that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, <sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high <sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."<sup>80</sup>And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CREED**

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**SERMON HYMN #936** – *"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"*

## **SERMON**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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**Hymn #750** – *“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”*

**Hymn #628** – *“Your Table I Approach”*

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

### **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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**Glory of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Ground Breaking Ceremony**  
**June 25, 2017**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN TO GROUNDBREAKING #644 – “The Church’s One Foundation”**



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
 With God, the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion  
 With those whose rest is won.  
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
 Lord, save us by Your grace  
 That we, like saints before us,  
 May see You face to face.

## VERSICLES

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** Unless the Lord builds the house,  
**C** **those who build it labor in vain.**

## READING Luke 6:47–49

<sup>47</sup>Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup>he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. <sup>49</sup>But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOMILY

## GROUNDBREAKING

**P** I now break this ground in the name of the Father and the of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit, that the Fellowship hall and Educational wing, which will be built here may serve as a place where God will cause His name to dwell and where He will come to His people and bless them.  
**C** **Amen.**

## LORD’S PRAYER

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:  
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be Thy name,**  
**Thy kingdom come,**  
**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**  
**give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, bless this place where we are about to build a fellowship hall and Educational wing for the nurture and catechizes from young and old. Grant Your favor to and protect all who will be engaged in the work of building, and on its completion may this facility serve and honor You. Let those who teach and learn in this place grow in grace and in the knowledge of You and Your dear Son; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN #805– "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow"

The image shows the musical notation for the closing hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

# 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 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.

**Kim & Jan Diemand** gave Altar Flowers this morning in celebration of the marriage of their son Andrew, and his wife, Aryn. May God Bless them on this special occasion!

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

**Monday Evening Divine Services 7:00 PM – NO MONDAY EVENING SERVICE JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**Wednesday morning Prayer services begin at 9:15 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 prayers for Eternal Hope, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Roger Dramstad.

**Christmas in July Party!** The Johnson's Christmas in July Party will be on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>! Mark your Calendars! More details to come in next week's announcements.

**Acolytes Needed for July and August!** An email has been sent out to all Confirmation kids' parents but please see the signup sheet on the Youth Board in the Narthex to sign up for the open dates. Thank You!

**Glory of Christ Golf Event:** You saved the date, now it is time to sign up for the Glory of Christ Golf Event. All skill levels welcome for a fun time of golf and fellowship together. Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at Shamrock Golf Course with tee times beginning at 3:30 PM, with the last group going off at 4:37PM. Dinner following at the course. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and, if you have a preference of an earlier or later tee time, please indicate that on the sheet. Greens fees are \$23 per person and need to be paid to Glory of Christ (indicate "golf" in the memo on your check). Riding carts available (pay at the course) for \$8 per person. We are looking forward to another fun afternoon and the opportunity to get to know each other better (or meet some new friends)! Questions? See Mike Miller or Naomi Teske.

**GOC Youth Group Outing for July:** On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will swim at Pastor Johnson's house followed by a bonfire 4-9pm. Let Julie Anderson know if you can attend! [julesanders@live.com](mailto:julesanders@live.com) or cell 612-791-0163.

**2017 Glory of Christ Men's Retreat:** The Men's Retreat has been set for September 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the same location on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes in Crosslake, MN. The retreat last year was a big success and we are continuing the tradition. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the Narthex. When you sign up, please indicate the day and time you plan to arrive. If you have any questions about the event please ask one of the Elders If you attended last year, recruit others who missed out on this great fellowship event!

**Ground Breaking Ceremony!** TODAY, June 25<sup>th</sup>, right after the Divine Service, we will have our ground-breaking dedication to kick-off the building project! Please plan to attend as we celebrate this exciting occasion and pray for God's Blessings on our project.

### **Mom's Group:**

Mom's Group playgroups in the park resume this summer!

This is a great time for moms and kids of all ages to get together over the summer. If you bring a snack/lunch, please make sure it is nut-free so our friends with allergies can safely enjoy this event. We meet on Tuesdays at 10 am! Questions? See Susan Johnson. Locations for June are:

June 27th- Heather Ponds Park - 3420 Lawndale Ln. N. (this park is a little hidden neighborhood park--there is a parking lot, though!)

Locations for July are:

July 4th- No playgroup

July 11th- Gleason Park and Playfields in Maple Grove on 101 North - 18815 67th Ave. N (Hwy 101 N.)

July 18th- Greenwood Elementary

July 25th- Baker Park Play Area

**Removal of Landscaping Items:** Due to the upcoming building project, the landscaping will be changing around the building as well as the parking lot. Therefore, the current shrubs, plants and small decorative rock will need to be removed. A sign-up sheet for anyone interested in having any of these items for your own needs is on the table in the Narthex. This sheet is available until July 1<sup>st</sup>. The trees in the island, as well as the large boulders will remain to be used in future landscaping. If there are multiple requests for the same plants/rocks, names will be drawn from a hat and the winner(s) will be notified. Removal must be done between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> and will need to be done by the person taking the items. Questions? Please see either Charlotte Smith or Brenda Richards. Thank You!

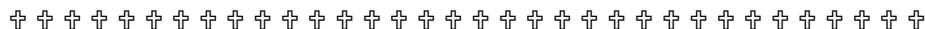
**We Need Boxes!** Speaking of the building project, very soon, everything in the church will need to be gone through and tagged as throw away.....or.....keep. The items we keep will be stored in pods during the building project. We will need many boxes for these items so in the next month or so, if you have decent sized boxes that we can use, please bring them to church and leave them in the office by Brenda's desk. Thank you!!!

**MissionsFest: At the Hop! Recap:** This year's event was here and gone like Greased Lightening. It was an evening of great fellowship, poodle skirts, bowties and more. Most importantly, we got to witness the passion for missions at Glory of Christ. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and attended. Together we raised \$35,150.00 that will go to support our missions!

**Remember in our Prayers:** Idena Hagen, Sean Breininger, Arta Walter, Paul Johnson, Lee Hart, CLEF, Lutheran Synod of Mexico, LaValle Berkner (Sarah Miller's Father), Ramona Hjelle (Sister of Pauline Hemingway), Mandy Ewig (Daughter of Mike and Lea Connealy), Aaron Klein (nephew of Cheryl McCreary), Jeanette St. Marie (Friend of Alisha Christian), Terry Pitkus, (Friend of Carla Claussen), Erik Bunger, (Nephew of Carla Claussen), Jacki Damberg and the Family of Rev. Walter Fehrmann (Father of Rev. John Fehrmann).

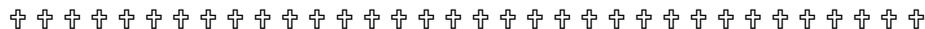
**Serving This Sunday:**

Coffee Servers:	Chuck & Marilyn Scharlau
Acolyte:	Will Brolsma
Elders:	Ben Rolf & Mark Swenson
Ushers:	Jesse Huber & Paul Koosman
Tech Duty:	Josh Christian
Altar Guild:	Gloria Doehling & Brenda Richards
Offering Counters:	Heath & Danielle Brolsma
Bread Baker:	Susan Johnson
Bread Deliverer:	Chelsie Ofsthun



**Serving Next Sunday: (July 2, 2017)**

Coffee Servers:	Gary & Mary Peterson
Acolyte:	Cailin Argent
Elders:	Andy Madson & Curt Woolfolk
Ushers:	Leonard Albers & Mark Swenson
Tech Duty:	Josh Christian
Altar Guild:	Barb Rains & Brenda Richards
Offering Counters:	Craig & Charlotte Smith
Bread Baker:	Charlotte Smith
Bread Deliverer:	Sharla Woolfolk



**Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday:	178
Monday:	23
<b>Total:</b>	<b>201</b>
Bible Class: Wed/Sun	23/51
Sunday School:	20



## **New for Summer: Take-home Sunday School**

At the beginning of every summer, we always have the same discussion: "what are we going to do with Sunday School?" On the one hand, with so many people gone, our numbers are way down. Plus our Sunday School teachers work very hard and could use a bit of a Sabbath rest. But on the other hand, our kids are in the world 24/7, and they need all the time with God's Word they can get. So this summer, we're going to try something a little different: take home Sunday School.

Beginning in July, we'll begin a sermon series on the Ten Commandments. But as it turns out, you can't actually cover everything about a commandment in just twenty minutes. (Shocking!) So during our regular Sunday School opening time (after you hear the bell), one of the pastors will meet briefly with children *and parents* to review a commandment and send each family home with a simple plan to understand and to practice this commandment.

Now for the full disclosure: this might seem like a new or novel plan, but it's not. We just stole it from Luther, and Luther stole it from the Scriptures. Parents are the original Sunday School teachers. The Lord instructs parents to raise the children in the faith (Dt 6:6-7). In the Small Catechism, the heading of each section reads, "*As the head of the family should teach them* in a simple way to his household." Of course, that doesn't mean that you're on your own. Your pastors are here to teach *everyone* and to help you parents fulfill your vocations.

It doesn't need to be complicated: recite the commandments, explain what they mean, and ask the Lord to gladly do what He commands. It's not easy, but it is simple. So join us in July and August as we walk through the commandments and teach our children to do the same.

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