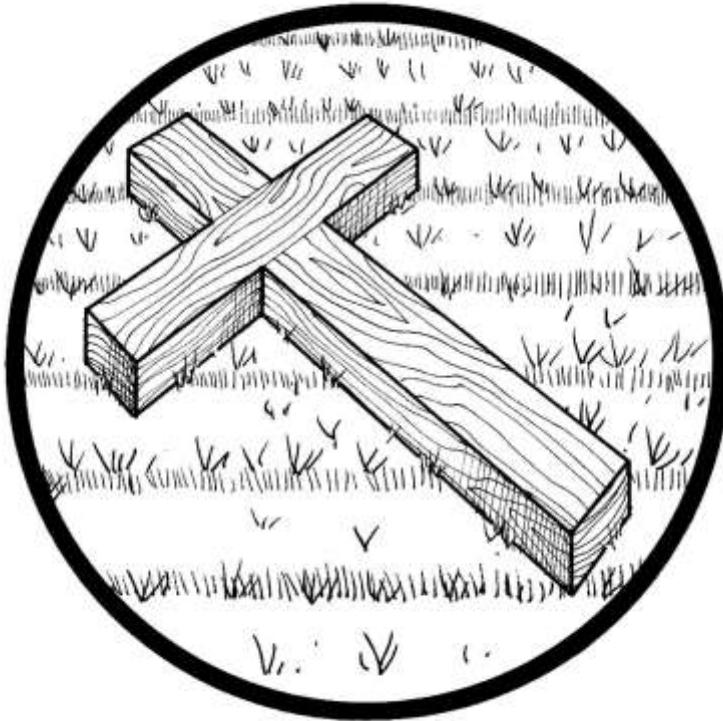


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The Second Sunday in Lent

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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 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 Second Sunday in Lent

Mark 8:27-38

"Who is Jesus?"

Wait, didn't we just ask this question?

Yes, but that was on Transfiguration, two weeks ago. And on the mountain, Peter only proved how easily we can be confused. When he saw Jesus reveal His blinding glory, Peter wanted to camp out with Moses and Elijah and stay for a good, long time. After all, who *wouldn't* want the glory-Jesus, who shows up with the rock stars of the Old Testament?

But here, down on the plain, Jesus gives the necessarily tutorial before his transfiguration. The people thought Jesus was just another prophet, but Peter knew that Jesus was the Christ. But what did it mean for him to be the Christ? The cross. Being the Christ meant that his destiny was the cross. Jesus would suffer rejection and violence, *unfairly*. And to the mind of men, this would seem like utter foolishness, but not to the mind of God. By losing His life, Jesus would gain life for all the world. That's who Jesus is. Peter's mistake was trying to have Jesus apart from the cross. But Jesus is no Christ without the cross. There is no life without death, *His* death.

EPISTLE Romans 5:1–11

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. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREED

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SERMON HYMN #708 – *"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"*

SERMON

Public Reception of New Members

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #611 – *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*

Hymn #438 – *“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”*

Hymn #688 – *““Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

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

Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. Yet I am in need and desire your help and grace. So I come with no other plea except that I have heard the gracious invitation to come to your altar. I am unworthy, but you have assured me I shall have forgiveness of all sins through your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. Amen, dear Lord; your word is true. I do not doubt it. Let happen to me whatever you say. Amen.

Martin Luther

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN – **See next page**

(Follow the cross out to the parking lot and gather in front of the canopy)

HYMN #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.

+Rite of Dedication and Blessing+

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

P A reading from Luke chapter 2.

38And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." 40And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 46And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

HOMILY

P Beloved in the Lord, the psalmist declares that the learning of God's Word is to His praise, saying, "I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your just and righteous decrees. Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes."

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that all things are holy when sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this Fellowship Hall and Educational wing that it may be a place where all may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of the only true and saving God.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, by Your Holy Spirit enlighten those who teach and those who learn that, rejoicing in the knowledge of Your truth, they may worship You and serve You from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this fellowship hall and educational wing to the praise and honor of His name.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting 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.

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"

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Anthony & Cora Miller

Kim, Jason & Elizabeth Neuman

Cadie Meyer (Ryan Koosman)

Mary Swanson

Ryan Ofsthun (Chelsie Ofsthun)

Al & Nancy Lindh

Chris Anderson (Allie Anderson)

Peter & Julie Preus

Ruth Preus

Miriam Preus

Eric, Debbie and June Paradis

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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 ***near the organ speaker to the right of the Altar***. 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.**

David and Louise Werts gave Altar Flowers this week in loving memory of David's Father.

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 ***beginning February 21st***

Lenten Dinners - Due to Fellowship Hall and Kitchen construction not being totally completed until the end of February, **Lenten dinners will NOT begin until 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 7th – Elders - Tacos

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

Offering Envelopes – Your 2018 Offering Envelopes are in the back of the Sanctuary. If you do not see a box assigned to you, please let Brenda know. These will be available until the beginning of March.

Lu Ann Jespersen would like to thank everyone for their generous prayers, food, cards, flowers and calls during her recovery. It is greatly appreciated! God Bless you all!

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!

Glory of Christ is having another Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, March 5th from 1:00 – 7:00 pm. This drive will once again be a bus drive, like we had last August. The signup sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary. We will need 2-3 volunteers to assist on that day for checking in donors. The shifts are 1-3, 3-5 and 5-7. If you can help, please let Brenda know.

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.**

Dedication of the new Church Building: TODAY! February 25th, we will have our dedication service for the new church building. It will immediately follow the Divine Service. Afterwards, we will have a celebratory luncheon in our new Fellowship Hall! Please join us!

Remember in our Prayers: Sean Breininger, 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), Don Schulz (Father of Andrea Neumann), the Family of Gladys Romansky and Leba Jelinek (Friend of Jana & Roger Hargreaves).

**No need to go up north...
Up North is coming to you.**



**Saturday May 12th
3pm**



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!